

**10/17/23 Board of Trustees                      Regular Meeting**  
**6:30 PM Community House**

**Present:** Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, Trustees: Steve Elwood, Art Dockerty, Julie Eisele, Gary Warn, and Mayor White

**Public:** Jim Castrucci, Cassandra & Mallory Allen, Steven & Jeremy Polidori, Nino Polidori, Kassidy Cook, Jason Cabanas, Nelson Darrach III, and Michael and Alex O'Dockerty.

Meeting was called to order at 6:32PM by Mayor White.

Trustee Elwood addressed the public regarding a civil relationship between the public and the board during public comment.

**Public Comment:** Steve Polidori and Cassandra Allen addressed their concerns with UTV's and ATV's regarding whether they can or can't cross over Route 5 to get gas at Stewarts. The Police Chief will look into it and get back to them. Kassidy Cook discussed the letter she sent in regarding her water/sewer bill. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele to accept the minimum payment of \$300.00 for her bill. All ayes, motion carried. Nelson Darrach III discussed cats overrunning his property on Sanders Street, a sign in need of repair on New Street and Mohawk Street intersection, a neighboring fence that comes on to his property, and a house on Sanders Street that has a large accumulation of tires. Jim Castrucci was wondering if the previous board had ever voted on using ARPA funds towards the skating rink, they never made a decision on that in the past, the Mayor said she would look into it and wanted it added to the agenda for November.

**Department Heads:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Shannon Countryman discussed Engine 1 being out of service for a couple days, there is no heat at the Fire Department so she spoke with Wayne Burkdorf, the generator doesn't run, a pump class will be held by the State, and request for a non-member to be approved by the board to provide his services to the Village. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to accept services from the non-member Fred Doxtater on an ongoing basis. All ayes, motion carried. The Fire Department has approved Fire Chief Countryman to sign the Quit Claim Deed presented by Attorney Mastromoro to give the booths at the Park to the Village. Report submitted.

**DPW:** DPW Superintendent Billy Vicciarelli informed the board the sweeper is down again. A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Warn to charge the owner of 30 Hough Street for a new water meter. All ayes, motion carried. Report submitted.

**WWTP:** WWTP Supervisor Frank Erno will be having the sludge removed from the WWTP soon. This happens twice a year. Mayor White informed the public of the 7.7 million dollar grant received for the WWTP. No report.

**Police:** Police Chief Chad Manley discussed his first month working for the Village and how welcoming the residents have been. Mayor White requested monthly calls per month as well as the yearly totals. Steve Polidori asked about a night shift. Police Chief Manley said that is one of his main goals. Trustee Eisele asked about self-defense classes residents could attend, Chief Manley will look into that. Report submitted.

**Codes:** Code Enforcement Officer Cliff Dorrough has been sending out permits, citations, doing inspections, and has 2 cases at court currently. He will be out the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>-October 37<sup>th</sup> for a Codes Conference. Report submitted.

**Marina:** The Marina/Campground season will be coming to a close. The permitted date is October 18<sup>th</sup>. A historical boat will be traveling from Vermont and should reach the Village Marina around the 20<sup>th</sup>. No report.

**Treasurer:** A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood to have Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Cool contact NBT bank for one final interest rate proposal. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to do a payment plan with the owner of 32 Averill Street for \$95.41 per month for 6 months if the meter is found to have no issues with it. If the meter is faulty then the board will accept the payment already made of the \$300.00. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to keep the current MVP Insurance plan for the current employees. This motion was not passed due to a 3 to 2 vote. Nays- Trustee Eisele, Trustee Warn, and Mayor White. The Grievance Board #1 will consist of Trustee Eisele, Trustee Dockerty and Jayna Cool. Grievance Board #2 will consist of Trustee Elwood, Trustee Warn and Jayna Cool. The Harassment Committee will be Trustee Dockerty and Trustee Warn.

**Legal:** Attorney Mastromoro has received the tax maps he needs for the tax proceeding and will now compare the deeds to the tax maps.

#### **Old Business:**

-Information is being collected for the vehicles the Village has deemed unusable for Village purpose to send to the Auction site.

-The mayor presented a questionnaire from Bill VanGorder for the board and Fire Chief Shannon to fill out regarding the Fire Department to gather more information for consideration of a Fire District.

-Mayor White said the WWTP evaluation was handled and she would address it with the board later.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 9/14/23 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. 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 **\$190,566.64** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 118,698.01</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 61.77</b>
<b>Marina Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 28,394.09</b>
<b>Water Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 39,879.85</b>
<b>Sewer Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 3,532.92</b>

#### **New Business:**

-Chris Arduini wanted to thank the board and the Fire Department for SeptemberFest. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and Trustee Eisele to grant permission for use of food booth, lights, and field for the skating rink. All ayes, motion carried.

-A special meeting will need to be held to discuss the Fire Department contracts due to the new board members and mayor being unfamiliar with them.

-Edits needs to be made to the Baseball Park bid packet presented by Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Cool for a payment schedule, performance bond, and completion date.

-Regarding Engine 3, the mayor would like Fire Chief Countryman to contact Oppenheim to see if we can rent their tanker we stored for them last year, Engine 6 is at the DPW, the Village currently has a fair amount of loan money for Fire Department apparatuses/equipment. Fire Chief Countryman stated we need to get more practical about the equipment the Fire Department could get the most use out of. Fire Chief Countryman believes we should put the Brush Truck, Engine 3, and the jet skis on the auction site as well. The mayor told her to get the vehicle information on those items.

**Public Comment:** Nelson Darrach III wanted to thank the board for listening to his concerns during the first public comment.

**Other:**

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session to discuss police personnel at 8:55PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to come out of executive session at 9:42PM was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to increase the hourly wage for all part time Police Officers from \$21.00 to \$23.00 starting on October 16,2023. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to increase the hourly wage for full time officer Rebecca Wrobel from \$23.00 to \$25.00 starting on October 16,2023. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to create a 10% shift differential for any officers who work any number of hours from 7:00PM to 7:00 AM starting on October 16,2023. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 9:45PM was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM