

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 22, 2024

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

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

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

Public Attendance: Matthew Stevens, Gregg Tweedy, Agatha Tweedy

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

Board and Staff Reports

Mayor House: discussion on NY Class for municipalities investments – higher return and can withdraw money without penalties. Other municipalities have had success. Motion for Michele to fill out necessary paperwork to utilize NY Class. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Murphy 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 carried unanimously.

The Girl Scouts would like to use part of the parking lot at Goettel Park as well as Crossroads Park on the weekends from 2/15-3/31/24 to sell cookies without submitting monetary deposit. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Murphy to waive the deposit for the Girl Scouts, which was seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Turo-absent. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on requiring Certificates of Insurance for all persons / organizations who use the village parks as recommended by the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR). Mayor House stated that he will contact the Village insurance agent (Eastern Shore) and request more information. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Murphy: Oswego County Mayors Meeting was last week, discussion was on grants the Board would like to investigate hiring a person on an as needed basis and will request a quote from Kristy Lamanche of KL Consultants. Kristy was the speaker at the Mayor's Meeting.

The family of Doris & John Hasto has set aside \$15,000 for a children's park in John's name. Playground items mentioned were for children ages 6-12. There was also mention

of activities for adults or dogs, but the money was specifically noted for children. Deputy Mayor Murphy will investigate playground options further.

Trustee Sherman: mentioned that Divine Mercy has an event on Friday for families starting around 6PM with food, smores, small fires. About 100 people may attend.

Trustee Hart: commented that George (DPW) is doing a great job of keeping the backhoe looking good. The village could use a mini excavator for ditch cleanup and restoration projects. Look into this for the future.

Trustee Turo: was absent.

DPW Superintendent McCormick: reported that part of the UV System/upgrade is complete. A progress walk-through will be done on Wednesday. Trojan company was notified for startup. A new pump for Mallory station arrived. New backup pumps came in. A catwalk will need to be in place for the UV System area for about \$8,900. An improved Safety Program and documentation will be in progress this winter. Still making progress with the backhoe restorations. More to be done next week. WWTP – all painting is completed in the filter room. Blower room to be painted this week. Preventative maintenance is up to date.

Executive Session – At 7:32 p.m. the Board moved to an Executive session to discuss personnel matters upon motion made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Turo-absent.

The Board returned to the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Police Chief Carroll: was absent.

Codes Officer Cusato: was absent.

Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck: had nothing for the Board. Deputy Mayor Murphy asked what our timetable was for the budget. Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck stated that the tax cap override local law needs to be passed prior to budget adoption.

Citizens' Concerns:

Mr. Tweedy mentioned a possible Zoning Comprehensive meeting. He mentioned that a 239 Review is just a recommendation from the County against a zone change. Mr. Tweedy then passed documents out noting different locations comparable to his Carriage House for the Board to review. Mayor House asked Mr. Tweedy to leave the documents and the Board would review. Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck requested the documents be sent to her via email. Mr. Tweedy stated that he would clean up the documents and send them. Mayor House stated that they would meet again on the 2nd Monday of next month. Mayor House continued that it would take time to solve the problem and the county can complete comprehensive reviews. Mr. Tweedy asked if his

\$1,500 deposit for the zone change would be returned. Mayor House stated that he will review this with Code Officer Cusato. No other citizens' concerns.

Deputy Mayor Murphy made mention that the previous owner of the railroad museum had passed. Mayor House stated that he had seen the inside and it's awesome! The new owners will be opening tours.

New Business

Krista Ruzekowicz was recommended to take minutes at the Village Planning Board Meetings starting February 15th. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Murphy and seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Turo-absent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Matt Stevens would like to join the Village Planning Board Committee. He is a Political Science major in college. Trustee Sherman stated that Matt was on the student board in high school and thinks he would bring a new perspective to the board. Matt stated that Trustee Sherman mentioned the opening to him, and he thought about the growth of the community – especially with Micron moving in.

Monthly Vouchers – Vouchers listed on Abstract #32 totaling \$93,029.13 were approved for payment as follows upon motion duly made by Trustee Hart, 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 carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 8:07 p.m. Trustee Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Hart.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista M. Ruzekowicz
Deputy Clerk

Approved by the Village Board as written February 26, 2024