# 6/15/21 Board of Trustees Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed CDBG Grant for Evaluating Village's WWTP 6:00 PM Community House

Present: Mayor Straney, Village Clerk Jayna Cool, Trustees: Kathy Buckley, Jim Castrucci and

Connie Grant. *Absent:* Art Dockerty **Public**: Jeremy Polidori, Steve Polidori

Also: DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath, Fire Chief Shannon Countryman, Code Enforcement

Officer Cliff Dorrough, and Police Chief Don VanDeusen

**Attorney:** Norman Mastromoro

Treasurer: Brandon Loren

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Straney and the salute to the flag was given.

Mayor Straney discussed multiple aspects of the proposed CDBG Grant Request pertaining to the WWTP improvement project, including the installation of flood hardened RAS pumps, installation of bar screen building low flow screening equipment, harnessing of unused air capacity in sludge holding tanks to facilitate the continuation of the bacterial breakdown process, relocation, downsizing and updating of plants electrical switch gear to provide flood hardening and improve safety for operators, the possibility of variable speed drive SCADA ready pumps.

Public: No comment.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley to close the public hearing at 6:28 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

## 6/15/21 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 6:30 PM Community House

Present: Mayor Straney, Village Clerk Jayna Cool, Trustees: Kathy Buckley, Jim Castrucci, Connie

Grant, and Art Dockerty via cell phone. **Public**: Jeremy Polidori, Steve Polidori

Also: DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath, Fire Chief Shannon Countryman, Code Enforcement

Officer Cliff Dorrough, and Police Chief Don VanDeusen

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### **Department Heads:**

<u>Fire Department:</u> Chief Countryman discussed the 1989 tower truck, and the repair estimates she has requested to address the trucks operational deficiencies found during inspection. She stated that Engine 1 and Engine 3 both passed the safety inspections. There was also a discussion with Chief Countryman and Police Chief VanDeusen regarding establishing fire pit rules and regulations within the Village. Report submitted.

<u>DPW:</u> DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath stated that they had 4 full burials and 3 cremations. The graduation banner is up on Bridge Street. Jarrod also spoke with the board about a Backhoe. Report submitted.

**WWTP**: No one present. Report submitted.

<u>Police:</u> Report submitted. <u>Codes:</u> Report submitted.

Marina: No one present, no report. There are currently 9 Seasonal campers and 2 more interested. Mayor Straney discussed the present allocation of fuel tanks at the Marina and the breakdown of fuel sales Gas versus Diesel. Future sales will dictate fuel storage allocation. We continue to pursue the purchase of docks to replace those damaged in the November 1, 2019 flood. The existing docks require cooperation from the Canal Corp / Power Authority to facilitate their seasonal installation and removal, a process they have stated they will not perform. We are therefore investigating docks which Village Staff can install and remove seasonally independently.

**Treasurer:** Reports submitted.

**Public:** Steve Polidori addressed the Village Board regarding codes complaints.

**Legal:** Attorney Mastromoro discussed the ongoing tax proceedings with Oppenheim and Ephratah relative to the watershed and transmission piping.

#### **Old Business:**

The Board decided to keep the current contract we have with Mirabito for one more year. Cemetery pricing has been updated.

#### **New Business:**

Mayor Straney discussed the trees at the watershed. The Management Plan for the Watershed 900-acre woodlands should be updated. This was last done in 2010.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant to accept Resolution #10 of 2021 as presented pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant for the Village of St. Johnsville water and sewer infrastructure evaluation. All ayes, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 5/18/21 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes, motion carried. A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Castrucci 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 **\$59,671.13** was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

 General Fund:
 \$ 42,925.31

 Cemetery Fund:
 \$ 0.00

 Marina Fund:
 \$ 7,687.86

 Water Fund:
 \$ 2,073.52

 Sewer Fund:
 \$ 6,984.44

#### Other:

A motion to go into executive session to personnel relative to all departments and a contract relating to payroll services was made at 8:27 PM by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to come out of executive session and back into the regular meeting at 9:15 PM was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes motion carried.

Sick time for Full Time Village Employees will be 7 days and 2 personal days. There will be no accrual of this time. Sick time is considered the same as personal time.

Vacation time is as follows:

In the first year: 1 week 2-4 years: 2 weeks

5-14 years: 3 weeks 15+ years: 4 weeks

Annual payroll service charges of \$3,700.00 will be given to the Village Clerk. She will do the payroll, as well as any State and Federal reports required to be completed throughout the year.

A motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:20 PM by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting- July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM