

1/16/24 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:30 PM Community House

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

Public: Michael & Alex O'Dockerty, Louise Robusto, Shelley Arduini, Nino Polidori, Peter Hoesel, Katrina Caringi, John Lull, Jeff Swartz, and Alex Countryman.

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

Public Comment: None.

Department Heads:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Shannon Countryman is looking for a new truck, needing to make sure the equipment they have will fit on the truck, as well as making sure the truck will fit into the Fire Department. Mayor White discussed a 25 million dollar NYS Grant for Fire Departments that she would like to apply for which is due in April. Fire Chief Countryman will reapply for the DEC Grant for a tanker which they apply for every year. The generator at the Fire Department is broken and they are having trouble finding the parts to fix it. It is 20 years old. Trustee Warn suggested to contact Montgomery County Emergency Management to see if they would fund the cost of a new one due to the Fire Department being listed as a Disaster Shelter through the County. Fire Chief Countryman has a date set up for ADT to inspect the Fire Department for a camera and security system. There was a long discussion regarding Fire Member trainings and training responsibilities. Report submitted.

DPW: Mayor White is working on a job description for the Marina/Campground that will need to be approved by the County. DPW Superintendent Billy Vicciarelli would like to purchase a finger print time clock. A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood for Billy to purchase the time clock. All ayes, motion carried. Report submitted.

WWTP: No one present. Report submitted.

Police: Police Chief Chad Manley discussed alterations to the Police Department to create more security when the public enters the Police Department. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to approve the new hire presented by Chief Manley. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood for Chief Manley to purchase the first tier of the policies and procedures software program. All ayes, motion carried. Report submitted.

Codes: No one present. Report submitted.

Dog Control: Mayor White informed the board and public that Deputy Clerk Marissa Nellis has done a great job contacting other municipalities to see what they do when someone doesn't renew their dog license. The board will review protocols of other municipalities. Report submitted.

Marina: The Harbor Commission will be meeting next week to discuss rules and regulations, and fees for the upcoming 2024 season. Trustee Warn has been working on getting the wall at the marina fixed by the State. No report.

Treasurer: A motion was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to approve the OFA Senior meals contract. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood to accept Resolution #1 of 2024, abolishing voter registration day for the March 2024 election. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to accept

Resolution #2 of 2024, selecting polling place, date, time for the March 2024 election. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Warn and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to give Clerk-Treasurer permission to sign documents regarding the Horn Cemetery Trust. Report submitted.

Legal: Attorney Mastromoro is still in the process of trying to figure out current landowners of property in the Town of Ephratah for the grievance discussion. The new owners of the Central Hotel did not show for court. Attorney Mastromoro will speak with Judge Dye to see what his next steps are.

Old Business:

-Mayor White discussed the Zoom meeting with an attorney who specializes in forming Fire Districts. She will be reaching out to the current contracted townships for their input, as well as setting up a public hearing for public input sometime in February.

-A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele to move the village Reserve Fund from NBT to Community Bank to be held for 7 months at 5% interest rate. All ayes, motion carried.

-A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Warn to approve the Facility Use Policy created by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

-Resolution #3 of 2024- Coins- A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to accept Resolution #3 of 2024 as presented and to have Attorney Mastromoro send the Resolution, and letter to the Office of the State Comptroller for their opinion on the coins. All ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create a consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 12/19 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer’s reports and minutes 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 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 **\$74,423.39** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 29,600.47
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 207.62
Marina Fund:	\$ 29,807.15
Water Fund:	\$ 5,533.65
Sewer Fund:	\$ 9,274.50

New Business:

- A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Eisele to put the cemetery maintenance out for bid. All ayes, motion carried.

-A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to hire August Associates Engineering Firm for \$3,000.00 per month to consult on possible projects in the Village, using ARPA funds if allowed. All ayes, motion carried.

-Mayor White discussed Empire State Trail Town application which she will be applying for. 3 applicants are selected each year, they help develop marina/campgrounds, and advertise the selected applicants as “Trail Towns”

Public Comment: Shelley Arduini suggested the Village to use ARPA funds to replace the generator at the Fire Department due to the importance of the generator and the disaster center role of the Fire Department building. Nino Polidori asked if Cliff Dorrough was still the Code Enforcement Officer for the Village. Mayor White answered his question by stating that Cliff has not given a set date of when he will be retiring from his position at the Village.

Other:

A motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-February 20th at 6:30 PM