

2/18/25 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
5:30 PM Community House

Present: Mayor Dawn White, Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, Trustees: Steve Elwood, Gary Warn, Julie Eisele, Art Dockerty, Attorney Norman Mastromoro, John Lull, Franny Hulbert-Shaut, Chief Chad Manley, Billy Vicciarelli
Public: John Lull and Nino Polidori

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM by Mayor White and the pledge was said.

Public Comment: Nino Polidori states he will help with canal postings for canal events because he is a point of contact with the canal waterway.

Department Heads:

Department Head reports were reviewed and accepted.

Police Department: NYSDOT required a change to radar placement that required specific equipment. Costs of equipment and concrete were about \$4,100 and will be funded by the tech grant. A motion to approve changes was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried.

Marina: Discussion was had regarding raising rates of Marina rentals to be comparable with local campgrounds. It was noted that St. Johnsville Marina rates were significantly lower than surrounding camp sites and also included utilities. Trustee Eisele requested data for local campgrounds prior to voting on an increase. A motion was made by Trustee Warn and seconded by Trustee Elwood to establish 2025 rates at:

- Daily - \$45
- Weekly - \$275
- Bi-weekly - \$500
- Monthly - \$850
- Seasonal - \$2700

Motion passed with 4 ayes, 1 nay due to a request for more data.

Treasurer:

- Upcoming Budget workshop meeting planned for 2/25/2025 @ 4 pm
- March Board Meeting date was reviewed to be 3/11/2025 @ 5:30 pm
- DPW auction items – Sander wouldn't be used anymore and was put up for auction. Sold for \$7,500.

Legal: n/a

Old Business:

- Central Demo – It cost \$135,000 to take down the Central. Grant monies were approved and are projected to come in in July. Trustee Elwood suggested that we reach out to the trucking company to inquire about a payment plan for the \$100,000. The Land Bank and the Village of St. Johnsville is anticipated to cover the remaining cost.
- Park Fencing Bids – Current available ARPA funds available were reviewed and are reported by the Treasurer to be available at \$36,703.17. Dolin Fence quotes were reviewed and the Board of Trustees voted on the quote for \$29,680.00 due to quality of materials. A motion was created by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create a consent agenda** consisting of the 1/21/2025 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, and Treasurer's reports and minutes was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. 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 **\$181,075.52** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Mayor White. All ayes, motion carried.

The claims are broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 161,466.77
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 0.00
Marina Fund:	\$ 4,406.19
Water Fund:	\$ 6,247.81
Sewer Fund:	\$ 8,954.75

New Business:

NYS Paid Family Leave – Trustee Eisele is exploring the option of providing NYS Paid Family Leave to Village employees. Has contacted the village insurance company and will be receiving further information. It is anticipated that this benefit will not cost the village any money but will provide 65% of income to Village employees at a minimal weekly cost to them.

General Fund – Treasurer Cool reports that there is a CD that is coming up for renewal. It was recommended that we do not renew the CD and Trustee Elwood suggested we roll it over to a high yield savings account. Motion made by Trustee Elwood seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Executive Session: 7:02 pm – A motion to move to executive session was made by Trustee Elwood. and seconded by Trustee Warn to discuss personnel. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussed police personnel changes and the financial impact of grant funds that have not yet come in.

Return to Open Session:

A motion to return to open session at 8:15 PM was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to approve hiring a part time officer as this would reduce salary costs. All ayes, motion carried.

Review of local water bills for select residences across the village was completed. It was determined that the rates for St. Johnsville Housing Authority are not commensurate with Village residence rates. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to raise HUD water/sewer to be commensurate with Village residence rates at 8:19 pm. All ayes, motion carried. This would effectively increase to reflect:

- \$300/1 bedroom
- \$450/2 bedroom
- \$600/3 bedrooms

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, motion carried. Next meeting-March 11th at 5:30PM.