

11/21/23 Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

6:30 PM Community House

Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, Trustees: Steve Elwood, Julie Eisele, Gary Warn, and Mayor White.
Absent: Art Dockerty

Public: Michael O'Dockerty, Louise Robusto, Shelley Arduini, Leanne Brisbin, Peter Hoesel, Phoebe Sitterly.

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Mayor White.

Public Comment: None.

Department Heads:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Shannon Countryman discussed the generator not working at the Fire Department, alarm system, DEC grant submission, Engine 1 out of service, and ladder testing set for December 6th. Report submitted.

DPW: DPW Superintendent Billy Vicciarelli informed the board that Spectrum would be coming out to look at lines on a broken telephone pole. Mayor White addressed the Ferris incident and the Board decided not to file the claim due to the deductible vs cost, application for a grant for bridge/culvert work, standard for contracts when it comes to upfront payments and time frame for work completion. Report submitted.

WWTP: No one present. Report submitted.

Police: Police Chief Chad Manley discussed the Village being awarded the COPS Grant, Shop with a Cop program, tech grant submission, cracked windshield on the Impala, and part time hire. Mayor White suggested moving the Police Dept to the Burgess building partially due to the current building not providing handicap accessibility. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to grant F/T Officer Rebecca Wrobel comp time instead of OT. All ayes, motion carried. Report submitted.

Codes: Code Enforcement Officer Cliff Dorrough discussed the Village needing to adopt a fence law, completed court cases, and the court action against previous owner of Central Hotel being dismissed. Report submitted.

Marina: The Marina/Campground is closed for the season. Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Cool presented the board with a profit/loss sheet comparing 2021, 2022, and the 2023 season.

Treasurer: A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to allow 30 Church Street a payment plan which consists of dividing the current bill by 6 months and having each payment be due on the 1st of the month. All ayes, motion carried. Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Cool asked the board to consider going into executive session to discuss the Deputy Clerk salary. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood to allow Jayna to go into executive session as the Deputy Clerk's supervisor. No one seconded the motion, motion denied. Report submitted.

Legal: Attorney Mastromoro is still in the process of trying to figure out current land owners of property in the Town of Ephratah for the grievance discussion.

Old Business:

-The Mayor is waiting for a date of the next Fire District meeting.

-A motion was made by Trustee Warn and seconded by Trustee Eisele to accept the winning bid amounts for the Rescue Truck of \$9,550.00, the Chevy Tahoe of \$4,950.00, and the marina docks of \$15,100.00. all ayes, motion carried.

-Mayor White received another proposal from Community Bank that she will make copies of for the board members to be discussed at the December meeting.

- Facility Use Policy is still being worked on.
- Discussion of Engine 3 and Brush Truck.
- Mayor White discussed the bids for the baseball field needing to include the installation of the fencing on the Grandstand roof.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 10/17 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer’s reports and minutes, as well as minutes from the 11/3 and 11/13 special meetings was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele. 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 **\$165,266.23** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

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| General Fund: | \$ 50,092.38 |
| Cemetery Fund: | \$ 0.00 |
| Marina Fund: | \$ 12,036.01 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 3,024.17 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 100,113.67 |

New Business:

-A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn for the water shut off date to be December 1st. All ayes, motion carried.

-A discussion regarding the need, or not need of insurance waivers for the Ice Rink.

-Trustee Eisele presented the department heads with a standardized set up for their monthly reporting and wanted to get feedback on it.

Public Comment: None.

Other:

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session to discuss office personnel at 7:56 PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to come out of executive session at 8:29 PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Elwood to increase the hourly wage for Deputy Clerk Marissa Nellis from \$16.25 to \$17.25 and Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Cool from \$21.98 to \$22.86. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 8:31 PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-December 19th at 6:30 PM