

Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting 2-21-18  
6:30 PM Community House

Present: Mayor Bernard Barnes, Trustees Charles Straney, James Castrucci, Gene Colorito, Connie Grant  
Also: Police Chief, Diana Callen

Public -Dawn Lamphere, Robert Smith, Carmen Licari, Donald Schoff, Alex Countrymen, Jenette Kretser ,  
and Sharon Fuller

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

Public: Carmen Licari spoke on behalf of the American Legion Baseball Organization. He said that the ball field needs a lot of work, it is hazardous to the kids. He would like the Village to donate money for the repair of the infield. The Chamber and the American Legion will help also. The Mayor explained to Carmen about the Grandstand grant that was submitted and rejected. It is being re-submitted. He stated that on March 1, he has a meeting with Megan Phillips of Dept. of State, Village Engineers (McDonald) and the grant writer and the Mayor stated that if there is money left over from the current park project, he will try to let the state allow us to use it for the infield. Carmen said he would buy the sod, Village grade and scrape it. The Mayor said he will call the County and see if they will come and help us, then the Town can donate money instead of equipment. Carmen told the Mayor to wait until March 10<sup>th</sup> and he will get back to him. Carmen then asked the Mayor why the lawn at the ball park is only mowed every two weeks. The Mayor responded, that is no true, the DPW goes there every week. Trustee Grant stated that her son plays ball and last year the field was not always mowed, it was a mess. Mr. Schoff stated that that the culverts by the Railroad tracks is always getting plugged up causing the field to flood. The Mayor said the Village does not own beyond the fence, it may be Town or Manikas or both.

Legals: Attorney Mastromoro told the board that the proceedings with Town of Ephratah are still on hold. In regards to the Eminent Domain issue, he has been in touch with Holcombs attorney (State Farm Agency), we can't agree with anything. I have been working on this since 1/16 with no luck, on 2/20 I filed in County Clerk's Office. On Tues, Feb.27<sup>th</sup> I will file petition in Court and serve to interested parties (see attached). The 4/16 date to go to Court has been moved to 3/19/18. A motion to have the Mayor sign resolution #32 for Eminent Domain for 3.624 acres was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes. The Attorney went on to state that the Village should be aware of residency of appointed officials. You cannot go beyond County without an act of legislature. Clerk, Treasurer, Codes Officer and Dog Control Officer cannot go by Local Law, has to be a specific act. Sometimes the Court will allow anyone in NYS. The process is a motion by board, request a letter for special act of legislature, send to (Santa Barbara and Amedore). A motion to request special act of legislature for Codes Officer, Dog Control Officer, Collector of fees for animals to allow any resident of the State to hold Office, was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant. All Ayes.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1-16-18, Police Report, was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes  
A motion to adopt the said consent agenda was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Colorito. All ayes

**Claims:** A motion to accept the claims in the amount of \$56,098.50 was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Colorito. All ayes Claims were broken down as follows:

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| General Fund----- | \$ 41,921.88 |
| Cemetery-----     | 0            |
| Marina-----       | 1,820.11     |
| Water-----        | 3,516.74     |
| Sewer-----        | 8,839.77     |

**Department Heads:**

**Fire Department-Alex Countrymen:** The fire truck, now called Engine 1 is in service and responding. The Mayor asked if the old truck had been removed. Also remove any small equipment you are not going to use. Put Truck by the DPW garage. You cannot sell anything unless it is deemed by the Village Board as no longer of Village use.

**DPW:** nothing

**WWTP:** nothing

Police Chief Diana Callen: She said that the Impala is in the garage again for repair. Trustee Straney asked if the cameras were in Collect. Chief Callen said that Officer Ferraro is in charge and is speaking with Steve Trembly. The Chief said she is still working on the price of a new vehicle.

Codes Officer, nothing

**Old Business:**

- 1 Dog Control-On hold until April Meeting.
- 2 Ice/Snow Contract: Motion to accept the contract was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney. Board was polled and all ayes.

**New Business:**

A Fire Dept.—The Fire Dept. would like to use the Park ball field from 8/13-8/31/18 for the Fair. A motion to allow the Fire Dept. to use the ball field for time requested, however, they are to rope off the area of the infield so no one drives or walks on it.

B Historic Meeting—The meeting concerning the Historic District in the Village has been rescheduled

Other- Town of St. Johnsville would like us to join with them to work on a Comprehensive Plan that would benefit both Town and Village. (see atch'd). It would join residents of both places to work on a plan for the future. We would need a Municipal Agreement. A motion to inform the Town we are interested in pursuing a committee to work on this was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes.

The Mayor requested to go into executive session to discuss police personnel. Motion to go into executive session for personnel matters was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci.

The board left at 8:10 PM. A motion to leave executive session was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. They returned to regular meeting at 8:30 PM.

The board voted to adjust the contract with Chief Callen. The contract for the Chief is to be 2% per year unless the Cost of Living increase for the calendar year is greater than 2%, in which case the increase would equal the Cost of Living. A motion to allow the Mayor to sign the amended contract for the Chief upon final review of counsel was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant.