

## **Regular Monthly Meeting**

### **April 10, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Central Square held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 at the Village Municipal Building, 3125 East Avenue.

**Board Members Present:** Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Ken Sherman, Mike Hart, & Jim Turo

**Village Staff Attendance:** Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz, DPW Superintendent George McCormick, Police Chief Ed Carroll, Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato

**Others in Attendance:** Susan Welke & Matthew Stevens, Village Planning Board Members

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor House called the regular meeting to order and welcomed guests in attendance. Trustee Hart led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

### **Board and Staff Reports**

**Mayor House** presented a \$3,600 invoice from the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNYRPDB) for the annual membership and service fee for the CNY Stormwater Management Coalition Stormwater Assistance Program, which was approved by the Board upon motion from Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously. The Coalition is a program which works to assist municipalities in meeting Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requirements. The CNYRPDB will be working on an outreach and education program as well as assisting communities understand and adjust to the terms and conditions of the updated permit.

**Deputy Mayor Murphy** reported the grant application to the Shineman Foundation for the park project has been submitted with a support letter from the Lions Club. The Village should hear by the end of the month if a grant is awarded.

Murphy also reported Heather McCoy is working on logo concept ideas for the new village website which should be ready for preview by the end of the month.

Murphy said he Met with DPW McCormick to discuss budget needs for the parks and cemetery.

Murphy commented on the local business that painted its building trim red and Codes Enforcement Officer said it is not in violation of any local law of the village.

**Trustee Sherman** raised a concern to Chief Carroll about the rate of speed motorists traveling on Pleasant and Webb Avenues.

**Trustee Hart** had no business to bring before the Board.

**Trustee Turo** had no business to bring before the Board.

### **DPW Supervisor McCormick Report**

- **WWTP** - the UV System at the WWTP is ready to go online, control panels have been ordered for Green Acres and Mallory Pump Stations, and Cunningham Group is on site providing support to Andy Veley.
- **Spring Projects**– The dump truck is back from repairs and brush and leaf season has started. A “Closed Trail” sign has been installed at the ADA Powell Park and the DPW crew will work on the trails as time allows.
- **Cemetery** – Kevin Hayward and Gordon Longley started on Monday and are cleaning up from the winter.
- **Personnel** – The DPW is still in need of two full-time employees. One to replace him when he retires in April 2025 and one to be hired as a DPW & WWTP laborer.

**Police Chief Carroll** reported the solar eclipse event went smooth for his police department and a FOIL request has been received regarding an incident with one of his Police Officers.

**Codes Enforcement Officer Cusato** reported William Hamacher continues to do fire inspections on commercial properties and has started inspecting rental dwellings for compliance with the housing maintenance provisions of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

Cusato also reported the new Byrne Dairy and Physical Therapy building construction projects are progressing and Walmart will start their expansion project mid-May.

Trustee Hart informed Cusato of two vehicles without license plates on Ruth Road.

**Clerk Treasurer Cusyck** had no business to bring before the Board.

## **Citizens' Concerns**

Susan Welke was concerned with how the construction of the temporary bridge in Brewerton was going to affect school buses, motorists blowing through stop signs at Northridge Drive and Hickory Lane, plow damage at end of Northridge Drive, and the number of campers at the corner of County Route 12 and Aqua Way. In response to the camper concern, CEO Cusato will look into the matter but is not aware of a village or state law limiting the number campers on a property.

Matt Stevens was concerned with a recent filming of possible violations inside a local vaping business. In response to Stevens's concern, Chief Carroll said it is illegal for stores to sell tobacco or vapor products to individuals under 21 years old.

## **Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

## **New Business**

- **Election Resolution Designation of Polling Place and Hours**

On motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution.

**WHEREAS** the next General Village Election of Officers will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Election will be held at the Village Municipal Building, 3125 East Avenue, Central Square, NY 13036, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m.

Poll vote: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes.

- **Project Bloom Request for Donation**

On motion by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon, the Board unanimously approved to continue their support of Project Bloom in the amount of \$1,000 toward the 2024 Concerts at Goettel Park.

Poll vote: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes.

## **Executive Session**

At 7:46 p.m. the Board moved to executive session to discuss a personnel matter upon motion by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:55 Pm. the Board returned to the regular meeting and approved Village Attorney Joe Frateschi to represent the village in a personnel matter upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Regular Monthly Business**

**Previous Minutes** – Minutes from March 25, 2024, as written and submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck were approved upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Monthly Vouchers** – Vouchers listed on Abstract #37 totaling \$59,515.78 were approved for payment as listed below upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously.

- **General Fund** \$13,482.11
- **Sewer Fund** \$14,390.46
- **Trust & Agency** \$73.30
- **Capital Projects** \$31,569.91

### **Next Scheduled Meeting & Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:57 p.m. Trustee Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Turo.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele A. Cusyck  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

*Approved by the Village Board April 22, 2024*