

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting 4-19-2016

6:30 PM Community House

Present: Mayor Bernard Barnes, Trustees, Martin Callahan, James Castrucci, Gene Colorito and Cornelia Grant

Also: Police Chief, Diana Callen, Fir Chief, Christopher Weaver, Supervisor William Vicciarelli Norman Mastromoro, Atty.

Public: Robert Failing Jr.

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

Public: Mr. Failing was concerned with the property next to him belonging to Becky Holloway. He feels he should not have the mess next to him, garbage, etc. He said he spoke with the Mayor, County Executive, Town Supervisor and Codes Officer and no results. He was told the problem was that the property is in foreclosure. This is not so, everyone has excuses. I ask once again "what can be done"

I am ready to go to legal action. The Mayor said he asked Mr. Failing to attend tonight's meeting so he could voice his concerns. He thanked him for coming. The Mayor does not believe there is nothing that can be done, there just must be and we have to do something now.

Codes Officer, Wayne Horender, stated that he had a warrant out for her arrest and he can't do anymore than that. It is up to the foreclosure people. It goes up for auction on 5/17/16. The Mayor asked why not contact the Supreme Court and have our Attorney send a letter to the bank holding the mortgage. The Attorney said he would like all the documentation on the property since day 1 and he will do a letter, the Attorney said that if the Codes Officer follows procedure, in orderly, timely fashion and gets no results then you go to court. Local court cannot allow demolition, only fines or jail time. Supreme Court can allow it to be demolished. In another matter, Mr. Failing thinks the Board should rescind the local law to not put apartments in store fronts.

Legals: none

Consent Agenda: A motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the Regular Meeting of 3-22-16, Special Meeting of 3-28-16, Emergency Meeting of 4-12-16, 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 Colorito. All ayes. A motion to adopt said consent agenda was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes

Claims: A motion to accept the claims in the amount of \$37, 373.98 was made by Trustee Colorito and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes. The claims were broken down as follows:

General Fund-----	\$ 31,946.13
Cemetery Fund-----	21.48
Marina Fund-----	253.72
Water Fund-----	908.20
Sewer Fund-----	4,244.45

Department Heads:

Fire Chief-Christopher Weaver—Mr. Weaver showed the new image camera to the Board and demonstrated it for them. He said he is trying to hold off any major repairs to the trucks until after June 1, 2016 when the new budget starts. The Mayor told Mr. Weaver and the board that he had attended a meeting at Town of Danube and turned in the quotes for the two (2) fire contracts.

Trustee Colorito and Mayor are to meet with Mr. Weaver about the new Fire Truck. Mr. Weaver said the benefit auction netted approximately \$1800. The Mayor asked Mr. Weaver who was responsible when the alarm goes in and no one answers the call? Who call and who gets call. Mr. Weaver stated that if it is a fire, not an accident, the fire tones go to St. Johnsville and Ft. Plain. I know why you are asking and at the time of that incident, we were having a problem addressing a driver situation. We have that fixed.

DPW/Water-Sewer/Cemetery/WWTP Supervisor, William Viciarelli:

He stated that Darrin got his CDL permit and is working on getting his license. The crew started working at the Cemetery this week and the water up there is on. He stated he was looking at re-routing electric and water-sewer lines at several sites at the Marina Campsite. He also said that the water is on at the Marina. Trustee Callahan said the trees are in and he will pick them up on Saturday. The Girl Scouts are going to help plant them at the Marina.

Mr. Viciarelli said they will be hauling sludge next week. Also, Zook is going to have someone he knows to check out the pump in basement of WWTP and get pricing for it. Hope to hold off purchase until June. Billy asked the board to look over the suggestions for the Marina Water/Sewer Billing that he had on the back of his monthly report. Trustee Callahan suggested that we raise water/sewer rates effective May 17,2016. The board was informed that the Housing Authority is working on installing water meters in their apartments.

Police Chief, Diana Callen: The chief said she would like to add information to her monthly report by telling the type of crimes they had during the month. This way the board would have a better understanding of what the arrests in the Village were for.

Codes Officer, Wayne Horender: Mr. Horender said that if anyone heard of a foreclosure auction on Village properties he would appreciate it if they would let him know. He also updated the board on the condition of the Central Hotel. He said they should put people on notice and also rope off the area so no one can sit on the steps and get hurt if it caves in or parts fall off. The owner has been cited and told to get it fixed immediately. Owner was supposed to have a structural engineer look at it by 4/4/16 and as of 4/19/16 it has not been done. In regards to the old pizzeria on Main St., a notice was sent to owner but they did not accept the letter, after 4/30/16, a summons will be served.

Old Business:

A Volunteers: the girl scouts are to plant trees at Marina. Clerk was asked if she had a form from NBT Mang Insurance for volunteers to fill out. Answer-no

B Personal time-Motion to accept the changes to the personnel policy (see attached) was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes

C Budget: A motion to accept the budget presented at the public hearing with the corrections presented by the Clerk (see attached) was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes

D Franchise-this was discussed at Public Hearing held earlier and it was decided to ask if it could be for three years instead of ten years. Also if Time Warner ever went beyond the tracks, could we get free service at the Marina. A motion to accept the Franchise Agreement with or without the above changes was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes

E Clean-up the canal-Trustee Callahan is in charge of this and he stated that it will be Sunday at 2PM. There are T-shirts available. The Mayor said thank you to Gene Colorito and Bob Borst for cleaning the bank at the Marina. Good job.

F Canal Grant Resolution- A motion to accept said grant was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes (see attached)

New Business:

A Canal-Drama Theatre would like someone in the Village to put on a play telling the History of the Canal. The Mayor suggested giving the information to the school drama club.

B Legion- the clerk read a letter from the American Legion requesting a donation toward the refreshment after the Memorial Day Parade. A motion to give \$100 was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Colorito. All ayes

C Towpath Run- The clerk read a letter from the Chamber asking for a donation. A motion to give \$35 to the Towpath Run was made by Trustee Colorito and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes

D Spring Cleanup Day-the Mayor said the spring one is to be held on May 19, 2016 and the Fall one is September 15, 2016. Board approved.

Other:

Garbage Bid: there were two bids presented -County Waste and Weaver Sanitation.

County Waste-F/Y 2017-\$11,088 mo, F/Y 2018-\$11,434.50 mo, F/Y 2019-11,781

Weaver Sanitation- \$9009 mo all three years

A motion to give the bid to Weaver Sanitation was made by Trustee Colorito and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes

Fuel Bids; A motion to stay with Harbor Point for all fuel categories was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes

The Mayor stated that the Canal Authority was informed again about dredging the Marina. Waiting for a reply.

The Mayor mentioned the fact that people are still letting their dogs go to the bathroom on sidewalks and lawns. He would like to put up signs stating the section of law and the fine amount. He asked the Attorney if we could do this. Attorney said yes we can, draft law and make sign to match the fines. The board liked the idea and the Attorney is to check what our local law says. A motion to use the signs was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes.

SAVAC: The clerk read a letter requesting use of the Community House for training on Tuesday and some Saturdays. The board declined the request due to the scheduling time.

The Clerk said she would like to put an ad in the paper for a part-time clerk due to losing one of the girls in the office. The board ok'd the request.

The Mayor asked the Board to notify the clerk when they are not available for a meeting so that he can be sure he has a quorum.

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