

Regular Monthly Meeting September 23, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees Meeting was duly held on the 23rd of September 2024.

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

Village Staff Attendance: DPW Superintendent George McCormick, Police Chief Ed Carroll, Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz. Not in attendance: Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato.

Public Attendance: Paul M. Baxer from NorCOG.

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

Deputy Mayor Murphy: Shared pictures sent from a Collins Terrace resident. Co. Rt. 12 & Collins Terrace catch basin looks like it needs replacing.

The Village will officially unveil the Hasto Family Playground on October 5th at 3PM.

Trustee Sherman: Nothing new to report to the Board.

Trustee Hart: Nothing to add.

Trustee Turo: Nothing to report to the Board.

DPW Superintendent George McCormick: Ongoing preventative maintenance on the pump stations.

The wastewater treatment plant is being prepared for winter. Since the installation of the octagon floaties, there is no sign of algae in the holding tank.

Leaf and brush season is underway. 2 catch basins to be installed on Hickory.

The cemetery is preparing for winter.

Deputy Mayor Murphy asked about the cemetery wall that collapsed. George said that the work repairing/replacing the wall may begin this week.

George reminded the Board that the Village is in need of additional DPW personnel.

Mayor House asked if George could please grind down the broken signpost that's outside the bank building.

Police Chief Carroll: The new computers and printers were installed in police vehicles. Major upgrade and a lot faster. No complaints from the officers.

Officers attended both Central Square football games with no incidents.

Mayor House asked about the DWI checkpoints. Chief Carroll stated that he's waiting for the Stop DWI schedule to be sent from the County. He believes it will begin Halloween weekend. There is a grant through the County that the Village could receive a portion of the funds if all Village police hours are kept during the DWI checkpoint scheduled dates and times.

Deputy Mayor Murphy asked if the Village is missing a 30 MPH speed limit sign on Co. Rt. 12 coming into the Village by the school. George will speak with the County to make sure the sign wasn't removed on their end because it is a county road. The speed signs coming into and leaving the school zone area need to be addressed.

Chief Carroll said that there needs to be a 30 MPH zone established – not just the school zone.

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato: is absent.

Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck: is absent.

Citizens' Concerns: None.

Old Business: Another workshop to discuss the sewer structure as well as some other items that need addressing (including the employee handbook).

Drainage issues: Superintendent McCormick: Collins Terrace was walked, and grass clippings were noted on the opposite side of the fences that will need to be dealt with by the homeowners. Discussion on taking silt out of the pipe on the side of the maintenance shop at the high school. Trustee Sherman noted that while work is being done behind the school maintenance building that the entire swale should be cleaned out and the pipe running behind the building should be inspected as well. If the pipe needs replacing, residents will need to give approval for the Village (or other workers) to enter the property before any work can begin. The Village may want to "up-size" the pipe as well. George would like to start inspecting the pipe at the catch basin and then go up to see if it does need to be replaced. George has grating material that he could install, and Trustee Hart said that would be "great". George stated that the entire corner by the maintenance building would need to be cleared up to the fence. This will need to be hired out since the Village doesn't have the proper equipment.

Mayor House would like to obtain 2 or 3 quotes from contractors to go behind the school buildings, residents' homes, etc. If Sherman Vincent Associates comes in as the lowest bid, then the Village should have no qualms about hiring them.

Trustee Sherman stated that the County is working close to the Village, and he will ask if the County can help with cleaning out the ditch and install another culvert pipe (or two) that can go under Mallory Road and Co. Rt. 12.

New Business: A quote from Computer Outlet was submitted for backup equipment and cyber security compliance for our insurance company.

Deputy Mayor Murphy made Motion to approve the quote for the backup equipment and cyber security, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

ARPA Fund Budget Modification 2024/2025 as follows: Increase Revenue Account # A4089 (Federal Aid, ARPA Funds) for \$5,000 and Increase Expense Account # A8510.0 (Community Beautification) for \$5,000 to spend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Planning and Community Development for KL Consulting Services.

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

Due to a Federal Holiday on October 14th, the next Village Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15th at 7 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Murphy made Motion to approve the date change of the next Village Board meeting to October 15th, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Monthly Business: Minutes from the Board Meeting on September 9th, 2024 were reviewed.

Motion to approve previous minutes by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Vouchers listed on Abstract #8 totaling \$72,008.42 were approved for payment as follows: General Fund: \$59,603.99, Sewer Fund: \$10,348.95 and Capital Projects: \$2,055.48 upon motion made by Trustee Hart and seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House- yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy- yes, Trustee Sherman- yes, Trustee Hart- yes, Trustee Turo- yes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 8:03 p.m. Trustee Turo moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Ruzekowicz
Deputy Clerk

Village Board Approved October 15. 2024