

4/18/23 Board of Trustees Public Hearing
6:15 PM Community House
Tentative Budget

Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, Trustees: Kathy Buckley, Steve Elwood, and Art Dockerty, Mayor White

Absent: Jim Castrucci

Public: Angela Jones, John Lewandowski, Louise Robusto, Robert Dennis, Gary Warn, Katrina Caringi, Michael O'Dockerty, Chris & Shelley Arduini, Ronnie Millington, Dawn Lamphere, Mary Rackmyer, Leanne Brisbin, Peter Hoesel, Alix Richards, Michael Swartz, Peter Martin & Matthew Davis of Delaware Engineering

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Mayor Swartz

Public Comment: Shelley Arduini discussed the Mayor yearly salary not being increased in many years and to take that into consideration during the next budget. John Lewandowski asked questions regarding the water/sewer budget. Mary Rackmyer discussed the Housing Authority water bill and asked what each unit pays. The answer is each unit (42 units) are charged the \$300 minimum. Police Chief Don VanDeusen informed the board of a possible increase to the budget if we secure a kennel for dogs deemed dangerous.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

4/18/23 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:30 PM Community House

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Absent: Jim Castrucci

Public: Angela Jones, John Lewandowski, Louise Robusto, Robert Dennis, Gary Warn, Katrina Caringi, Michael O'Dockerty, Chris & Shelley Arduini, Ronnie Millington, Dawn Lamphere, Mary Rackmyer, Leanne Brisbin, Peter Hoesel, Alix Richards, Michael Swartz, Peter Martin & Matthew Davis of Delaware Engineering

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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: No public comment. Peter Martin and Matthew Davis gave a detailed presentation of work to possibly be done at the WWTP and Water infrastructure. They discussed different phases and costs. Chris Arduini asked if the upgrades would last the 30 years the loan would be for. Peter Martin said it should. Gary Warn asked if the updates would decrease the electric costs at the WWTP to which Peter Martin said it would.

Department Heads:

Fire Department: Fire Chief Countryman discussed the free smoke alarm program being done with the County and how to apply. She also brought to the boards attention complaints she has received about Central Hotel, and the fire hazard/contaminant hazard it is creating and capable of. Trustee Dockerty received an offer of \$9,000 for all three fire vehicles at the DPW building. Chief Countryman believes that offer is more than fair. The board will look into the process to sell them. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to deem the vehicles as no longer needed for the Village. Report submitted.

DPW: Report submitted.

WWTP: WWTP Supervisor Frank Erno informed the board of the pump out occurring at the WWTP. 14 loads have been removed so far. Report submitted.

Police: Police Chief Donald VanDeusen stated there is some lag in some of the cameras around the Village and he will have the camera man come out to fix it. There is one Full Time Police Officer who will be going to work for the Sheriff's Department but will still work at the Village Part Time. There was a discussion of ATV and UTV travel on the Village roads. Ronnie Millington requested the board consider allowing some roads to have ATV/UTV accessibility. Mayor White told Ronnie to show a map of what roads he is thinking of and give the map to Police Chief VanDeusen. Report submitted.

Codes: Report submitted.

Marina: Harbor Master Tina Corso discussed the work being done to get the Marina and Campground ready for the upcoming season start. The Gazebo will be getting painted and will be done prior to prom which is May 5th.

Treasurer: Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool has been working on the 23/24 budget. The original tax increase was over 20% and she was able to get it down to 2.52%. Report submitted.

Legal: Attorney Mastromoro does not have anything new to share on the Ephratah Tax Proceeding and is waiting on FOIL information from the state which he is hoping to receive soon. There was a discussion regarding an easement on William Street for a "roadway" the Village owns. Attorney Mastromoro stated if it is considered a legal road then no easement is needed.

Old Business:

-Mayor White presented a proposed chicken law currently used by Saratoga Springs which she would like Attorney Mastromoro to take and create the law for the Village. This was put up for vote to which a motion was made by Mayor White, seconded by Trustee Elwood, aye from Trustee Dockerty and nay from Trustee Buckley. The majority vote was in favor for Attorney Mastromoro to prepare a draft of Local Law #3.

-Mayor White requested to remove "Water/Sewer minimum" and "Sidewalk Program" from the agenda. No disputes.

-Septemberfest is still tabled from the American Legion per Gary Warn. Mayor White asked Gary to see if the Legion would consider doing it in August due to school/sports being back in session in September.

-Mayor White asked Chief Countryman to set up a meeting with Fire Departments who have established themselves as Fire Districts to get their input on the pros and cons. Chief Countryman said she would inform Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool when the meeting would be to allow for the 5-day required posting.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 3/20/23 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Mayor White. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Mayor White and seconded by Trustee Elwood. 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 **\$64,178.86** was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Mayor White. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$	49,797.77
Cemetery Fund:	\$	115.95
Marina Fund:	\$	693.07

Water Fund:	\$	5,651.82
Sewer Fund:	\$	7,920.25

New Business:

-A motion to approve the contract for grass/brush control provided by Montgomery County was made by Mayor White and seconded by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, motion carried.

-A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Mayor White to deny the request from owner of 9 Sanders Street to zero out his water/sewer bill. All ayes, motion carried.

-A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood to purchase a spill kit and proper signage for the Marina. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment:

John Lewandowski asked the DPW when the potholes on Monroe Street will be patched up. DPW Superintendent Jarrod Walrath discussed the natural springs from Averill down to Monroe and how the set up of the road and springs causes the potholes to keep coming back. Jarrod suggested making Monroe Street and one way and fixing the underlying cause.

Mary Rackmyer discussed 35 Monroe Street regarding the garbage and unsanitary conditions. The Village Code Officer Cliff Dorrrough has cited the property many times and it is in the courts hands.

Other:

A motion to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation on tax parcel 8.52-3-6 at 8:19 PM was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Mayor White. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to come out of executive session and into regular session was made at 9:03 PM by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor White and seconded by Trustee Elwood for Attorney Mastromoro to write a letter to Judge Dye regarding the pending litigation on tax parcel 8.52-3-6. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-May 16th at 6:30 PM