

Regular Monthly Meeting
May 29, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees Meeting was duly held on the 29th of May 2024.

Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Ken Sherman and Mike Hart. Absent was Trustee 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: Maryellen Commisso, Cindy Partrick, Maggie Kirkby, Sue Welke, Robin Hansen and Matthew Stevens.

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

Board and Staff Reports

Deputy Mayor Murphy: First kudos to George and the DPW crew for getting the Village in shape for the Memorial Day Parade!

The playground grant money received was less than our original request, but Michele Cusyck and I met with Kristy LaManche today. Kristy can write a consolidated grant request that will be due at the end of July. She would like to meet in the first part of June with Planning Board members, Board of Trustees and Zoning Board Members to go over items that may already be in the works for the consolidated grant proposal.

Kristy mentioned that she'd be willing to have a workshop with the Planning Board on the Comprehensive Plan that would coincide with any grants she would be writing for the Village in the future, this way she will have better understanding of the wants and needs of the Village. The CNY Regional Planning Board also has a lot to offer.

Deputy Mayor Murphy spoke with Joe Frateschi and Joe suggested that the employee handbook be reviewed properly by a labor attorney in his firm. Motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the review of the employee handbook, seconded by Trustee Hart and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Trustee Sherman: DPW did a great job getting the Village ready for the Memorial Day Parade. Thanks to the Police Department for more presence in the Village and the traffic coverage for the Memorial Day Parade.

Trustee Hart: Monday morning, he saw Fred and George from the DPW at 6 a.m. collecting garbage and debris around the Memorial Day Parade route as well as in the cemetery.

Trustee Hart submitted a proposal to replace the broken air conditioning system in the Village courthouse with a new unit for \$5,500. This unit will also include a heating system.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the purchase of a new air/heating system in the courthouse for \$5,500 installed and removal of the old unit, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- abstained, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Trustee Turo: was absent.

DPW Superintendent George McCormick: The UV System is online, a new electrical panel was stalled at the Green Acres Pump Station on East Ave. He is waiting for a date from National Grid to change the panel out on the Mallory Road Pump Station.

Waste Water Treatment Plant – there is a problem with algae buildup that has been discussed with the engineer and have come up with a solution. There are balls that will float on top of the tank to prevent the algae from forming. The quote for these balls is \$6,702.58; they have a 25-year lifespan. Before the balls can be set in place, the Village will need to have Paragon come and vacuum out the tanks of the algae currently in the tank.

Deputy Mayor Murphy made Motion to have Paragon clean out the tanks at approximately \$2,400 and order the balls for \$6,702.58, seconded by Trustee Hart and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Michele and I met with a CHIPS program consultant which grants funding for road repair in the Village. There was mention of roads not being paved with CHIPS money more than once in a 10-year period. Equipment can also be purchased with CHIPS money. Fines will be imposed if this money is not used properly. But we did find out that there is a TAP grant available that can be used on State owned roads.

Police Chief Carroll: Attended and directed traffic for the Little League Parade as well as the Memorial Day Parade. The Police Department will be in attendance for the Redhawk Run on June 1st as well as the Run For the Fallen on June 6th.

Code Enforcement Ed Cusato: was absent.

Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck: The Village Office received the tax file today from Oswego County, so the office will be mailing out the Village taxes. The new website is up and will need some tweaks. There is a Facebook page for the Village of Central Square that is not for the Village and has been Reported with hopes that it is taken down soon.

Citizens' Concerns: There were none.

Old Business: Mayor Murphy proposed that the Board of Trustees and the Planning Board have a workshop along with the Code Enforcement Officer to review the Local Law proposed by the Planning Board.

New Business: A request to waive the fee to rent Goettel Park by the Mallory Wesleyan Church was submitted. Motion by Trustee Sherman was made to waive the fee for the Mallory Wesleyan Church, seconded by Trustee Hart and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Authorization to Close Year End – Transfers, Accruals, Payments. Deputy Mayor Murphy made Motion to close the fiscal year, seconded by Trustee Hart and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recommended that CHA amend our permit for the DEC regarding the Central Square Wetland. Motion to allow CHA to modify the permit made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hart and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Monthly Business: Minutes from the Board Meeting on May 13, 2024, were reviewed. Motion to approve previous minutes by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hart and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Vouchers listed on Abstract #40 totaling \$40,526.82 were approved for payment as follows upon motion duly made by Trustee Hart and seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy and voted upon: Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Mayor House- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Ruzekowicz, Deputy Clerk

Approved by the Village Board June 10, 2024