

8/16/22 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:30 PM Community House

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

Public: Adam Clark, Angela & Peter Jones, Dominick Bersani, Louise Robusto, Chris & Shelly Arduini, Colleen, Molly & Mike Bartlett, Jeremy Polidori, Lawrence Schoff, Lia Marrero, Margaret DiGiacomo, Katrina Caringi, Leanne & Peter Brisbin, Melanie Shuster, Josh & Michelle Diaz, Andrew Gandy & Andrew, Phoebe Sitterly, Dawn White-Swartz, Gary Warn, Gail & Jan Carter, Tina Corso, Angela Barhydt, George Haines, Richard Ianni

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.

A motion was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to add Item 10g to the agenda under New Business regarding and Ethics Matter. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Lia Merrero discussed the current drought issues across the US. Margaret DiGiacomo asked about the Burgess Wellhouse. Melanie Shuster discussed income, contract, and insurance regarding Blue Triton, Inc. Dawn White-Swarts discussed insurance, marketing water ourselves, and breweries. Phoebe Sitterly stated that water is as good as gold. Angela discussed chickens, and flock limitations. Katrina Caringi gave updates on the work of the Friends of St. Johnsville at the Park/Grandstands. Louise Robusto discussed and LLC for bottling water. Larry Schoff also gave updates on the work being done at the Grandstand. Josh Diaz asked questions about the draft copy of Local Law #3 of 2022 regarding chickens. Gary Warn asked about the Resolution #5 which was to be discussed under Legals.

Department Heads:

Fire Department: Fire Chief Shannon Countryman thanked the Police Department on behalf of SAVAC. She stated that Officers Gifford, Poltynski, and Bateholts were a great asset at an EMS call. Shannon also discussed landscaping behind the Fire Department, high volume of EMS calls being handled by the Fire Department, 1 new application for new member, Tower 1 out of service at the Highschool, and Engine 6 being at Jerome Fire out of service since 7/12/22. Reports submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to have Engine 6 brought from Jerome Fire to the DPW building. All ayes, motion carried.

DPW: DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath informed the Board the corner marker prices for cemetery lots through McFee Memorials increased from \$60 to \$70. He requested the Board increase our prices as well. The Board requested Jayna Cool call around to see if anywhere else is cheaper before making a decision at next month's meeting. Report submitted.

WWTP: No one present, Report submitted.

Police: Police Chief Donald VanDeusen stated it is Speed Awareness Week and patrol will be out watching for speeding vehicles. Don also commended the Village held events, the Bridge Street Diner Block Party, as well as Rock on the Mohawk for having no issues to report. He also stated the camera project should be starting at the end of the week. Report submitted.

Codes: Code Enforcement Officer Cliff Dorrrough explained how citations work. Once he gives a citation, the person by law has up to 30 days to fix the problems before he can submit an appearance ticket to the court. Once it goes to court, it is out of the Village's hands. Report submitted.

Marina: No one present, no report.

Treasurer: Clerk/ Treasurer Jayna Cool went over the new MVP rates for the Village. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the new MVP insurance rates. All ayes, motion carried. Report submitted.

Legal: Attorney Mastromoro discussed the draft copy of Local Law #3 of 2022 pertaining to chickens. The board is going to review Dolgeville's law and make changes before passing a law. He also discussed SAVAC Easement and Deed, Fire Department easement, Ephratah Tax proceeding, and Resolution #5 of 2022 regarding Blue Triton, Inc. A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to allow Attorney Mastromoro to contact and appraiser for the Village owned property in the Town of Ephratah. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business: A motion was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to hold a public hearing to use "Community House Porch Reserve Funds" for repair of the Community House Porch roof and soffits. All ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create a consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 7/19/22 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports was made by Trustee Buckley 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 **\$84,115.82** was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

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| General Fund: | \$ 55,990.13 |
| Cemetery Fund: | \$ 80.99 |
| Marina Fund: | \$ 16,416.30 |
| Water Fund: | \$ 2,184.21 |
| Sewer Fund: | \$ 9,444.19 |

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant to go into executive session at 8:08 PM to discuss item 10b regarding a Marina personnel matter concerning justification for a pay raise, item 10d regarding the prospective purchase of Fulton County real property, and item 10g regarding an Ethics matter concerning Board personnel. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to come out of executive session and into the regular meeting at 9:46 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley for the termination of Shayne Comstock's employment at the Village effective August 14, 2022. The Village Clerk will prepare the letter. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci for Deputy Mayor Dockerty and Attorney Mastromoro to set up a meeting regarding the real property in Fulton County. All ayes, motion carried.

No action taken on the Ethics Matter.

New Business: Dominick Bersani asked the Board if his daughter could sponsor a vendor event at the Park in September. The Board gave permission as long as they check with the Code Enforcement Officer on what they need to do. They also said there would not be a fee to have the event there.

Public: There was heavy discussion from multiple people regarding Blue Triton Inc., and the Resolution passed by the Board.

Other:

Josh Diaz, Tina Corso, Dawn White-Swartz, Melanie Shuster, and Jeremy Polidori volunteered their names to become members of the Village Planning Board.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 PM was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-September 20th at 6:30 PM