

2/20/24 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
5:00 PM Community House

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

Public: Michael O’Dockerty, Louise Robusto, Shelley Arduini, Nino Polidori, Jeff Swartz, Angie Jones, Brenda Phillips, Jordan Claus, Donna Springer, Sterling Close, and Jeremy Polidori.

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Mayor White.

Public Comment: Angie Jones discussed her in-laws house which is next door to Central Hotel, how they can hear things falling inside Central, and Central has moved closer to her in-laws house. Mayor White informed the public that the new owner has not shown up for court the last 2 months and she is having the Village Attorney prepare a letter to send to the new owners about deeding Central to the Village. Louise Robusto stated the County should have some responsibility in the conditions of Central since they keep putting it out to auction for back taxes, knowing the condition it’s in.

Department Heads:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Chris Weaver stated he was 75-80% confident that fixing Engine 6 would allow the Fire Department to safely use it for a couple more years. The cost submitted by Chief Weaver to the board was \$12,833.58. A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Warn to approve the quotes as presented. The money for the repairs will be coming out of the Fire Truck Fund through NBT Bank. All ayes, motion carried. Mayor White discussed the Leadership Retention program that she and Chief Weaver attended on Saturday. Chief Weaver stated the Fire Department has improved getting trucks out the door in a timely manner. Chief Weaver also presented two quotes for a security system, which will be viewed by IT Steve Trodler before the board votes on it. Report submitted.

DPW: DPW Superintendent Billy Vicciarelli discussed logging some of the watershed property. The last time it was done was around 2019. A motion was made by Trustee Warn and seconded by Trustee Eisele to proceed with contacting the forester. All ayes, motion carried. Trustee Warn discussed working with the state to get repairs done to the creek walls in the Village. Report submitted.

WWTP: WWTP Supervisor Frank Erno is please with the work of the new WWTP Trainee. Report submitted.

Police: Report submitted.

Codes: Code Enforcement Officer Cliff Dorrrough informed the public and board that permits are valid for 6 months, once they expire, an application for a building permit renewal must be submitted which will extend it another 6 months. Report submitted.

Dog Control: Report submitted.

Marina: Mayor White is waiting for approval of the Marina/Campground job description she sent in to the County. The new pump out cart was delivered.

Treasurer: A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to approve Resolution #4 of 2024 Amended SEQR Process for the WWTP. All ayes, motion carried. The date for the March Board meeting will be March 12th at 5:30PM. Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Cool presented the Board with bids received for the Cemetery. The Board requested to get references from each bidder, as well as find out if they will charge the Village if there is a week that no mowing occurs. A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood to approve the quote from Ti-Sales for the new software program for water/sewer billing. All

eyes, motion carried. Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Cool read a letter submitted by Traci Montoni addressing the concern of the netting not being up at the Grandstand. 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:

- A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele to retain the Attorney that met virtually with the Mayor, Trustee Elwood, Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Cool, Town Councilman Louise Robusto, and Town of Danube Supervisor Jeremy Pellerin. All ayes, motion carried.
- Tom Klock of Borderline Excavation will be submitting a bid for work at the Baseball Field.
- Mayor White was able to find someone who will assess and appraise the pictures in the Community House.
- A motion was made by Trustee Warn and seconded by Trustee Eisele to hire August Associates and use ARPA funds to pay them. All ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create a consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 1/16 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.

-Minutes from 1/22/24 and 2/13/24 will be updated as directed and voted on at the March meeting. 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 **\$151,467.11** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 111,451.39
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 11.31
Marina Fund:	\$ 1,752.97
Water Fund:	\$ 34,858.06
Sewer Fund:	\$ 3,393.38

New Business:

- A motion was made by Trustee Warn and seconded by Trustee Elwood to approve the appointment of Chris Weaver as Fire Chief. All ayes, motion carried.
- Mayor White informed the public that there will not be an increase to the water/ sewer bills for the upcoming 2024 billings in March or September, rather there will just be a change in the portion that goes towards water and the portion that goes towards sewer.
- Amendment to Codes- Fencing- More information must be gathered regarding fencing pertaining to Fire Codes before adopting Local Law #2 for presentation.
- Amendment to Codes-Dog Excrement- Mayor White addressed concerns of places that have upwards of 10 dogs, dog feces in or around neighboring houses yards, and the Board acting under the roll of Board of Health when needed. The draft of Local Law #3 of 2024 was copied from the Town of Minden. Trustee Eisele requested to remove “B. Owners shall not allow their dog, or dogs, to wander closer than fifteen (15) feet to their boundary lines.” Trustee Dockerty asked who was going to monitor this, and why is the board

concerning themselves with where a dog wanders on it's own property. Mayor White stated to have it removed from draft copy of Local Law #3 of 2024. Local law #3 of 2024 has been tabled.

-A motion was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Elwood to adopt Local Law #1 of 2024 for presentation at a public hearing dated for March 12th at 5:15 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Sterling Close addressed his concerns with Local Law #1 of 2024 pertaining to Cannabis Businesses.

Other:

A motion to adjourn at 6:51 PM was made by Trustee Warn and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-March 12th at 5:30 PM