

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
12/19/17 6:30 PM Community House

Present: Mayor Bernard Barnes, Trustees James Castrucci, Gene Colorito, Connie Grant and Charles Straney, Attorney Mastromoro

Also: Chief Callen-Police, Frank Erno-WWTP

Public: Sharon Fuller, Dawn Lamphere, Michael O'Dockerty, Robert Smith, Maggie Yauney, Annette Yauney and Cliff Dorrough

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

Public: Michael O'Dockerty, on behalf of the Zoning Board, asked about the progress of the St. Johnsville Nursing Home signs. He was directed to contact the State and find out what their restrictions are.

Dawn Lamphere, thanked the Village for accommodating a meeting that needed to be changed from the Library to the Community House.

Wayne Horender, discussed the Certificate of Occupancy for the new bathhouse at the Marina. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci at 6:35 pm and seconded by Trustee Straney to go into executive session. All ayes, motion carried.

At 7:15 pm a motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Grant to return to regular meeting. All ayes, motion carried. No action taken.

Legals: Attorney Mastromoro informed the Board that the Flood Plain Law will go into effect on January 18, 2018. A public hearing will be needed followed by a special meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Colorito to hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 4:30 pm at the Community House. All ayes, motion carried. A notice will be sent to the newspaper.

*3 W. Main Street is not on the foreclosure list from the County. There is still a code violation in the Town Court. The report from the engineer could show an emergency need for repair.

*There are three liens against the Holcomb property. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney to proceed with the eminent domain process. All ayes, motion carried.

* On December 14, 2017 the Town decided that the dog control officer is no longer required to enforce Town laws in the Village. The Mayor asked for a copy, and was informed that it had to be published first. The Clerk will get a copy from the Town Clerk.

*The tax proceeding trial scheduled for November 27th was adjourned for 60 days due to the fact the State hasn't done the appraisal for the Town of Ephratah.

Consent Agenda: A motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the 11/21/17 meeting, Police and Codes report was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Colorito. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adopt said Agenda was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

Audit of Claims: A motion to accept the claims as presented by the Clerk, in the amount of **\$197,015.07** was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney. All ayes, motion carried They were broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 105,032.56
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 1,035.15
Marina Fund:	\$ 6,209.97
Water Fund:	\$ 24,438.28
Sewer Fund:	\$ 60,299.11

Department Heads:

Fire Department: Nothing

DPW-Nothing

Police: Nothing in addition to report

WWTP-Water line fixed, have quotes from Koester to give to engineering firm

Codes: Nothing

Marina: Nothing

Old Business: Property Maintenance/Safety Officer tabled until next meeting

New Business: *Permission was given to Helping Hands to hold a free Community Christmas dinner from 12-4 on December 25, 2017.

*Trustee Straney showed an example of a work order form that he thinks would help track work that needs to be done, expenses and accountability. He also passed out information about Zombie Property Maintenance.

*There was discussion concerning the Codes position. Cliff Dorrough, who is the Codes Officer in surrounding areas answered some questions about the solutions to some problems in the Village. After some discussion, the Mayor appointed Mr. Dorrough Codes Enforcement Officer to fill the vacancy for the term ending April 2, 2018 at the present salary. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Colorito. All ayes, motion carried.

*A draft of the letter to be mailed with the 3/15/18 water/sewer bills was read by the Mayor. The letter lets the residents know that the semi-annual Village Trash Days will be changed to a drop off station at the DPW garage on May 18th or May 19th, and the water/sewer bills payment dates and shut off date.

*A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to use Kinderhook Bank to borrow \$386,000.00 to purchase a fire truck. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Grant to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is to be held January 16, 2018.