

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting 2-16-16
6:30 PM Community House

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

Public: Jeremy Silverman, GEMS

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

Public: Jeremy Silverman, GEMS grant writer spoke concerning doing a grant for the WWTP repairs. He called McDonald Engineering for information on the project, but the Engineer (Doug Cole) has no information for WWTP grant. He would charge \$1000 to do a report to be submitted with the grant. A motion to go forward with McDonald Engineering working with GEMS on the grant, was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes
Jeremy also discussed the Main St. Grant and is going to resubmit it.

Legals: Attorney Mastromoro discussed the fire truck specs. He said he purchased a book that tells what is required by the State and Clerk was given said book. It tells the minimum requirements for fire trucks. It is up to the board how much they want to put on the truck. The Mayor and the board will meet again to discuss this matter.

Next he tried to answer the question "what if public harasses a public official?" He said there is a limit . The Mayor stated that he and the Attorney have been working on securing land for the Solar Project. We are waiting for the okay from National Grid to agree on the three (3) phase.

Consent Agenda: A motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1-19-16, Treasurer's Report, Investment Report, Justice Report, Police Report, DPW/Water-Sewer/WWTP Report and Codes Report was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Callahan. A motion to adopt said agenda was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes

Audit: A motion to accept the Audit as presented in the amount of \$ 143,893.09, was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. It was broken down as follows:

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| General Fund----- | \$89,615.62 |
| Cemetery Fund----- | 1,500.00 |
| Marina Fund----- | 9,167.36 |
| Water Fund----- | 34,115.10 |
| Sewer Fund----- | 9,495.01 |

Department Heads:

Fire Chief, Christopher Weaver: Chief Weaver said he would like purchase five (5) sets of turn- out gear at a cost of \$2681 each. Money is in budget. Also he needs two (2) electric fans (smoke ejector) at a cost of \$779 and two (2) hooks at a cost of \$150. A motion to purchase all items as requested was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. The Mayor asked the Chief to hold off on ordering the fans till the end of March. Chief was okay with this request. The Chief told the board that the department had received a donation of \$500 from Kinney Drugs in honor of Pharmacists Tim Baumaster being the Pharmacists of the year. He also stated that the department was working on osha training.

He would like to request that Jack Carter (DPW Dept.) add a light in the boiler room. The Mayor said he will call Billy Viciarelli (supervisor DPW) tomorrow and ask him to schedule Jack Carter for this job. The Mayor also asked GEMS about a Fire Dept. grant. Jeremy Silverman stated that it is hard to get a grant of this nature and it would not be feasible for him to do it.

DPW/WWTP/Water-Sewer Supervisor-William Viciarelli-absent

Trustee Callahan asked about the mess on Averill Street and the Mayor said it will be cleaned up tomorrow. Trustee Castrucci said he cleaned the creek out at the Park. He asked that it be done three (3) weeks ago and nothing was done so he did it himself.

Police Chief-Diana Callen: excused-sick

Codes Officer-Wayne Horender:

He stated he had a ton of complaints, he has several that will be served and he is sending a letter to Becky Holloway and the owner of 39 Monroe St. (Engineer report-need court order for this). He said he spoke with the owner of the Central Hotel and he has two (2) weeks to fix the problems. He once again mentioned the possibility of a puppy mill. Attorney said the Ag/Markets law is the driving force to handle this. Cruelty to animals is the police. With Puppy Mills you can have a local law and designate who enforces the law. The Board can ask the Town to add wording to their local law.

Old Business:

Canal Grant: signed agreement papers today and sent back to State. Grant writer handling this project.

Park Grant: we are in the process of redoing the budget and working on the grants

New Business:

A Election Inspectors: Judy Swartz, Joyce Schoff and Les Larsen. A motion to accept the inspectors was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. Three (3) ayes, Trustee Grant obtained .

B Sales Tax: received \$47,960.43, slightly less that the same quarter last year.

C Letter-American Legion: they invited the board to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Those board members that will participate are Trustee Callahan, Trustee Grant, Trustee Castrucci and the Mayor. Trustee Colorito marches with the American Legion.

Other:

Springfest this year will be held on May 27, 28, 29th. This will tie in with the Legion Parade on the 30th.

The Mayor said he appointed a Cemetery Committee consisting of Shelly Arduini, Christine Clark, April and Anthony Smida, Matt Rapacz and Larry Schoff. They will be working on marking the different sections with signs, doing a map for the entrance and putting a book at the entrance with names of everyone buried there so guest can find who they are looking for much easier. Also the Clerk is to purchase a sign for the new section stating it was prepared and mark in memory of Adam and Nellie Horn with funds from the Horn Foundation. A motion to allow the clerk to purchase said sign was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes

Chief Weaver said that he had received several letters of support to go along with the Fire Dept. Grant.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes. The board left at 8:00PM. The board returned at 8:22PM but brought nothing back to the floor.

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