

7/21/20 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:30 PM Community House

Present: Mayor Straney, Trustees: Kathy Buckley, Connie Grant, Art Dockerty

Public: Daniel Nicotera, Tammy Dingman, Robert Snell, Clara Cool

Also: Treasurer Brandon Loren, DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath, Police Chief Diana Callen, Waste-water Operator Frank Erno, and Code Enforcement Officer Cliff Dorrough

Attorney: Norman Mastromoro

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Straney and the salute to the flag was given.

Department Heads:

Fire Department: No one present. Report submitted.

DPW: Jarrod discussed the fire hydrant at the intersection of Center Street and North Division that was struck in the middle of the night. Jarrod stated he was going to order new bristles for the Bobcat broom which would cost around \$850.00. Report submitted.

WWTP: Frank and Mayor Straney discussed with the Board the new mandated testing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Safelite will be coming out to repair a cracked windshield on the WWTP Truck.

Report submitted.

Police: Chief Callen thanked Jarrod and the DPW for putting bars on the Police Station windows. Chief Also discussed the cruiser 113 picked up a screw in the one tire and they were getting a replacement tire. The cost to fix the Police cruiser at Fitzpatrick's was \$1,171.00. Report submitted.

Codes: Cliff discussed 3 W. Main Street where Mohawk Valley asbestos is removing asbestos from the building. Also, 36 Hough has been posted for violations. Report submitted.

Marina: No one present, no report.

Treasurer: Report submitted.

Dog Census-No one present, no report.

Cemetery-No one present, no report. Mayor Straney and Jarrod Walrath discussed the memorial made by McFee Memorials that will be installed at Cemetery next Memorial Day due to not being able to be installed this year because of Covid.

Public: Dan Nicotera expressed his concern with the Board of Police hours being removed for the overnight shift. The Mayor and Police Chief spoke with him about the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and New York State Police providing coverage overnight, and the limited reported incidents. Mr. Nicotera expressed his desire to pursue a Neighborhood watch. Tammy Dingman asked Codes Officer Cliff Dorrough about vacant properties in the Village, some with code violations, and the presence of Red Notices on the exterior. The notices are not condemnation notices but notices of action required by owners.

Legals: Attorney Norman Mastromoro discussed the ongoing Tax proceedings with the Town of Ephratah. 2016 is still pending which is good for three years. Norman also filed again in 2019 making it valid until 2022. He stated that it has been decades since the state has appraised the property the Village owns in the Town of Ephratah.

Other:

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 6/16/20 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer’s reports was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Grant 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 Treasurer, in the amount of **\$72,724.44** was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 68,376.04
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 0.00
Marina Fund:	\$ 229.90
Water Fund:	\$ 750.47
Sewer Fund:	\$ 3,368.03

New business:

A motion to stop receiving cash payments(over \$25.00) starting June 1st, 2021 was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Grant to set the Peddler Permit price to \$60.00 per year or \$10.00 per weekend.

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session was made at 8:30 PM by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to come out of executive session at 9:55 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Grant at 9:57 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting- August 18th at 6:30 pm