

**Special Meeting
February 2, 2024**

The special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 2nd day of February 2024.

Board Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Michael Hart, Ken Sherman. **Absent Board Member:** Trustee Jim Turo

Village Staff Attendance: Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, DPW Superintendent George McCormick, Deputy Village Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz

Public/Guest Attendance: none

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor House called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Murphy: Surplus Equipment – Police 2015 Ford Explorer (VIN: 1FM5K8AR1FGC51729) and Police Bicycle. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated that BOCES is willing to fix the bicycle (if needed) for the Central Square School District. DPW Superintendent George McCormick stated that he will try to sell the Explorer out front – George to set price. The decals need to be stripped off the vehicle first. Trustee Hart made a motion to donate the bike to Central Square School District. Seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes. Trustee Turo- absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Murphy: Police time & a half for Holidays: The police employee handbook does not state the time and a half pay for worked holidays. At this time, it should be noted that police officers should be paid the additional money for working holidays. Trustee Sherman asked about Easter holiday. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Murphy to pay Police officers time and a half for holidays that are worked. These 5 holidays are to include Christmas, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Easter. Seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes. Trustee Turo- absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor House: New lawyer for the Village: Mayor House met and spoke at length with Joe Frateschi. Joe stated that he wouldn't be in the village every week but will be at the next Board Meeting (February 12th). Mayor House stated that Jeff Schiano (previous attorney) was okay with Joe taking over. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated that Ed Cusato may also need/use his advice. Deputy Mayor Murphy made motion to pay Joe Frateschi as our new Village of Central Square lawyer at \$200/hour, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Murphy: Children's Playground: (citing previous monthly meeting) the Hasto family is donating \$15,000 for a playground. The Lions Club would like to add to the donation in the form of a swing set. The Village would have to remove the old stone base and swings. The grant for the children's playground could be approved and installed by this Summer. Mayor House: stated that the hope is to put all funds (including from Lions Club) into NY Class to gain additional interest. From that money, a sign would be erected in John & Doloris' memory. The fee for writing the grant is \$1,500. Deputy Mayor Murphy made motion for hiring Kristy Lamanche to write the grant/application for a children's park and seconded by Trustee Hart and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Turo- absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck: A quote was proposed to the board from Heather McCoy of 315 Designs for \$5,920.00 to design a new website. This will enable Michele and staff members to update the website to reflect any ongoing in the village and keep costs down when adding items (such as minutes). Motion made by Trustee Hart to approve the design of the new website from ARPA and seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

At 3:49 p.m. Mayor Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Hart and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista M. Ruzekowicz
Village Deputy Clerk

Approved by the Village Board February 26, 2024

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 12, 2024

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

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

Village Staff Attendance: Code Enforcement Ed Cusato, Police Chief Ed Carroll, Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz

Public Attendance: Matthew Stevens, Paul M. Baxter

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

Board and Staff Reports

Mayor House: Notice of Intent is required to be sent to the DEC for coverage of the MS4 Stormwater Program. Barton & Loguidice (B&L) has agreed to file the necessary paperwork on behalf of the Village as last year. A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Murphy: was absent.

Trustee Sherman: had nothing.

Trustee Hart: nothing but will fill in for DPW Superintendent.

Trustee Turo: I just left High School and Natalie Bush got her 1,000th point tonight at the Basketball game!

DPW (Report read by Trustee Hart in George McCormick's absence):

UV System is waiting on start-up with Trojan. Waiting for quotes from Gartner on Panels for Green Acres and Mallory Pump Stations. DPW/WWTP have started the Safety Program documentation and will be working on it

throughout the winter. The Backhoe restoration should be done this week. WWTP preventative maintenance is up to date. The DEC Annual Inspection went well in December. Cemetery: Mike Supernault is cleaning up the cemetery (getting an early start with the nice weather). One burial was done last week.

Police Chief Carroll: on Wednesday, 2/7/24; Chief Carroll arrived to see his officer outside on the porch surrounded by people for court; which was a safety issue. Chief Carroll stated that he doesn't know what the solution is but acknowledges that it stems from the lack of space. Trustee Hart mentioned a modular unit being brought in. Further discussion is needed. Chief Carroll stated that the Village may be looking for another SRO officer due to health reasons. The current new SRO Office (Joseph Stala) is doing well.

Code Enforcement Ed Cusato: Building permits issued; a demo permit was issued for the Byrne Dairy project. Walmart expansion project is to begin soon, and the sign permit was submitted. List of violations issued and appearance tickets to be issued. Fire safety and property maintenance inspections continue and the fire inspection fees are being paid. The Planning Board will be meeting on Thursday, 2/15. There is nothing coming up for the Zoning Board.

Citizens' Concerns: none present.

Old Business: regarding the Employee Handbook – Joe Frateschi (lawyer) would like to meet with Mayor House and Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck to discuss further.

New Business: Joe Frateschi introduced himself to the Board and attendees as the new Village Attorney. Joe has been in Municipal Law since 2014 and serves several municipalities such as Manlius, Salina, Lysander, Pompey, & Wampsville. His law firm has labor & employment departments, as well as litigators. He has two staff persons that can be at Village meetings in his absence. Joe looks forward to working with the Village of Central Square.

Paul Baxter from the North Shore Council of Governments (NorCOG) brought flyers for upcoming workshops and Oneida Lake Watershed Plan groups sessions. These are open to the public.

Motion to appoint Matthew Stevens as a member of the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Ken Sherman was made by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- absent. The motion was carried unanimously. Matthew Stevens was duly sworn in by Mayor House and his term will expire June 30, 2025.

Monthly Business: Minutes from the Special Board Meeting on November 24, 2023, were approved upon motion made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes from the Board Meeting on December 11, 2023, were approved upon motion by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Vouchers listed on Abstract #33 totaling \$64,035.77 were approved for payment as follows upon motion duly made by Trustee Hart and seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjournment: At 7:51 p.m. Trustee Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Turo.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Ruzekowicz

Deputy Clerk

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