

**3/12/24 Board of Trustees Public Hearing**  
**5:15 PM Community House**  
**Cannabis Business- Local Law #1 of 2024**

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

**Public:** Michael O’Dockerty, Louise Robusto, Skip Darrach, Melissa Miner, Shelley Arduini, Nino Polidori, Jeff Swartz, Brenda Phillips, Donna Springer, Sterling Close, and Charlie Straney.

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Mayor White.

Mayor White discussed the proposed Local Law. Trustee Warn discussed the NYS guidelines regarding Cannabis businesses. Charlie Straney stated the previous board did not “opt out” because if they did then the Village would not receive any revenue from the sale of cannabis. Attorney Mastromoro noted this law would be a change to the zoning laws.

**Public Comment:** Sterling Close discussed the footage presented in the local law with Trustee Warn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

**3/12/24 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**5:30 PM Community House**

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

**Public:** Michael O’Dockerty, Louise Robusto, Skip Darrach, Melissa Miner, Shelley Arduini, Nino Polidori, Jeff Swartz, Brenda Phillips, Donna Springer, Anthony Possemato, Cassandra Allen, and Sterling Close.

**Public Comment:** Donna Springer discussed the Grandstand dugouts. She told the board that the dugouts should be left how they are now, and if they are lowered then players would have less standing room in the dugouts.

**Department Heads:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Chris Weaver will contact the company he received the quotes for security system to see what the cost will be if they are not able to use the cameras currently inside the Fire House. He will also be receiving a quote from Johnson Controls for security system. The response time for calls has improved greatly, 32 people attended the last meeting, and they will be having 28 physicals done. New turnout gear will have to be purchased. He also stated they will be taking Fort Plain Fire Department off the call list for minor calls that do not require mutual aide. Report submitted.

**DPW:** DPW Superintendent Billy Vicciarelli presented the board with 2 quotes for a generator and 2 quotes for a chlorine analyzer. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele to accept the offer of \$7,975.00 for the generator and \$9,250.00 for the chlorine analyzer. All ayes, motion carried. Report submitted.

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

**Police:** No one present. Report submitted. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to hire Mike Lewis as a part time Police Officer. All ayes, motion carried.

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

**Dog Control:** Report submitted.

**Marina:** The Village has received 3 applications for the 2 positions available at the Marina/Campground. Mayor White and DPW Superintendent will be meeting with the applicants next Tuesday. Mayor White discussed the Erie Canal Bicentennial coming in 2025. The state is giving out grants to rehabilitate historical buildings for cities, towns, and villages who are located on the Erie Canal. The mayor is also looking to start an Erie Canal Bicentennial Committee.

**Treasurer:** A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Warn to accept the bid presented by TW Services for mowing at the Village Cemetery. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Elwood to approve Resolution #5 of 2024 regarding the Pro-Housing Communities Pledge. Report submitted.

**Legal:** Attorney Mastromoro discussed grievance day filing with the Town of Ephratah. A motion was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Elwood to have attorney Mastromoro refile the Village grievance with the Town of Ephratah. All ayes, motion carried. There was also a discussion regarding 12 E. Main Street.

## Old Business:

- Fire District- Going forward with it, will need to hold a public hearing.
- Fire contract with the Town of St. Johnsville- A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood to bill the town the 2% monthly per the signed contract.
- A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Warn to accept the bid from Ballard Sports. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to accept the bid from Dolan Fencing. All ayes, motion carried.
- A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to pay \$2,000.00 plus travel costs for an appraiser to come inventory the coins, paintings, and books in the Community House. All ayes, motion carried.
- Amendment to Codes- look into the fencing local law more. Table local law regarding dogs.
- A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to approve Local Law #1 of 2024 regarding Cannabis Businesses. All ayes, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to **create a consent agenda** consisting of the minutes of the 2/20 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports and minutes as well as CORRECTED minutes of 1/22 Emergency Meeting and 2/13 Public Hearing was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisle. All ayes, motion carried.

-A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Eisele 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 **\$147,135.58** was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 101,552.31</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Marina Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 817.39</b>
<b>Water Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 951.46</b>
<b>Sewer Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 43,814.42</b>

## New Business:

- Memorial Day- Trustees and Mayor will march in the Memorial Day Parade.
- Chamber Tow Path- A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Warn to donate \$40.00 to the Chamber for the Tow Path Run. All ayes, motion carried.
- F&W Forestry- A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Eisele to approve the agreement with F&W Forestry to survey timber on watershed property. All ayes, motion carried.
- Septemberfest- A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Elwood to pay for the electric for Septemberfest as a donation from the Village. All ayes, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Skip Darrach discussed the cat problem on Sanders Street. Mayor White stated she has contacted Ag & Markets, ASPCA, Dog Control Officer, and the Town of Dolgeville and has not received any assistance from them. The Village board will look into having a fundraiser to raise money for spaying/neutering feral cats and what the cost would be to have an Animal Control Officer. Anthony

Possemato discussed having a no parking sign in front of Monte's. He also wanted to have UTV Route added to the April agenda.

**Other:**

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:41 PM and go into executive session to discuss DPW personnel and ethics matter was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

The board came out of executive session at 8:29 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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