

Regular Monthly Meeting November 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 13th day of November 2024

Board Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Mike Hart, Ken Sherman & Jim Turo (arrived 7:41 p.m.)

Village Staff in Attendance: Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz, Police Chief Ed Carroll, DPW Superintendent George McCormick **Absent:** Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato

Public Attendance: Heidi Tompkins, Tug Hill Commission; Frederick Forbes Jr., Applicant for Village Police Department; Village residents Judy Geis, Matthew Stevens and Agatha & Gregg Tweedy

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor House called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Trustee Hart led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board and Staff Reports

Mayor House had nothing to report.

Trustee Murphy reported Hillside Cemetery was coming to a close for the winter. He shared holiday dates for Christmas Tree Lighting at Goettel Park on December 8th at 5:30 p.m., Thanksgiving Dinners at Divine Mercy on November 23rd and American Legion on November 25th.

Trustee Sherman asked DPW Superintendent McCormick to place 3-4 picnic tables out for Winterfest coming to Divine Mercy on January 31st.

Trustee Hart had no business to report.

Trustee Turo had not arrived at the meeting yet.

DPW Superintendent McCormick reported on the following activities:

- **Pump Stations** – Ongoing cleaning at Green Acres Pump Station.
- **Safety** – Practice makes perfect.
- **WWTP** – Had Annual Inspection. Sewer Use Law needs to be updated and sent to NYSDEC. There is a Beaver Dam by the outfall, Don Ash is dealing with.
- **Projects** – Leaf and brush season is underway. Dave Winks helped the DPW clear a roadway to all manholes on County route 12 across from the school. Winks will be chipping brush and trying to open up more of the channel to drain Collins Terrace and School better, and to stop the flooding.
- **Cemetery** – Starting repair of the wall on Thursday. Have 4 headstone footers to try and get in. Water has been turned off in cemetery and food building.
- **Personnel** – To be discussed in Executive Session.

McCormick added that the Northland Drive cul-de-sac is in the budget to be paved and was quoted by Oswego County at \$13,268.00 back in the spring. The County blacktop plant has since shut down for the season. Chad Dixon quoted \$16,500.00 to pave the cul-de-sac which was approved to be paid from the General Fund Highway budget upon motion duly made by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-absent. The motion carried unanimously

Police Chief Carroll was told by Mayor House that Country Glazed will be contacting him about the Jingle Bell Jog on Sunday December 15 at 11 a.m. It's a family friendly event that is a 1-mile loop around the square and all registration fees collected will be donated to Central Square Essentials for Success to ensure no child goes hungry in the community.

Mayor House also reminded Chief Carroll of the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Goettel Park on Sunday, December 8th at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Carroll recommended Frederic (Jay) Forbes Jr. as a part-time Police Officer contingent upon a positive background check and qualifying for fire arms which was approved upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-absent. The motion carried unanimously. Jay comes with experience from Homer Police Department and Cayuga Nation Police Department.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck requested to schedule a sewer structure workshop and noted that trailers at Roxbury Estates still need to be counted. Chief Carroll offered to do the count with one of his Officers.

Citizens' Concerns

Judy Geis complimented how great Hillside Cemetery looks. She also questioned if boundary stakes used to protect property from snowplow damage were legal as they narrow up the roadway, specifically in her neighborhood on Thelma Drive. Geis was told by the Board that the stakes are legal as long as they aren't in the roadway.

Gregg Tweedy spoke on 10 points why the owner-occupied requirement should not be included in the accessory use apartment language in the proposed local law amending the Zoning Code to allow and regulate accessory dwelling units in the village.

He has emailed the 10-point list along with an application for a zone change from R-One Family Residential to RM- Residential Multifamily for 3206 & 3208 East Avenue to Village Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck and asked her to deliver them to the Board. He added that Mary Wescott, Clark & Debbie Graves, Tina Freeman and Greg Watson will also be submitting applications with his so that the top half of the zone will be contiguous from the Lyons

Dentistry, extending the commercial zone and being a transition from commercial to residential.

Tweedy also complimented the Board for the new playground equipment at Goettel Park.

Old Business

- **Heidi Tompkins** began full-time service with the Tug Hill Commission and she and Paul will continue to support the North Shore Council of Governments and member municipalities until his planned retirement in early 2025.
- **Excavation on County Route 12** to gain access to the existing 10 manholes has been done by DW Contracting at an estimated cost of \$10,000. The Board was in agreement for DW Contracting to continue chipping brush and trying to open up more of the channel to help with drainage issues in the area.

New Business

- **Central Square Library Report** – The Board reviewed a Report from the Central Square Library thanking them for their continued financial support and giving them an overview of what the library has to offer and hopes to continue to offer: books, printing, faxing Wi-Fi, copying and weekly story time for children. The library is increasing their patronage by approximately 350 per year and adding 600 book titles both adult and juvenile in the same time period.

Executive Session

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon, the Board moved to executive session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Hart left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon, the Board ended the executive session and returned to the regular meeting at 8:48 p.m. Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-absent, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Business

Previous Minutes -The minutes of the regular meeting on October 28, 2024 were approved upon motion duly made by Trustee 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.

Monthly Vouchers - Vouchers listed on Abstract #11 in the amount of \$66,944.88 were approved for payment from the following funds 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	\$47,028.83
Sewer Fund	\$19,851.30
Trust & Agency	\$64.75

Adjournment

At 9.02 p.m. Trustee Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Turo.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele A. Cusyk
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village Board Approved December 9, 2024