

12/19/23 Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

6:00 PM Community House

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

Public: Michael & Alex O'Dockerty, Louise Robusto, Shelley Arduini, Josh Diaz, Dan Nicotera, Donna Springer, Jeremy Polidori, and Nino Polidori.

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

Public Comment: Roger Salway of August Associates discussed his tour of the village, engineering and community improvements, and economic development projects done in Connecticut.

Department Heads:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Shannon Countryman discussed ladder testing, work needed for Tower 1, OSHA training will be held on January 27th, 3 basement pump outs done, and the Fire Department is looking for a pumper truck. Report submitted.

DPW: No one present. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to accept the proposals submitted by RM Dalrymple for the fuel pumps at the DPW. All ayes, motion carried. Report submitted.

WWTP: No one present. Report submitted. Mayor White informed the public of the high RSV and Covid waste report for the month of October.

Police: Police Chief Chad Manley discussed the Shop with a Cop which raised \$5,700.00 for 15 children, risk mitigation and policy procedures, and the month of December is 80% staffed. Report submitted.

Codes: No one present. Report submitted.

Marina:

Treasurer: A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Warn to reduce the ECC Fire District contract for 2024 from \$5,100.00 to \$5,000.00 due to the Fire District having a different budget date. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to renew the 4 CDs with Community Bank for a 6-month term at 4.75%. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to have Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Cool post the 22-23 AUD is available at the Village Office. All ayes, motion carried. 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.

Old Business:

-Trustee Elwood is waiting on a call back from an attorney regarding creating a Fire District.

-Mayor White is waiting to hear back from Community bank regarding interest rate if the Village Reserve bank account is transferred from NBT Bank to Community Bank. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

-Facility Use Policy is still being worked on.

-Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Cool will look for the title for the Brush Truck so it can be posted on the auction site.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 11/21 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer’s reports and minutes was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Elwood 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 Clerk, in the amount of **\$188,695.00** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 172,059.05
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 0.00
Marina Fund:	\$ 768.50
Water Fund:	\$ 3,528.20
Sewer Fund:	\$ 12,339.25

New Business:

- A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood that the 96 chairs in the basement are of no current or future use to the Village and can be posted on the Auction site when the other 2 Fire Trucks are posted.

-A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to approve Resolution #10 of 2023 pertaining to the Snow/Ice contract with Montgomery County. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Other:

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session to discuss perspective legal matters at 7:01 PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried.

The board came out of executive session at 7:23 PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood to have Attorney Mastromoro write a letter to the Briele’s attorney offering to pay \$350.00 of the damage to a window caused by a foul ball. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-January 16th at 6:30 PM