

8/18/20 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:30 PM Community House

Present: Mayor Straney, Trustees: Kathy Buckley, Art Dockerty, Connie Grant via phone

Public: Daniel Nicotera, Clara Cool, and Samantha Carter

Also: Treasurer Brandon Loren, DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath, Waste-water Operator Frank Erno, Assistant Fire Chief Shannon Countryman

Attorney: Norman Mastromoro

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Straney and the salute to the flag was given.

Department Heads:

Fire Department: Shannon discussed with the Board the new Data Demon software reporting System and its ability to report based on locations served in contract areas. She also stated the brush truck needs a new battery. The flooding in the Fire Department has stopped since replacing the sand bags in the building's rear lot, but they are looking for a more permanent solution. Mayor Straney informed Shannon about the new employee at the Wastewater Treatment plant and the role he could potentially play in Fire Truck repair and upkeep. Report submitted.

DPW: Jarrod discussed the Fire Hydrant by the bank was repaired and also a water main leak issue on Monroe Street as well. Jarrod stated it was a busy month at the Cemetery due to an employee being unable to work due to a medical issue. There were 6 burials in the month. Mayor Straney recognized the DPW for the great improvement in the operational quality and appearance of the Village equipment and trucks at the DPW. Report submitted.

WWTP: Frank stated the camera on the blower building is not working so he will be replacing it with another camera he has on hand. Frank, Jarrod and Mayor Straney met with FEMA to discuss flood plain at the WWTP and DPW area. We are compliant with the 30' spacing requirement of items from the riverbank. The new employee at the WWTP is working out great. Report submitted.

Police: Mayor Straney read the resignation letter submitted by Chief Callen. The chief will be stepping down from her position as Chief to a part-time Police Officer in the Village. Donald VanDuesen will be assuming day to day responsibility for the operation of the Department. Report submitted.

Codes: Mayor Straney stated that citations have been going out and building permits applications have been coming in for work in the Village. Cliff has been busy on the added half day Wednesday of each week, and things are getting addressed around the Village. Report submitted.

Marina: No one present, no report. There have been boaters that have stayed overnight on their boats at the Marina. The Village collects a dockage fee via credit card. They also fill out a registration form which complies with the State Covid regulations. There are not any public facilities open such as bathrooms or laundry. The gas/ diesel pumps have not been replaced

since the November 2019 flooding so there have been no fuel sales with the exception of one emergency situation where a boater was at risk of running out of fuel.

Treasurer: Brandon discussed the need for appraisal of Village buildings and vehicles before submitting the fixed assets report. Mayor Straney has a call in to C-Biz to have this appraisal done. Report submitted.

Dog Census-No one present, no report.

Cemetery-No one present, no report. Mayor Straney is working with Shelly Arduini from the West Saint Johnsville Cemetery on a new pricing list for the Cemetery.

Public: Dan Nicotera asked the Board if they had any suggestions on Neighborhood Watch signs to be put around the Village. Dan will design a few and present it to the Board when he is done. They had their first Neighborhood Watch meeting and it had a great turn out.

Legals: Nothing to report.

Other: Mayor Straney discussed the Solar Array. The Village's electric needs are now being met by the solar array at a reduced cost per kilowatt; however, the Village is contractually obligated to purchase all power the array produces. Summer power production being at its maximum and consumption at its minimum means 18 months of readings through both the summer and winter months will be necessary to evaluate the economic impact of the array on the Village's utility costs. Of concern is over production, which would have the Village purchasing power for future use. If this is the case, a balanced usage should be sought through conversion of Village power needs from other sources.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 7/21/20 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. 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 Treasurer, in the amount of **\$43,544.50** was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 32,666.77
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 2,002.49
Marina Fund:	\$ 789.33
Water Fund:	\$ 2,657.52
Sewer Fund:	\$ 5,528.39

New business:

A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Grant to accept Resolution #6 of 2020 pertaining to the new LGS-1 New York State Records keeping requirements. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Grant that the January 15, 2019 *Chief of Police Contract with Diana Callen*, at her request and upon her written resignation effective from August 16, 2020, is hereby terminated without claim by either party against the other. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to charge \$1,750.00 for the water bill period of September 2019 to March 2020 and March 2020 to September 2020 to 67 West Main Street. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss WWTP, DPW, and Police personnel was made at 7:52 PM by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to come out of executive session at 8:36 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve a salary for existing Village Police Officer Donald VanDuesen of \$33,0000.00 per annum as "Officer in Charge" in light of the resignation of Chief Callen. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley at 8:43PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting- September 15th at 6:30 pm