

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting 10-18-16
6:30 PM Community House

Present: Mayor, Bernard Barnes, Trustees Martin Callahan, Gene Colorito and James Castrucci.
Trustee Connie Grant was excused.

Also: Police Chief, Diana Callan, Fire Chief, Christopher Weaver, 1st and 2nd Asst. Fire Chiefs, Dean and Alex Countrymen, Codes Officer, Wayne Horender and Planning Board Chair, Charles Straney.

Public: Michael O'Dockerty, Tony Manzanero (auditor)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barnes and the salute to flag was given.

Public: Tony Manzanero reported on the recent audit done by his firm. He stated that reconciliations must not only have to match Bank Balance but also the General Ledger. In some cases they did not match the General Ledger. He feels jobs in the office should be looked at and moved around to give the treasure more time to work on the books. He also said that department heads should only use encumbrances when necessary and they should not be for small amounts. The Mayor said a note will go out to all departments explaining this issue. The Mayor would also like to set up a committee to go over the books using a consolidated Budget report. Mr. Manzanero will send a copy for the Clerk/Treasurer to look at and see if it is available on our system. The Auditor presented an agreement for next year and a motion to have the Mayor sign agreement was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes. A copy of the agreement was given to the Auditor and one was kept for the files.

Legals: Attorney Mastromoro stated that the Tax Exempt claim against the Town of Ephratah is still pending, if nothing done by end of month, he will do a request for Judicial intervention. A motion to file claim was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes.

In regards to the Leffler matter-waiting for court to give a final date.

The Attorney mentioned that the Police Chief is working on a draft for newly hired policemen. He said that Municipal law states if an officer leaves before the allotted time, then the municipality that hires him has to pay us back for his schooling.

Consent Agenda: a motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the regular meeting of 9-20-16, Public Hearing of 9-20-16 , Emergency Meeting of 10-05-16, Treasurers Report, Investment Report, Police Report, Justice Report, DPW,Water/WWTP Report and Codes Report, was made by Trustee Colorito and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes. A motion to adopt said agenda was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes.

Claims: A motion to accept the claims as presented by the Treasurer was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes. The claims were in the amount of \$57,389.39 broken down as follows:

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| General Fund----- | \$40,972.53 |
| Cemetery Fund----- | 1,982.46 |
| Marina Fund----- | 3,461.04 |
| Water Fund----- | 749.49 |
| Sewer Fund----- | 10,223.93 |

Department Heads:

Christopher Weaver, Fire Chief: He said he called someone about writing a grant for the department but received no answer. The Village Clerk said she called the Insurance Co today concerning the incident at their last fire. It is still under review. The Chief said the open house went very well.

Mayor stated that last Thursday the truck committee, 3 chiefs and Tom Zucarro went to Brunswick to look at an eight (8) year old truck that was in real good shape. The board is welcome to look at it. Dean Countrymen has drawings and specs if anyone wants to look at them.

William Viciarelli-DPW/WATER/WWTP: Mr. Viciarelli was absent, however, he sent message to request permission to purchase an impact wrench, he sent the following prices: Milwaukee \$125, DeWalt-\$259.16. Trustee Castrucci said he may have one he would donate. A motion was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci, to purchase the electric one. After some discussion the Motion was rescinded by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci, all ayes. A new motion Was made by Trustee Colorito and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to purchase the DeWalt. All ayes

Diana Callen, Police Chief: she stated she was working on a draft for new applicants and also on a grant with the County for Police protection equipment in the amount of approximately \$5000 ea. In regards to Local Law for Fire Works, she said she had no complaints since the last meeting. She thinks the noise ordinance should surface. The Mayor said that the Board of Health will come up with some kind of form for complaints so that we will have a paper trail. They will have to stop in office to fill out and sign complaint. Clerk was told to remove the Fire Works issue from the agenda.

Wayne Horender, Codes Officer: He said a landlord is evicting his tenants. Mr. Horender said he cannot go on their property but he gave them 30 days to complete the repairs. Mr. Horender said he does not have to send notices by regular mail and certified return receipt mail. It can be register-delivery receipt which is less expensive.

Old Business:

1 Planning Board: Charles Straney, chairman, is working on a sub-division problem-the owner has appealed the denial. It now goes to Zoning Board of Appeals, if there is no Board of Appeals in place before 12/6/17, then Village Board acts as zoning board of appeals. The Mayor asked Michael O'Dockerty to sit on the board and he accepted. The Mayor then appointed Michael O'Dockery and Michael Yorzinski to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Village Board approved with motion by Trustee Callahan and second by Trustee Castrucci. The Zoning Board of Appeals can function with only two members but both must agree.

2 Water/Sewer comparison—the board is to look everything over and decide what to do by December. This is held over for next month.

New Business:

1 Water/Sewer Bills adjustments-Bill #139, Trustee ^{Castrucci} Grant suggested that we pull the meter out and replace it when the place becomes occupied. A motion was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to not bill the owner this time as no water was used due to empty building. All ayes. A letter is to be done saying there will be changes coming to the water/sewer policy. Acct #131—motion by Trustee Callahan and second by Trustee Castrucci to adjust bill to minimum billing.

2 Groversville/Johnstown WWTP Facility—A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Callahan to renew the agreement with them for another two (2) years at .45 per gallon. All ayes

3 Bat Man—Mayor explained that he had someone come to check the building and give us a quote to remove the bats. The quote was \$11,000. Board felt this was not necessary at this time as the bats are dormant. To be discussed at a later date.

4 P Tech—students toured the building inside and out and also worked on some landscaping ideas.. They want to come next month, 11/15 to discuss the plans. There are 14 groups and they would like to have the board break up in three (3) hr. sessions. Those who said they would attend are Trustees Callahan, Colorito, Castrucci, and Police Chief Diana Callen. This will be at the school.

Public: In regards to fire dept. grant, it may help if you mention that a crude oil train will be passing thru and it will be additional training for the department.

Fire Chief Weaver stated that the open house for the new Emergency Mgmt. Building will be tomorrow from 5Pm-8Pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes