

Village of Central Square Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 9th day of September 2024

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

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: Planning Board Members and Village Residents Maggie Kirkby & Matthew Stevens, Village Residents Vince Buttiglieri, Marlena Lerch, Anna VanTassel Tom Rinefierd & Josh Purple

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

Board and Staff Reports

Mayor House had no information to report.

Trustee Murphy reported on the following:

- Goettel Park Playground Project – a few adjustments had to be made to make it ADA compliant. The Hasto family would like to dedicate the playground on October 5th at 3PM, and all are welcome.
- 9/11 Annual Commemoration Ceremony – will be held at Goettel Park at 5:30 p.m. and all are welcome. There will be awards for fire companies to honor the sacrifices made by emergency first

responders. There will be a new sound system used thanks to the help of a donation by the Lioness Club back in 2021.

- Oswego County Conference of Mayors Dinner Meeting – will be held in Cleveland at the American Legion on October 17th. Speakers will be Austin Wheelock, Executive Director of Operation Oswego County and Tricia Peter Clark, President and CEO of ConnexCare. ConnexCare has opened a new office in Central Square Urgent Care Center.

Trustee Sherman reminded everyone that school is in session and said NYS couldn't have picked the worst time to pave and stripe US Route 11. Adding to the congestion of traffic through the village, the AA Cole Elementary School in Constantia is closed for renovations and their students will be attending the Central Square Intermediate (CSI) School during the 2024-2025 school year.

Trustee Hart had no business to bring before the Board.

Trustee Turo reported a safety issue at a vacant house at 343 Hickory Lane and the matter will be turned over to Code Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato.

DPW Superintendent McCormick reported on the following activity for the month of August:

- **Pump Stations** – Mallory and Northland Pump hours are up 75% during heavy rains. Gravity lines play a part too. There is no change to Green Acres. There should be annual inspections for sump pumps to assure they are in compliance with applicable regulations.
- **Safety** – Got a new life ring for the sewer plant as old one was worn out
- **WWTP** – Keeping up with maintenance and trying to get caught up on house cleaning.

- **Projects** – Getting ready for leaf and brush season. Also trying to get 2 catch basins installed on Hickory. Swings are loose at Goettel Park and will be looked at tomorrow.
- **Cemetery** – There were 2 funerals this week.
- **Personnel** – No new candidates for the DPW labor position. Will be using Gordon for leaf pickup depending on funeral schedules.
- **Equipment** – Would like to find a used side by side and use monies budgeted for cemetery equipment.

Police Chief Carroll reported he has been getting complaints about the speed zone in front of the High Schol on County Route 12 and recommended the County make the speed zone 30 mph even when school is not in session and replace the speed zone sign with a speed limit sign. DPW Superintendent was asked to contact the County.

Chief Carroll also reported that the Central Square PD has been asked to participate in Oswego County STOP DWI.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck requested another workshop be scheduled to work on updating the sewer rate structure and it was set for Monday, September 16th at 4:30 p.m.

Citizens' Concerns

Tom Rinefierd mentioned Oswego County testing mosquito pools for mosquito-borne viruses in the village and surrounding areas and have done some aerial spraying to reduce the mosquito population.

Northside Village Residents inquired if the Board has arrived at any plans to correct their drainage problems and were told no corrective action has been decided at this time. The Board will continue to visit the sites and discuss possible solutions.

Matthew Stevens reported 4 streetlights out in his neighborhood and had heard that the Village is no longer reporting these to National Grid. Mayor House said the Village Office still reports streetlights out to National Grid but needs the pole numbers to do so.

Maggie Kirkby reported that Collins Terrace is losing 2 neighbors due to the drainage issues. He said the outlets are owned by the County and that an independent drainage study should be done with NYSDEC Involved.

Old Business

Goettel Park Sound System – The Board agreed to swap out the 1 wireless microphone system for a 2 wireless microphone system at an extra cost of \$270.00 upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor 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.

New Business

Goettel Park User Fee – The Board agreed to waive the user fee for the Oswego County Picnic on September 12th upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor 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.

Special Patrol Officer (SPO) Agreement 2024-2025 – The Board approved the 2024-2025 SPO Agreement with an increase to Village Administration Fees from \$4,700 to \$5,000 making the new Agreement amount \$327,553.69 upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor 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.

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The minutes of the regular meeting on August 26, 2024 and special meeting on September 4, 2024 were approved upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor 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 - August vouchers listed on Abstract #7 in the amount of \$41,326.39 were approved for payment from the following funds upon motion duly made by Trustee Sherman, 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	\$15,472.01
Sewer Fund	\$16,719.96
Trust & Agency	\$64.75
Water Fund	\$ 3,973.67
Capital Projects	\$ 5,096.00

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Cusyk
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by the Village Board September 23. 2024