

Public Hearing & Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Central Square held a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. and its monthly meeting at 7:15 p.m. 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/Officials Attendance: Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, DPW Superintendent George McCormick, Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato, Planning Board Members Robin Hansen, Sue Welke & Maggie Kirby; Police Chief Ed Carroll was absent.

Public Attendance: Gregg Tweedy, Hyperion Development; Heidi, Tompkins Tug Hill Commission; Village Residents Tom Rinefierd, Greg Watson, Tina Freeman, Jackie Albright, Roy & Laura Maylone, Nicole Costello, Matthew Stevens, Wayne & Karen Skinner, Robert & Linda Heistman, Mary Wescott, Rob Drabot

6:45 P.M. THE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: Zone Change Request from Gregg Tweedy, Hyperion Development, for 3206 & 3208 East Avenue, from a R-1 One Family Residential District to a R-M Multifamily Residential District

After Mr. Tweedy made his presentation identifying several benefits of the zone change, there was public comment for and against the zone change request. After public comment, Mayor House read the 239 Review Referral Response from Oswego County Department of Community Development that recommended Denial without Prejudice, stating that the rezoning was not in compliance with the Village of Central Square Comprehensive Plan.

A motion to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. was introduced by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and approved unanimously.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor House called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. He called for a vote by the Board on the zone change request from Gregg Tweedy which was defeated unanimously by motion from Deputy Mayor Murphy and seconded by Trustee Sherman to accept the recommendation of denial by Oswego County. Poll vote: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor House had nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Murphy informed the Board that the Oswego County Conference of Mayors meeting was this Wednesday, January 10th, at the Eis House where grant writer Kristy Lamanche of KL Consulting will be the guest speaker.

Regarding the Hillside Cemetery, Murphy mentioned that the cemetery is closed, and one body is in the vault. Superintendent McCormick added there are 436 graves left to sell, maybe consider another columbarium.

Trustee Sherman had nothing to report.

Trustee Hart had nothing to report.

Trustee Turo had nothing to report,

DPW Superintendent McCormick reported the new LED sign is up and running, the UV System is moving forward, the new pump for Green Acres has been delivered but waiting on the pump for Mallory, a safety program has been started to improve their documentation, winter projects of rebuilding and repainting equipment is still progressing nicely, and the WWTP is running smoothly and preventative maintenance is up to date.

Police Chief Ed Carroll absent.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato presented a report for building permits and violations issued between 12/1/23 – 01/08/24. He reported that housing inspections are going good, a security fence has been erected around the old Bowling Alley building, the new Physical Therapy building project on East & Webb Ave is moving forward, the Planning Board met with Mr. Tweedy at their December meeting to discuss his zone change request and have no new applications at this time; the ZBA approved variances for Byrne Dairy & Walmart projects and have no new variance applications at this time.

Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck had nothing to report.

Citizen Concerns

None

Old Business

None

New Business

North Shore Council of Governments (NorCOG) – Heidi Tompkins reviewed the January Report submitted by Paul Baxter highlighting the following:

- Announcements have gone out for the 2024 Tug Hill Local Government Conference for May 1-2 at Turning Stone Casino & Resort.
- The North Shore economic resiliency and recovery study continues to move forward.
- The traffic study proposal for the Route 49 corridor was submitted by the deadline required.
- January 2024 list of Tug Hill Announcements included with the Report.

Progressive Energy Consultants -Brokers for the Village for electric & gas supply contracts, will begin shopping for renewal rates as the 18-month expiration dates near.

Municipal Solutions – The Board approved and authorized Mayor House to sign the renewal agreement with Municipal Solutions for general financial services 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 – a motion to approve the monthly meeting minutes of October 10 and November 13, 2023, was introduced 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.

Monthly Vouchers – Vouchers listed on Abstract #31 totaling \$116,049.93 were approved for payment by fund as follows 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.

- **General Fund** \$52,914.08
 - **Sewer Fund** \$18,537.33
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- **Water Fund** \$11,353.91
- **Trust & Agency** 394.61
- **Capital Projects** \$32,850.00

Adjournment

At 7:5 p.m. Trustee Hart moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Turo.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by the Village Board as written February 26, 2024

Village of Central Square

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees

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 Cusyk: had nothing for the Board. Deputy Mayor Murphy asked what our timetable was for the budget. Clerk/Treasurer Cusyk 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 Cusyk 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