

8/15/23 Board of Trustees

CDBG Public Hearing #2

6:00 PM Community House

Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, Trustees: Steve Elwood, Art Dockerty, Julie Eisele, Angie Jones, and Mayor White

Public: Louise Robusto, Peter Hoesel, Leanne Brisbin, Gary Warn, Peter Jones, Nino Polidori, Dennis Clark, James Castrucci, Kathy Buckley, Charlie Straney, Constance Terricola, Donna Springer, Dawn Lamphere, Thomas Poltynski, and Margaret DiGiacomo.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mayor White.

Matthew Davis of Delaware Engineering informed the Board and public of the Water System Evaluation Delaware Engineering is performing as part of the 35,000 CDBG the Village received. He discussed tank restoration, sediment clean up, OSHA ladder, generator at Chlorine House, monitor and pump for chlorinator, 35 water meters on Monroe Street, gate valves, metering the Housing Authority, lead service inventory, and possible future funding to help with expenses. Matt informed the public there would be an informational meeting of all current projects on Thursday for anyone who would like to attend.

Public Comment: Dennis Clark asked where the sand would be coming from for the project. Matt stated they have not gotten to that point yet and it would go out to bid. Charlie Straney discussed his knowledge of the water system.

A motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, motion carried.

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Mayor White introduced the new board members to the public and had Trustee Jones and Trustee Eisele tell a little bit about themselves.

Public Comment: James Castrucci discussed his previous removal from the board last month. He discussed his views on the “pecking order” the comment made in The Recorder was Mayor White was elected, and himself and Kathy Buckley, who was also removed the month prior lawyers. He questioned Mayor White on her knowledge of Carver Construction blasting near the watershed property. Mayor White stated she would contact Carver Construction. John Lewandowski stated his frustration with not being considered a good replacement for James Castrucci or Kathy Buckley. He stated when the election was held in March that he was on the ballot, did the “leg work” of getting 50 signatures and received over 100 votes from the public. He asked Mayor White why she told him no when he offered to fill on of the vacant seats, to which she replied “I chose people in line with my policies”. Margaret DiGiacomo wanted to know why a relative of hers was over charged for her seasonal campsite. Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool and Mayor White both informed her that there was not an increase in the seasonal rates, and that if she was in fact overcharged somehow to bring in the documentation and she would be reimbursed for the added cost. Margaret also asked the board if they review the minutes from the previous meetings, which they are supposed to do and asked why they don’t vote on them at the next months meeting. Mayor White stated she had found an error in one of the minutes and Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool corrected it. Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool also informed Margaret that every month on the agenda there is a statement about a motion to approve the consent agenda from the date of the meeting the month prior, so they do in fact vote on it. Margaret also stated she does not feel that the Village should pay for the policing, or the electric for Septemberfest. Fire Chief Shannon Countryman wanted to speak during public comment to James Castrucci, the member removed from the board based on comments she heard that he made at July’s meeting that she was not able to attend. There was a discussion back and forth between the Fire Chief and James.

Department Heads:

Fire Department: Fire Chief Shannon Countryman discussed the upcoming Fire contract renewals, how she feels the Town of St. Johnsville doesn’t pay enough considering the number of calls the Fire Department goes to in the Town, Engine 1 coming back at Roosevelt’s after being there for 5 weeks. Report Submitted.

DPW: Temporary DPW Superintendent Billy Vicciarelli went over his report, discussed the sweeper still being out of commission, fuel pump at the DPW is broken but he has the part to fix it and hopes to have it fixed tomorrow, and the paving date is set for before Labor Day. Report submitted.

WWTP: Report submitted.

Police: Sargant Ray Renzi informed the public that our only Full Time Officer Katarena Pate left employment

at the Village to work for Dolgeville, that the Village will be reimbursed \$2,500.00 for expenses obtained while hiring Pate for Full Time duty. He stated Officer Rebecca Wrobel has stepped in as Full Time Officer now, and the Charger needs front end work. Report submitted.

Codes: No one present. Report submitted.

Marina: Campground/Harbor Manager Tina Corso stated the boat traffic has slowed down, but there are still many transient campers staying at the campground. Report submitted.

Treasurer: Report submitted.

Legal: Attorney Mastromoro discussed the court dealings with tax parcel 8.52-3-6 which has a pre-trial conference date set for 8/31 and trial date set for 9/15.

Old Business:

-Central Hotel has been taken by Montgomery County and is listed on the Collar City Auction website with the auction ending September 22nd.

-Fire District meeting will be held for a date in September.

-A motion was made Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Jones to sell vehicles, and old marina docks that have been deemed unusable for Village purposes on Auctions International. All ayes, motion carried.

-Fire Chief Shannon Countryman discussed Engine 6 needing to be replaced and how something needs to be formally done about it.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create a consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 7/18/23 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Jones. 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 **\$114,461.12** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 57,167.70
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 217.55
Marina Fund:	\$ 13,892.55
Water Fund:	\$ 3,495.89
Sewer Fund:	\$ 39,687.43

New Business:

-A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood to approve the 23-24 SRO Contract as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Fire Chief Shannon Countryman asked members of the American Legion who were present at the meeting what they thought the volume of attendance of the public would be for Septemberfest. Fire Chief Shannon Countryman also discussed the tables owned by the Fire Department that were down at the Park being taken or sold. The tables are still there, they are in the garage at the Park.

Other:

A motion to enter executive session to discuss Police Department personnel and DPW personnel at 7:22 PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to come out of executive session and into regular session was made at 9:07 PM by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Jones. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to increase pay of DPW employees as follows: Darrell Battisti to \$17.50/hr, Chris Walter to \$16.75/hr and Harold Moore to \$16.75. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to switch from bi-weekly payroll to weekly payroll. All ayes, motion carried.

No action taken for Police personnel.

A motion to adjourn 9:08 PM was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-September 19th at 6:30 PM