

Regular Monthly Meeting
June 10, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees Meeting was duly held on the 10th of June 2024.

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

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

Public Attendance: Robin Hansen, Matthew Stevens and Paul M. Baxter.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor House called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. and Trustee Turo led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board and Staff Reports

Deputy Mayor Murphy: Spoke with Joe Frateschi and he stated that the labor attorney has reviewed approximately 80% of the employee handbook and should be completed by next week.

In reviewing the cemetery notes on military plaques, Deputy Mayor Murphy asked Dennis Goss from Sweet-Woods Memorial about the possibility to attach them to a niche. Dennis said that there is a new form that is being used on headstones, but none for a niche. There is a possibility of having reduced print on the front door of the niche so that the military service was visible.

The Run for the Fallen had a very nice turnout last Thursday. Reading of names of fallen soldiers followed by the gold star presentation at Veterans Park. Thanks to the DPW and Girl Scouts for their help in arranging the hearts and for all the military flags in the cemetery.

Kristy LaManche sent a summary of last weeks' workshop and Robin Hansen said that the Planning Board is regenerated and ready to work with Kristy on upcoming Grants.

Trustee Sherman: Village elections will be held on Tuesday, June 18th. Central Square High School Graduation is on June 28th.

Trustee Hart: There are still unregistered vehicles on the corner of Dry Bridge and Ruth Road.

Trustee Turo: Said all was good.

DPW Superintendent George McCormick: Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP): George is waiting for National Grid to provide an installation date for the new panel at the Mallory Road pump station. Cunningham Clean Water Management advised that the

WWTP should have updated lab equipment for proper testing methods. This would entail 4 pieces of equipment totaling \$5,571.50. There would be 2 water composite samplers, a self-reading meter and a wastewater probe that would be attached to the meter.

Motion by Trustee Hart to purchase the equipment for the wastewater treatment plant as part of the UV Project, 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.

Deputy Mayor Murphy asked George about a concrete mixer for the cemetery. George said that he received a quote for approximately \$4,500.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy to purchase a concrete mixer for the cemetery (for a purchase price not to exceed \$5,000), 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: Regarding the vehicles on the corner of Ruth Road, it seems the younger man at the residence is trying to fix one of the cars to sell and register the other vehicle.

With the help of Officer Kite, Central Square Police Department was awarded a Grant of \$15,500 for in-car computers with printers. Officer Kite has a proposal for what is needed, that totals \$15,979 for the equipment.

Motion by Trustee Hart to make up the difference needed of \$479 for the purchase of the in-car computers with printers for the Police Department, 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.

Code Enforcement Ed Cusato: was absent.

Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck: The Village Office is receiving tax payments. Michele received a call from CNY Regional Planning Board about the Climate Smart Energy Grant. Michele will review the particulars on the Grant and pursue if it seems a good fit for the Village.

Citizens' Concerns: There were none.

Paul M. Baxter from NorCOG was in attendance and provided the Village with additional Recreation Guides as well as a rundown of the next scheduled meetings for the Tug Hili Commission. He also provided the Board with a 2050 Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council Plan document that had a survey link for future improvements.

Paul was asked by Trustee Hart about Micron, and if he had heard of any additional studies. Trustee Sherman stated that there was a Steering Committee meeting tomorrow afternoon in Oswego and Deputy Mayor Murphy would forward Paul the meeting information.

Old Business: Deputy Mayor Murphy met with the Barclay Foundation to request additional monies towards the new Playground Project at Goettel Park and provided them with the financial backing the Village has currently received. The total cost of the project including shipping would be approximately \$46,479, which is about \$16,000 less than previously bid. The company would need \$18,592 as down payment. It would take about 8 weeks for everything to be delivered and 10-12 weeks for the project to be completed. Deputy Mayor Murphy is hoping to hear back from the Barclay Foundation and believes we will receive the Grant soon.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the purchase of the Playground Project for \$46,479 and send a \$18,592 deposit, 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.

New Business: Mayor House: A list of Summer Recreation personnel was provided to the Board by Rebekah McGraw (Director).

Motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the list of staff members for the Summer Recreation Program, 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 May 29, 2024, were reviewed. Motion to approve previous minutes by Deputy Mayor Murphy, 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.

Minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on June 7, 2024, were reviewed. Motion to approve previous minutes by Deputy Mayor Murphy, 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 #1 totaling \$13,059.29 were approved for payments as follows upon motion made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- abstained, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried.

Additional vouchers listed on Abstract #40 totaling \$22,869.91 were approved for payment as follows upon motion duly made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by

Trustee Turo and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- abstained, Trustee Turo- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried.

Adjournment

At 8:04 p.m. Trustee Hart moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Sherman.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Ruzekowicz

Deputy Clerk

Approved by the Village Board June 24, 2024