

## 10/18/22 Board of Trustees

## Regular Meeting

### 6:30 PM Community House

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

**Public:** Louise Robusto, Lia Marrero, Dawn White-Swartz, Tina Corso, Richard Ianni, Rich Brown, Traci Montoni, Dawn Lamphere, Michael O'Dockerty, Alexandria Richards, Margaret DiGiacomo, Joyce Pollitt

**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.

**Public Comment:** Traci Montoni offered her name as well as Richard Brown's to the Planning Board. Margaret DiGiacomo asked if the Board knew how much Blue Triton paid for the well on the watershed property, to which the response was no. She also spoke on houses being rehabbed in the Village and how nice they are looking.

#### Department Heads:

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Shannon Countryman thanked DPW worker Chris Walter on his assistance with the new air compressor the Fire Department received. She stated the Fire Department open house went well, the call volume is down, and sale of tables from the park storage. Report submitted.

**DPW:** DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath shared information with the board from the training class he took in Watertown. The Department of Health is requiring lead tests to be performed on all pipes in the village, which includes where the pipes enter resident's homes. This will be a long hard task to complete. The state is also increasing the volume of tests performed for water quality. The lead tests, which were once every three years, will now be annually. The new tests mandated will cost between \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00 per year. Jarrod also stated the Village needs a new flow meter at the Dome (current one was installed in 2000) which will cost between \$6,000.00 to \$9,000.00. The Village will also need a new chlorine analyzer (current one installed in 2002) Report submitted.

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

**Police:** Police Chief Donald VanDeusen discussed the arrest of Casey McKay, thanking Jayna Cool, Officer Pate, and Code Enforcement Office Cliff Dorrrough for their diligence in the information gathered to help make the arrest. He also stated the No Parking Ban takes effect November 1<sup>st</sup> but the Police will not issue tickets to residents until the first report of possible snowfall. Report submitted.

**Codes:** Cliff Dorrrough discussed the Codes Conference he attended, as well as needing a Local Law passed before December 30<sup>th</sup> for the new 1203 Uniform Code. Report submitted.

**Marina:** No one present, no report.

**Treasurer:** Jayna Cool discussed the request from the Town of Minden for Fire protection for the years 2023-2024. During this discussion, Deputy Mayor Dockerty asked Fire Chief Shannon Countryman if she feels the St. Johnsville Fire Department can fill the requests in the contracts as far as “manpower” and attendance goes. Shannon replied to this question by saying, “We don’t have enough “manpower” to supply the Village of St. Johnsville.” The board decided to table the request from the Town of Minden. Report submitted.

**Legal:** Attorney Mastromoro discussed Easement for SAVAC and the Ephratah Tax Proceedings. A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the fee proposal & assignment agreement present by CNY Pomeroy Appraisers, Inc. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business:** The Village Board needs to sit as a group to discuss the roles needed to be filled by the Planning Board and guidelines under New York State law.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 9/20/22 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 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 **\$113,917.45** was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 55,031.95</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 751.33</b>
<b>Marina Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 3,855.07</b>
<b>Water Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 44,826.11</b>
<b>Sewer Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 9,452.99</b>

**New Business:** With the new testing costs DPW Supervisor Jarrod Walrath discussed, which is the same thing happening at the WWTP, the Board discussed POSSIBLY raising the rates of the minimum water/ sewer bills. This was the first discussion of this, and no action was taken. Jayna Cool will be contacting ADT regarding a security system at the Community House.

**Public Comment:** Lia Marrero asked questions about the Planning Board, a state audit, and the Ephratah tax grievance. Dawn White-Swartz asked why important meetings are posted in the Schenectady Gazette, to which Jayna Cool informed her the Village official newspaper is The Recorder, not the Schenectady Gazette. Dawn also stated postings should be around the Village, to which Jayna Cool said they get posted on Facebook, in the Village Office, Stewart’s, Kinney Drugs, the Post Office, the NBT Bank, and the laundry mat.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley to go into executive session at 7:21 PM to discuss item 6b possible purchase of real property in Fulton County, 6d evaluation of employees at Village Office, 6e pending Code violations and prospective litigation regarding 12 East Main Street, and 6f Community House repairs litigation. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Grant to come out of executive session and into the regular meeting at 8:46 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Grant to approve increasing the yearly wage of Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool from \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00. All ayes, motion carried.

No action was taken on the other executive session items.

**Other:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM