

**3/20/23 Board of Trustees Public Hearing**  
**6:00 PM Community House**  
**Water/Sewer bill minimum increase**

**Present:** Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, Trustees: Kathy Buckley, Art Dockerty, and Jim Castrucci, Connie Grant

**Public:** Dawn White-Swartz, Angela & Peter Jones, John Lewandowski, Louise Robusto, Steve Elwood, Larry Schoff, Robert & Barbara Dennis, Lisa Monohan, Gary Warn, Tina Corso, Donna & Larry Springer, Stephanie Cuomo, Katrina Caringi, Neil Clark, Martha & Michael Mancini, John Maguire, and Michael O'Dockerty

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Deputy Mayor Dockerty

**Public Comment:** Dawn White suggested the Board wait until the finalized budget before there is an increase so it is a more accurate number. John Lewandowski discussed the water used at the Housing Authority, and the board "giving breaks" to residents when they have a leak. Other discussion ensued.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Deputy Mayor Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

**3/20/23 Board of Trustees Public Hearing**  
**6:15 PM Community House**  
**Proposed Local Law #3 of 2023: Chickens**

**Present:** Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, Trustees: Kathy Buckley, Art Dockerty, and Jim Castrucci, Connie Grant

**Public:** Dawn White-Swartz, Angela & Peter Jones, John Lewandowski, Louise Robusto, Steve Elwood, Larry Schoff, Robert & Barbara Dennis, Lisa Monohan, Gary Warn, Tina Corso, Donna & Larry Springer, Stephanie Cuomo, Katrina Caringi, Neil Clark, Martha & Michael Mancini, John Maguire, and Michael O'Dockerty

Meeting was called to order at 6:24 PM by Deputy Mayor Dockerty

**Public Comment:** Angela Jones read a letter she prepared for the Board regarding chickens. Phoebe Sitterly asked how many chicken complaints the Village has received, to which Jayna Cool stated she had only received one since she started working for the Village in 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes, motion carried.

**3/20/23    Board of Trustees                      Regular Meeting**  
**6:30 PM Community House**

**Present:** Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, Trustees: Kathy Buckley, Art Dockerty, and Jim Castrucci, Connie Grant

**Public:** Dawn White-Swartz, Angela & Peter Jones, John Lewandowski, Louise Robusto, Steve Elwood, Larry Schoff, Robert & Barbara Dennis, Lisa Monohan, Gary Warn, Tina Corso, Donna & Larry Springer, Stephanie Cuomo, Katrina Caringi, Neil Clark, Martha & Michael Mancini, John Maguire, and Michael O'Dockerty

**Attorney:** Norman Mastromoro

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Deputy Mayor Dockerty and the salute to the flag was given.

**Public Comment:** No public comment. Deputy Mayor wanted to say a few words on the passing of Jim Keough.

**Department Heads:**

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Countryman wanted to thank Art Dockerty and Connie Grant for coming to the funeral for Jim Keough. Engine 1 had PM, needs spring work and state inspection. The fire Department members have 16 physicals scheduled for tomorrow, The Fire Department elections are being held on April 8th. Chief Countryman discussed a County program with Red Cross offering free smoke detectors to residents. Everything is well other than that. Tower 1 is due for PM in May. ADT hasn't returned a call back. Report submitted.

**DPW:** DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath and the DPW crew have been going through mowers from Cemetery to prepare for next week. He said the Village will lift the parking ban. Jarrod answered the questions regarding the Housing Authority meters asked by John Lewandowski. Report submitted.

**WWTP:** WWTP Supervisor Frank Erno informed the board of the Engineer coming for inspection to look at crack in the wall. WQPI grant was applied for, and we were denied. Report submitted.

**Police:** Police Chief Donald VanDeusen said in addition to his report, Jim Brownell came in to see him pertaining to a few dogs deemed dangerous, which we can't do anything about since we have no place to send them. Chief VanDeusen believes it would be roughly \$500 for a yearly retainer for them at one location. There is a Cops grant available to pay salary for a Full Time Officer for at least 3 years (first year paid in full, next year 75%, third year 50%, final two years full cost to the Village). Report submitted.

**Codes:** Codes Officer Cliff Dorrrough said he was happy to be here. There are properties that need to be cleaned up once the snow is removed. He spoke with Fire Chief Countryman regarding a home on Sanders Street with electrical issues. The residents had to be

removed from the home until the panel is fixed and cleaned up. Once the positive report is received, the residents can move back in. Report submitted.

**Marina:** No one present, no report. Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool has taken over 30 camping reservations since February.

**Treasurer:** Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool has been working on the 23/24 budget and preparing for the election. Report submitted.

**Legal:** Attorney Mastromoro does not have anything new to share on the Ephratah Tax Proceeding and is waiting on FOIL information from the state which he is hoping to receive soon.

**Old Business:**

-The Grandstand- cameras up and running. Larry Schoff wanted to thank the Police Chief for getting the cameras at the Grandstand and that Don has worked so hard to get. Claus Construction are working on walkway today and should be finished by Wednesday. DPW will install benches this week which will complete the dugout work. Netting to cover the open area for the bleachers. Pickets, seating will take place all year long. Wire fencing with wire fencing almost 27K from Poly Enterprises.

-Deputy Mayor would like to table: Water/Sewer minimum, Chickens, Sidewalk Program, Fire District, and the Code Violation on Tax Parcel 8.52-3-6. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Buckley to table those items. All ayes, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 2/21/23 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried.

**Audit of Claims:** A motion to **accept** the claims as presented to the Board as approved to the Board by the Clerk, in the amount of **\$138,488.27** was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 123,493.04</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Marina Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 679.15</b>
<b>Water Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 3,180.03</b>
<b>Sewer Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 11,136.05</b>

**New Business:**

-A motion to approve Mary Rackmyer, Karen Crouse, and Margaret DiGiacomo to be election inspectors was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Deputy Mayor Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

-Since there is not an official lobby at the Police Department, Attorney Mastromoro presented a resolution to the Board. Chief VanDeusen said he is okay with being videotaped, but when the business is done the person needs to leave. A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to accept the resolution regarding the Police lobby posting. All ayes, motion carried.

-Keep the blue and white for the gazebo

-Table September fest until Tony Susi returns from vacation

-Budget Workshops will be the next three Wednesday's at 6:00 PM

**Public Comment:**

Michael O'Dockerty informed the Board that the ZBA needs updated zoning maps.

**Other:**

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool to transfer \$40,000.00 from the Police Reserve fund to the General Fund. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-April 18 at 6:30 PM