

**7/19/22 Board of Trustees Public Hearing Chickens**  
**6:15 PM Community House**

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

**Public:** Adam Clark, Angela & Peter Jones, Dominick & Kayla Bersani, Dawn Lamphere, Sarah Reese, Michael Mancini, Kent Koptiuch, Louise Robusto, Chris & Shelly Arduini, Colleen & Mike Bartlett, Jeremy Polidori, Jonathan Fox, Lawrence Schoff, Lia Marrero, Margaret DiGiacomo, Katrina Caringi

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Deputy Mayor Dockerty.

Public comment: Adam Clark discussed his opinions on allowing chickens in the Village. Angela Jones presented research she had done as well as talking about the current chickens she owns. She also presented signatures from Village residents as well as online signatures gathered from Facebook. Dominick Bersani stated he has chickens and his neighbors were unaware he had them since they are well taken care of. Dawn Lamphere discussed putting guidelines in place so chickens are not allowed to roam freely. Sarah Reese stated she lives in the Town, but owns chickens and thinks residents in the Village should be allowed to as well. Some other comments were with the price of food increasing, it would help people save money to have their own eggs or meat.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to adjourn the public hearing at 6:30 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

**7/19/22 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
6:30 PM Community House**

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

**Public:** Adam Clark, Angela & Peter Jones, Dominick & Kayla Bersani, Dawn Lamphere, Sarah Reese, Michael Mancini, Kent Koptiuch, Louise Robusto, Chris & Shelly Arduini, Colleen & Mike Bartlett, Jeremy Polidori, Jonathan Fox, Lawrence Schoff, Lia Marrero, Margaret DiGiacomo, Katrina Caringi

**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:** Michael Mancini addressed the Board about his concerns with people trespassing at Congdon Springs. Phoebe Sitterly informed Mr. Mancini that no one has trespassed there recently and the photos he was referring to were taken in 2019 when the previous Mayor brought the Joint Comprehensive Planning Board to the Watershed property. Chris Arduini verified Phoebe's statement stating he went there with the Mayor as part of the JCPB. Lia Marrero asked Police Chief Donald VanDeusen about having cameras set up throughout the Watershed property. He stated that once someone sees the cameras, they are likely to take it down and it is impossible to have cameras cover all 880 acres of the property. Kent Koptiuch stated he knows of at least 12 access roads that ATV's or other recreational vehicles use to gain access to the Watershed property. Margaret DiGiacomo stated she was very happy to see the Park Program back this year.

**Department Heads:**

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Shannon Countryman stated Engine 6 is out of service, the lighting was repaired and installed in the back area of the Fire House, and Shannon asked the Board to approve a \$50.00 gas card for Alex Countryman as reimbursement for the money he had spent maintaining the Village Fire Department grounds, the Board asked to see receipts for fuel purchased before approving the gas card. Reports submitted.

**DPW:** DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath stated the paving on N. Division is completed, the Merry-Go-Round at the Park has been sent out to get fixed, and Jarrod answered Deputy Mayor Dockerty's question regarding Fire Hydrants. Report submitted.

**WWTP:** WWTP Supervisor Frank Erno asked the Board if he could sign John Borst up for classes at Morrisville College. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve Frank's request. All ayes, motion carried. Report submitted.

**Police:** Police Chief Don VanDeusen discussed the Village Wide camera grant project. Report submitted.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to go into executive

session to discuss a promotion at the DPW, a new hire at the Marina, and perspective employment at the Police Department. All ayes, motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant to approve the hiring of Tina Corso at the Marina for 20 hours a week. All ayes, motion carried.

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

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

**Treasurer:** Clerk/ Treasurer Jayna Cool stated the documentation needed for the AUD was delivered to Read Accounting. Report submitted.

**Public:** Lia Marrero addressed concerns with the board regarding Blue Triton Inc. Mike Bartlett discussed some concerns with the information being put out regarding possible sale of water. Katrina Caringi discussed her concerns for the Trout and other wildlife who could be effected by the sale of water to Blue Triton, Inc, and she also discussed a water withdrawal permit. Dominick Bersani asked if this possible deal with Blue Triton, Inc. would bring jobs into the Village, which the Deputy Mayor then answered no.

**Legal:** Attorney Mastromoro discussed the SAVAC Easement and the Town of Ephratah Grievance verdict. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to table the discussion of Local Law #3 of 2022 regarding Chickens. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business:** A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve Jayna Cool and Attorney Mastromoro to create a bid proposal for advertising pertaining to the Community House roof and soffit/trim molding repairs. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 6/21/22 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. 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 **\$128,566.79** 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>\$ 45,311.59</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 495.21</b>
<b>Marina Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 13,736.17</b>
<b>Water Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 3,370.90</b>
<b>Sewer Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 65,652.92</b>

**Other:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM