

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 12th day of August 2024

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

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

Public Attendance: Planning Board Member Matthew Stevens; Heidi Tompkins, Tug Hill Commission; North side village residents Keith & Karen Payne, Vincent Buttiglieri, David Briest, Josh Purple, Olevea & Bobby Dinadio, Marc & Marie Fradette, Marlena Lerch, Randy Wilkinson; South side village resident Tom Rinefierd, East-center village residents Wayne & Karen Skinner

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor House called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests in attendance. Trustee Ken Sherman led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board and Staff Reports

Mayor House had no information to report.

Trustee Murphy announced event dates for the Oswego County Conference of Mayors Dinner Meeting at The Lock Restaurant in Fulton on August 15th at 5:30 p.m., September 11th Remembrance Day in Goettel Park at 5:30 p.m. and the December 8th Christmas Tree Lighting in Goettel Park at 5:00 p.m.

Murphy also let the Board know that Gordon Longley will be buying a popup tent to be used mainly for cremains at a cost of \$350-\$400, which is in the budget.

Trustee Sherman made mention of the drainage problems from the recent rain events.

Trustee Hart had no business to bring before the Board.

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DPW Report was read by Mayor House in the absence of DPW Superintendent McCormick, but first noted that the playground equipment install project at Goettel Park has been rescheduled from August 12th to August 20th due to the rainy weather.

- **Pump Stations** – Green Acres is still being cleaned weekly but staying ahead of problems.
- **Safety** – No reportable accidents or incidents.
- **WWTP** – EQ tank looks good, Press is scheduled for service for 2 bad rollers, Reactor 1 diffuser is scheduled for needed repairs.
- **Projects** – Cleaning ditches on the south side of the village, should be getting to the north side in a few weeks. McCormick recommends the municipal building parking lot be sealed and restriped at a cost of \$6,429.31.
- **Cemetery** – Gordon has a laptop now with the CemSites software installed, he will start getting familiar with it most likely in the fall. DPW Superintendent feels the popup tent discussed earlier in the meeting is necessary due to Gordon being the only employee on site.
- **Personnel** – Chad Maher is out indefinitely for medical reason.

Police Chief Carroll reported the Police Department is in need of a new copier and presented a quote of \$349 for a Cannon similar to the one they currently have. Deputy Mayor Murphy suggested he look at a Hewlett Packard because they are reliable and offer better service, warranty, and features than their competitors. Carroll agreed to research Hewlett Packard and the Board authorized an amount not to exceed \$500 for a new printer upon motion duly made by Trustee Turo, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Carroll also reported 25 calls for service, 128 tickets and 2 accidents for the month of July.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck requested authorization to utilize early payment options to vendors used regularly, which the Board approved. The discounts can be mutually beneficial as vendors get faster payments and the village saves money.

Cusyck also let the Board know that the water credit memo letters and late village tax notices have been mailed and the camera in the office does not work.

Citizens' Concerns

North side Village Residents -Residents from the north side of the village voiced concerns about excessive rain runoff to the extent of entering walls of some of the homes. After much discussion with each of the property owners the Board agreed to walk the properties with DPW Superintendent McCormick within the coming week.

Wayne Skinner -Mr. Skinner voiced a concern about a drainage issue caused by gravel entering his yard from the Gregg Tweedy construction site adjacent to his property. He also made a complaint about the debris, garbage, and junk Mr. Tweedy is storing at the back of his property.

Mayor House informed Mr. Skinner that Mr. Tweedy has been issued an Order to Remedy the conditions.

Tom Rinefield brought up drainage again on Thelma Road, but the Board and DPW Superintendent McCormick have investigated the issue before and exhausted all avenues to resolve the problem.

Old Business

Heidi Tompkins read Paul Baxter's August Report and noted the next meeting of the North Shore Council of Governments (NorCOG) has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Monroe Town Hall; interviews are being scheduled for the Tug Hill Circuit Rider position serving NorCOG, a Tug Hill Representative will be at a meeting later this month with National Grid regarding potential new transmission lines in Oswego County that may impact the Town of Hastings, the annual Oswego County Legislature meeting will be at the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse in Pulaski on Thursday, August 15th at 2:00 pm, and the Tug Hill Commission dinner will be Thursday, September 19th at 5:00 p.m. in Port Lyden at the Hayloft at Moonshine Fann.

New Business

Goettel Park Fee Waiver Request - At the request of the Central Square Library, the Board approved waiving the user fee for Goettel Park for their Summer Reading and Ice Cream Party on August 22nd 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.

Standard Workday Resolution – The Board approved the three-month Record of Activities (ROA) and an 8-hour Standard Work Day Resolution for Code Enforcement Officer William Hamacher 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. The ROA is used to calculate the average number of days worked in a month, which is required for appointed officials who do not participate in a time-keeping system. The Resolution confirms the standard work day of 8 hours if the position was considered

full-time and to report days worked to the New York State Retirement System, as retirement benefits are based, in part, on days worked.

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The Minutes of the Special meeting on July 12th and regular meeting on July 22nd were approved upon motion duly made 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.

Monthly Vouchers - August Fund Vouchers listed on Abstract #5 in the amount of \$45,300.83 were approved for payment upon motion duly made by Trustee Hart, 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. Fund breakdown: General \$31,480.41, Sewer \$13,768.62, Trust & Agency \$51.80.

Adjournment

At 8:17 p.m. Trustee Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Sherman.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by Village Board August 26, 2024