

9/20/22 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: Angela Jones, Louise Robusto, Jeremy Polidori, Lawrence Schoff, Lia Marrero, Katrina Caringi, Melanie Shuster, Phoebe Sitterly, Dawn White-Swartz, Gary Warn, Gail Carter, Tina Corso, Angela Barhydt, Richard Ianni, Rich Brown, Traci Montoni, Dawn Lamphere, Michael O’Dockerty, John Byler, Enos Sworey, John Maguire

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 wanted to speak later regarding water. Gary Warn stated his opinion to the Board regarding hiring 2 full time Police Officers.

Department Heads:

Fire Department: Fire Chief Shannon Countryman discussed flooding in the back room of the Fire Department, huge issues with traffic when there is an accident with road closures, and testing being done at Shults. Report submitted.

DPW: DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath stated they are doing storm drain clean up from East to West, then South to North. DPW will be renting a stump grinder for trees at the Cemetery. Delaware Engineering is doing leak detentions of the Fire Hydrants through the CDBG Grant we acquired. Report submitted.

WWTP: No one present, Report submitted.

Police: Police Chief Donald VanDeusen discussed the camera system, County wide reporting system, DA’s office funding for training, Officer Bertos is now certified as a Field Training Officer, and Full time Officer proposal. A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve hiring of 2 Full time Police Officers. All ayes, motion carried. Report submitted.

Codes: No one present, Report submitted.

Marina: No one present, no report.

Treasurer: A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant to allow Village Treasurer Jayna Cool to transfer \$12,475.00 from the Reserve Fund bank account to the General Fund bank account. All ayes, motion carried. Report submitted.

Legal: Attorney Mastromoro discussed Easement for SAVAC, Fire Department easement, and the Ephratah Tax Proceedings.

Old Business: Discussion regarding chickens ensued. Trustees Grant, Buckley, and Castrucci voted nay, Deputy Mayor Dockerty voted aye. Angela Jones asked the Board to table this

instead of saying no altogether. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to table the chicken matter. Trustee Buckley and Trustee Grant voted nay to tabling it. No motion taken.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 8/16/22 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer’s reports was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Castrucci 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 **\$118,122.67** was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 64,399.40
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 50.75
Marina Fund:	\$ 11,944.30
Water Fund:	\$ 36,192.77
Sewer Fund:	\$ 5,535.45

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant to go into executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss item 5c Fire Department easement, 10f 90-day review of Marina personnel and yearly review of office employees, 6c possible purchase of real property in Fulton County, 10h DPW prospective employment, 10g prospective litigation regarding Community House repairs, and 10i pending Code violations and prospective litigation regarding 12 East Main Street, 35 Monroe Street, and 21 East Liberty Street. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to come out of executive session and into the regular meeting at 9:07 PM. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve DPW pay raises as presented by DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to allow Village Attorney Mastromoro and DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath to contact with the owner of Real Property in Fulton County for potential purchase. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant to allow Village Attorney Norman Mastromoro to commence special proceeding pursuant to 78-D of the General Municipal Law regarding tax parcel 8.52-3-6. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business: Larry Schoff gave an update on the Grandstand project. The Housing Authority appointments were tabled until a few corrections are made. The Board will be reinstating late fees on water/sewer bills as well as shut offs for non-payments.

Public: Dawn White-Swartz asked the board about the possible purchase of Real Property in Fulton County. Phoebe Sitterly, Lia Marrero, Katrina Caringi, and Angela Jones discussed chickens. Katrina Caringi also discussed wells in Fort Plain. Rich Brown discussed the backstop at the Grandstand. Jeremy Polidori asked about an audit for the Village Office.

Other:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-October 18th at 6:30 PM