

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting 6-21-16
6:30 PM Community House

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

Also present: Court Clerk, Rhea Bilobrowka, Justice Scott Cook, Police Chief, Diana Callen, DPW/WWTP/Water Supervisor, William Viciarelli and Fire Chief, Christopher Weaver. Also Codes Officer, Wayne Horender

Public: Jeremy Silvermen, GEMS, Pauline Smith and Peter Manikas

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

PUBLIC: Pauline Smith spoke first and inquired about the property next to her that belongs to the Village. She was concerned that a road would be put in and spoil her property. The Mayor told her that the last thing he wanted to do was to use the land next to her to gain excess to another section of land. He is trying to find another way to enter the field beyond her land. He is trying to get a piece of land from Mr. Holcum and if so he may be able to access it from our Burgess property. He is discussing the matter with the Village Attorney, Mr. Holcum and Solar Energy. She called our property a right of way and the Attorney clarified that it not a right of way, the Village owns it thru the will of Gordon Rockefeller Sr. There is a difference between the two descriptions.

Justice Scott Cook: He stated he was representing the Unified Court System. The Village has a resolution to close the court based on old figures showing income and expenses. He would like to have the board review figures in this handout and reconsider your resolution. Unified Court must be asked to take back equipment purchased with grants. Justice Cook said the Court is not here to make money but as a service to the public. He said he is available except when he works nights. He suggest reconsidering closing the court, if the Board proceeds to consolidate the court system then a meeting must be held with the Court System, Town Supervisor, Mayor and himself. The Mayor said by consolidating nothing is being taken away from the taxpayers, it is a matter of cost savings. It was also suggested that the board review fines for all local laws.

Jeremy Silvermen: In reference to the WWTP Grant, the Mayor should sign documents in the morning. The Mayor told Jeremy and the board that only one (1) pump at WWTP is working, if it breaks or stops it all goes in the River and we have big trouble and fines. He asked Jeremy to please put pressure on DEC. A motion to have the Mayor sign documents (PPA paperwork) was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes

In regards to the Main St. Grant, Jeremy stated that he went around the Village and met with business owners. He has no one show up at meeting. The Mayor would like those involved in the grant to see the application before it is sent in. Jeremy said he would hold an informational meeting prior to sending In the grant. It must be submitted by 7/29/16. Police Chief suggested we include Cameras on Main St. Jeremy said he could possibly do that under Street-Scape enhancement.

Legals, Attorney Mastromorow:

The attorney said he has not heard from Town of Ephratah yet in regards to the assessment reduction. They have until June 30th to reply. In regards to Volunteer program, the board should check with their

insurance carrier, NYMIR (Dayton King). He said that Dolgeville was asked how many volunteers and did the board pass a resolution making them official volunteers. (Statute Gen Muni law- 277. He said he knows no requirement for Insurance. He passed out a form for Volunteers to fill out. The Mayor stated that Dayton King had told him Volunteers were covered under our Village Policy.

Table until next month and present Resolution. Trustee Castrucci does not think we need a resolution and Trustee Grant feels we do. A motion for Attorney to do a resolution was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes

Consent Agenda:

A motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2016, Year End Meeting of 5-26-16, Treasurer’s Report, Investment Report, Police Report, Justice Report, DPW/Water/WWTP report , was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Callahan, all ayes. A motion to adopt said agenda was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes.

Claims were presented in the amount of \$61,366.09, broken down as follows:

General Fund-----	\$ 43,870.44
Cemetery Fund-----	233.28
Marina Fund-----	6,690.29
Water Fund -----	1,426.63
Sewer Fund-----	9,145.45

A motion to accept the claims presented was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci

Department Heads:

Fire Chief, Christopher Weaver: The Chief said that the Turn-Out Gear has arrived. He asked DPW Supervisor if the commercial water line was open? Answer was yes. He then stated that the Fire Hydrants tops should be oiled and the hydrants flushed. He was told this was being done as soon as the person doing it comes back from vacation. In another matter, he said that the burning of piles of yard debri being done by the WWTP is not allowed. Burn permits are no longer being issued by the State. In regards to the Fire Truck Meeting, the Mayor told him that the Board would like to meet with at least four (4) vendors before they make a decision. The Chief will contact the vendors and set up meetings. Mondays and Tuesdays are the best days to use. The Mayor asked if the Chief had any suggestions as to how to pay and he was told “that is why the department wants the meeting with the board.” The Chief said that the weeds behind the fire station need to be trimmed. He also wants to know why the gates are open at the property up north belonging to the Water Shed. He noticed people going in there as he was driving by one day. The Mayor once again told Mr. Viciarelli that all gates on Village property need to be closed and locked.

DPW/WWTP/Water, William Viciarelli:

He stated that his main concern is the WWTP Pump Station. The Pump **needs to be replaced**. Trustee Callahan asked if Mr. Viciarelli had looked into a gas meter yet. He needs the information for the PESH Report. Mr. Viciarelli asked if the board would speak with him in executive session to discuss an employee.

Police Chief-Diana Callen:

She said that she needs someone to be trained to do breathalyzer testing. The person she had doing it is no longer with the department. She said she would like approval to attend training herself at the cost of

\$200. A motion to allow the Chief to attend training for breathalyzer testing was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes

The chief said she had to have repair work on the Impala in the amount of \$589.00 and was told that the problem was from the deer accident so it was turned into the Insurance and they will reimburse us.

Codes Officer-Wayne Horender:

He has no building permits to report. He has issued three (3) court appearances and there was one (1) show and two (2) no show. They have warrants out for their arrest.

Under the new codes adopted as of July 3, 2016, you may recoup the mowing of lawns, etc up to \$100 an hr.

Marina-Greg Morse:

Trustee Castrucci presented prices for coin-operated stackable washers and dryers for the Marina. The Washer would be \$1524 plus \$62 for coin box and the dryer would be \$1136 plus the coin box. The stackable unit would be \$3391 plus two coin boxes, \$124. A motion to purchase just the one washer for now was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes The campers had made a suggestion to put key code locks on the bathrooms and laundromat. The Mayor will have this done. Also put one on the outside of Police Dept. door.

Old Business:

A Water/Sewer Increase—The Mayor asked Trustee Castrucci about the Housing Authority putting meters in each apartment. He said it is possible, as they will fit under the sink.

B Dog fines and other animals: Mayor suggested increasing fines to \$250 and putting up signs with information on them about the fine. The attorney said the maximum is \$250. Police Chief said perhaps \$250 each offense. The Attorney asked if it was for dogs only or all animals, you must make distinction if no jail time, just fine, etc. A motion to amend fine for dogs to \$250 across the board each offense, no jail time was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes. This wording to be on the signs placed around the Village. The Attorney is to amend the law and a public hearing will be set for August.

New Business:

A Part-time Clerk-Motion to accept the resignation of Daniel Denorfio was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes

B A motion to approve the appointment of Susan Yauney as the new part-time clerk in the office was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes

C A motion to pass resolution in support of CFA application for Main St. Grant with County was made by Trustee Callahan and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes

D A motion to go into executive session to discuss DPW personnel was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Callahan. All ayes The board left at 8:45PM
The board returned at 9:15Pm and brought nothing back to the floor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant. All ayes so done