

**6/18/19 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**6:30 PM Community House**

**Present:** Mayor Straney, Trustees Kathy Buckley, James Castrucci, Arthur Dockerty, and Connie Grant, Attorney Mastromoro

**Public:** Sharon Fuller, Jeannette Cretser, Margaret DiGiacomo, Elaine Sperbeck, Tom & Karen Jones  
**Also:** Shannon Countryman, Chris Weaver, Alex Countryman, Diana Callen, Jarrod Walrath, Grace Malefyt and Cathy Anderson

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

**Department Heads:**

**Fire Department:** Chris Weaver reported that the bids came in for the SCBA. After the department went over the specs and prices, they would like to go with MSA (Garrison) at a cost of \$131,554.50 for 22 airpacks with cylinder & 22 spare cylinders with a contribution of \$6,783.00 from the Village. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to accept MSA's (Garrison) bid for 22 airpacks evaluated by the department. Shannon Countryman informed the Board about an AFG grant for between \$200,000.00 and \$250,00.00 with a 5% match from the Village for apparatus. She explained that Engine 6 is 30 years old and should be replaced. The cost to write the grant is \$4,000.00. Trustee Castrucci made a motion to spend the \$4,000.00 to have the grant written. Trustee Dockerty seconded the motion, all ayes. Motion carried.

**DPW:** Jarrod told the Board that the guys have been picking up yard debris and leaves. He also reported that the Sweeper and 1990 dump truck have been inspected. The manhole in front of the Post Office has been fixed. The South Division St. water break should be fixed by the end of the week. Trustee Dockerty commended Jarrod for his work at the ballfield.

**Police:** The Chief thanked the community for their support during the investigation of the burglary at the high school. With the help of the community the suspect was apprehended, and the stolen goods retrieved. She also told the Board that the school year will be ending soon, as will the contract for the SRO officers. She has been in touch with the school, and they would like to renew the contract. She will bring the new contract to the July meeting for review.

**WWTP:** No one present. The Mayor informed the Board that a new flow meter has been ordered. He also discussed the grant that Prime will be writing.

**Codes:** No one present

**Marina:** Grace told the Board that the Marina is on the list to have the wall fixed by the State. She also said that the old bathhouse needs repairs. Trustee Grant would like to see expenditures on the monthly report. The "kayak condo" is still in the works.

**Treasurer:** No one present, but the Mayor told the Board that Barb is still working on finalizing the end of year books. He also informed the Board that we are now using QuickBooks software instead of KVS. KVS will still be kept for archival purposes

**Dog Census-**No one present. The Mayor told the Board that the census will be done alphabetically by street.

**Cemetery-**No one present.

**Public:** Margaret DiGiacomo expressed her concern over yard debris being left in the street and possibly going into the sewer when it rains. Jarrod explained the process of picking up the debris on Mondays. The Village is split into the north and south side. If anyone has an excess of debris should call the DPW and schedule use of a truck.

**Legals:** Attorney Mastromoro has sent a letter to the NYSDOH informing them of the Village and Town's decision to **dissolve the Consolidated Board of Health**. He is just waiting for a formal determination. He also

presented **Local Law #2 of 2019** which increases the number of members of the Zoning Board of Appeals from three to five. After some discussion, Trustee Buckley made a motion to adopt Local Law #2 of 2019 for presentation at a Public Hearing to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm. Trustee Dockerty seconded the motion, all ayes. Motion carried. The Mayor asked everyone to think of people that would want to be on the Board. The attorney discussed the Proposed Second Amendment. The Mayor informed the Board that he had the property on **William St. staked out**. The matter was tabled. The attorney also told the Board that he will have a letter concerning the **Soccer Field** at the next meeting. After some discussion concerning billing residents for **mowing**, Trustee Castrucci will get clarification about putting the charge on their tax bill

**Old Business**-The **Firemen's Fair** dates were discussed again. They would like the field from August 14-28<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Grant made a motion to allow the firemen to use the field from August 14-18. Trustee Dockerty seconded, all ayes. Motion carried. Discussion went to the **Ballfield and Grandstand grant**. The Mayor thought it would be a good idea to involve the residents of the Village if there is a need to downsize the amount of the grant. It could be a community project. The question of asking the **Fowler Foundation** for a donation. That has not yet been done. Trustee Castrucci explained that Harbor Point said there is almost no difference in using **cold flow fuel** at the DPW garage as opposed to the kerosene. The Mayor is still getting quotes for the well generator.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the 5/21/19 Public Hearing, 5/21 Regular Meeting, 6/5 Year End Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried.

**Audit of Claims:** A motion to accept the claims as presented by the Clerk, in the amount of **\$93,119.72** was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried. They were broken down as follows:

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 55,651.62</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 7,572.95</b>
<b>Marina Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 8,582.92</b>
<b>Water Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 6,339.17</b>
<b>Sewer Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 14,869.06</b>

**New Business:** No one showed from **Nestle**. It will be discussed at the July meeting. The Mayor appointed **Brandon Loren Treasurer** with the approval of the Board. Trustee Grant made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Brandon Loren as Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried. Karen Jones presented a Bible to Mayor Straney that was used in the **Bible Reading Marathon** that took place April 29-May2. The Mayor explained the **WWTP grant** that Prime Engineering would like to write. The grant is worth \$30,000.00 with a \$6,000.00 Village match at a cost of \$1,500.00. The issue at the WWTP is that the rain increases infiltration. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to have Prime write the grant at a cost of \$1,500.00. All ayes, motion carried. After some discussion, it was decided not to contract with **Koester** for gas cleaning this year for a savings of \$5,840.00. The Mayor informed the Board that the Village has been denied both **tax appeals** in the Towns of Ephratah and Oppenheim. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to have the attorney start the process for the next step, which is legal filings necessary to **appeal the tax evaluations**. All ayes, motion carried. There was also a discussion about having a **forester** evaluate our timber to see if it can be logged.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to go into **executive session** to discuss office personnel. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant to return to the regular meeting. All ayes, motion carried. No action taken.

**Other:** The Mayor explained that it will be July 3<sup>rd</sup> before the Village can legally remove debris from 77 W. Main St. He also told the Board that 18 Kingsbury is still an issue with the owner walking away from the property. There is still a substantial water/sewer bill owing.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.  
Next meeting-Public Hearing July 16<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm followed by Regular Meeting.