

Regular Monthly Minutes

July 22, 2024

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

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

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

Public Attendance: Kerry Gillick-Goldberg, Marlena Lerch, Matthew Stevens.

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

Board and Staff Reports

Mayor House: Received an audit notification from the Unified Court System. Michele, please check with Pat, the Court Clerk.

Deputy Mayor Murphy: I will be meeting with Gordon and George to go over the Hillside Cemetery rules and regulations before bringing them to the Cemetery Committee for review.

Earlier this week I visited the Summer Rec program at Goettel Park and spoke with Rebekah, the Camp Director. Next year she’d like to promote the program earlier in the Spring and possibly extend it another week.

I also met Eric Davis who piloted his drone through accessible areas of the Village. He got some terrific shots along with aerial views of the parks, school campus, railroad museum, etc.

The next mayor’s meeting will be held at the Tavern on the Lock in Fulton.

Trustee Sherman: This past week the Village received 2 inches of rain in about 45 minutes. The storm drains were doing their best to keep up with all the water.

Residents do have a responsibility to clean out their storm drain and grates. Hats off to the DPW personnel in responding to calls.

Trustee Hart: There are still two unregistered vehicles in a driveway on Ruth Ave. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato stated that the next step would be to bring them to court on the continued violations.

Trustee Turo: Everything is good.

DPW Superintendent George McCormick: During the storm last week, George was called in to assess an “excess water” complaint on Kelly Drive and found the water grate was blocked by the owners’ hay that was put down in their yard. He drove around the Village and made sure that grates were “swirling” – a sign that the pipes were doing their best to keep up with the water flow. The Village DPW had to take 2 backhoe buckets full of “flushable” wipes from one of the pump stations.

George is waiting for another quote for rebuilding the cemetery wall – he only has one right now.

So far, there is no algae detected in the water tank. This Fall will determine if installation of the floating balls controls the growth of the algae.

The street sweeper will be operational once the last part arrives and is installed.

During the last meeting, there was discussion on possibly putting signs on Green Acres Drive to prevent large tractor trailers getting down there as well as residents’ concern about the speed.

Deputy Mayor Murphy made Motion to add a No Outlet and 20 MPH sign on Green Acres Drive, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Police Chief Carroll: was absent.

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato: The July violation and new building permit lists were completed. Ed inspected the Walmart expansion and it’s coming along well. The old Agway building’s first floor remodel has been inspected. There is nothing being done to the 2nd or 3rd floors of the building.

Trustee Sherman mentioned that the dumpster behind the dollar store on East Ave. was overflowing again and asked if Codes Officer Cusato could remind them of the issue. Code Enforcement Officers Ed Cusato and William Hamacher will follow up on the complaint.

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato stated that the air conditioner unit in their office isn't working. Trustee Hart will measure for a new unit to be installed.

Ed Cusato would like to review and edit the Peddlers Permit information so that it's a flat fee. The Board will review once Officer Cusato has edited the current permit.

Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck: Would like to set up another workshop on the Village's sewer structure on Monday, July 29th at 9AM.

Citizens' Concerns: Kerry Gillick-Goldberg is representing the agent that is auctioning off the NYS Raceway Park in the Town of Hastings. The auction is from the 13th to the 15th of August.

Marlena Lerch presented a document explaining what a Community Garden could do for Crossroads Park and some ways to start and sustain it. The fruits and vegetables could save on rising food costs, beautify neighborhoods and bring the community together.

Old Business: The employee handbook will be reviewed on July 29th at 7AM.

New Business: The water debt assessment penalties from 2021/2022 will be addressed, and a letter sent out to those residents affected with their next water/sewer invoice.

Deputy Mayor Murphy made Motion to approve the list of water debt adjustments to be made and letters sent out to residents, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Central Square Police Department received a grant from NYS Criminal Justice in the amount of \$15,500. A Police Department Budget Modification will need approval as follows: Add Revenue Account # A3089 (State Aid Other, Law Enforcement Technology) for \$15,500 as well as the Expense Account # A3120.200

(Equipment) for \$15,500 to receive and spend the grant funds. The total of the Equipment is \$15,979. Police Chief Ed Carroll approved to move \$479 out of the Uniforms expense account (# A3120.404) and add it to the Equipment expense account (# A3120.200).

Deputy Mayor Murphy made Motion to approve the Police Budget Modification, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Town of Hastings formed the South-Central Sewer District and would like to discuss a tentative sewer agreement for the Byrne Dairy and Dollar General right outside the Village. Byrne Dairy would provide the money and engineering costs to complete the project to include a duplex grinder pump located behind Byrne Dairy. No septic sewage would be accepted. Approximately 20,000 gallons per day is estimated. DPW Superintendent George McCormick stated that the wastewater treatment plant is at 60% capacity and the additional volume shouldn't impact the plant. Meters would be set and monitored for usage.

Mayor House stated that the agreement would be comparable to the one the Village currently has with Roxbury Estates. The Town of Hastings, Oswego County and the DEC would like the Village to allow Byrne Dairy and Dollar General to hook into the Village's wastewater treatment plant and added that the Town in no way would want to negatively impact the plant.

Trustee Sherman made Motion to accept the proposal made by the South-Central Sewer District formed by the Town of Hastings to hook up to the Village of Central Square sanitary sewer based on a tentative agreement and design that is acceptable by the Village of Central Square and seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Monthly Business: Minutes from the Board Meeting on July 8th, 2024 were reviewed. Motion to approve previous minutes by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Vouchers listed on Abstract #4 totaling \$31,348.86 were approved for payments as follows upon motion made by Trustee Hart and seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 8:50 p.m. Trustee Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Turo.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Ruzekowicz
Deputy Clerk

Approved by the Village Board August 12, 2024