

**Regular Monthly Meeting
April 22, 2024**

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The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees Meeting was duly held on the 22nd of April 2024.

Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Ken Sherman, Mike Hart and Jim Turo.

Village Staff Attendance: Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, Police Chief Ed Carroll, Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato was absent.

Public Attendance: Michael Woodruff, Paul M. Baxter, Gregg Tweedy

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor House called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and Trustee Turo led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board and Staff Reports

Deputy Mayor Murphy: The Boy Scouts will be doing their cemetery cleanup on Saturday, May 4th.

There is no word yet on the status of the Shineman Grant for the proposed playground. The new Village website is moving along.

Trustee Sherman: Nothing to report but would like to have a Moment of Silence for the fallen officers. Moment of silence taken.

Trustee Sherman stated there are lots of potholes that still need to be fixed on US Rt. 11 which the State will need to repair.

Trustee Sherman wants to remind everyone to watch out for the kids since the weather is getting warmer. Gearing up for the 5K Redhawk Run on June 1st.

Trustee Hart: Nothing to report.

Trustee Turo: Nothing to report.

DPW Superintendent George McCormick: The UV System is ready to go online (possibly this week). George is on vacation next week and would like to work out the bugs before he leaves. The panels for the Pump Stations are in and AHR Mechanical will be installing those between May 6th and 10th.

WWTP: Cunningham Clean Water Management is providing support for Andy. New testing processes are being done.

DPW: More brush has been picked up recently than leaves. There have been two culverts replaced so far and another repaired.

New DPW and WWTP workers are needed. Would like to advertise on the Village digital sign as well as in the paper/online. George will provide job descriptions and qualification sheets for the Village Office.

Motion to place DPW and WWTP job openings on the Village digital sign made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

While George is gone, he will have his phone on, and his staff will be aware of their respective duties. Vic at AHR Mechanical is also a phone call away in case of an emergency.

The UV system alarms may be the only issue. George has already spoken to Koester about it and may have to speak with the manufacturer if the issue continues.

Trustee Hart would like George to get quotes on replacement bulbs for the UV system for upcoming budgets.

Police Chief Carroll: It's been a somber week. The Village Police Department attended both funerals for the Syracuse Police Officer and Onondaga County Sheriff who lost their lives in the line of duty. Trustee Sherman said thank you to the department for representing the Village.

The department is ready for the Little League Parade on 5/4 at 9AM.

Mayor House stated that the Memorial Day Parade may be more elaborate this year. Chief Carroll has four cars scheduled so far and will partner with the Central Square Fire Department for the event.

Code Enforcement Ed Cusato: was absent.

Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyk: There have been questions on the cemetery prices – mainly about the tent and chairs. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated that the rates are fair and to leave them as they are.

The telephone contract has been sent to the lawyer to review in the hopes to find a way to withdraw from the contract earlier than 2027. She will ask the status on this and the handbook.

The IT personnel will be here on Friday to remap the network wiring and move the modem from the garage to the Village Office. At that time, they will give us a tutorial on the setup and use of the audio visual equipment..

Citizens' Concerns: Mike Woodruff has been joining with neighborhood kids to clean up areas in our community. He is concerned about the overflowing dumpsters behind the strip mall. The debris is not contained and is now blowing into the denser brush behind and to the side of the strip mall. Mayor House will alert the codes officer (not in attendance) of the situation. The Codes Officer will have to remind those businesses without fencing around the dumpsters that it needs to be in place.

Gregg Tweedy was wondering about the status of the zoning change language. Mayor House replied that the Planning Board has moved forward with it.

Mr. Tweedy noted that he should be completed with the retaining wall in the next few days.

Gregg Tweedy also mentioned that his son went to the playground recently and that he saw that there may be improvements soon. Gregg stated that he has new equipment coming and would like to donate his time and help dig for the new site.

Paul Baxter from NorCOG is looking forward to the upcoming Tug Hill Conference in the beginning of May.

The NorCOG Tug Hill Commission meeting will be held at the Central Square Village Offices on Monday, 5/20/24 at 10 a.m. and the community is invited to attend.

New Business: Sewer Fund Budget Transfer. Michele Cusyck found where the bond principal was under-budgeted, but the bond interest was over-budgeted. To correct the overspent account, she would like to transfer the unspent amount of \$3,000 from the interest account to the overspent principal account.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy was made to move \$3,000 from the bond interest account (#G9720.700) to the bond principal account (#G9710.600), seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Election Inspectors. Marian Yerdon, Maryann Garbooshian and Penny Falter. Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck stated that upon speaking with election officials, the Village needs either 2 or 4 inspectors, but the Village can have a 3rd as an alternate. Only 2 may remain at the table. The 3rd can be a poll clerk and cover any breaks.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy was made to hire Marian Yerdon, Maryann Garbooshian and Penny Falter at \$150.00, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Monthly Business: Minutes from the Board Meeting on March 25, 2024, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by Trustee Hart, seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Vouchers listed on Abstract #38 totaling \$89,922.71 were approved for payment as follows upon motion duly made by Trustee Hart and seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 8:00 p.m. Trustee Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Turo.
Respectfully submitted,

Krista Ruzekowicz
Deputy Clerk

Approved by the Village Board May 13, 2024