

**7/16/19 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:30 PM Community House**

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

Public: Sharon Fuller, Dawn Lamphere and Pauline Smith

Also: Diana Callen, Jarrod Walrath, Grace Malefyt and Cliff Dorrough

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

Department Heads:

Fire Department: No One Present

DPW: Jarrod told the Board that maintenance on Congdon Springs will be done next week and the bleacher seats need to be painted. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant to purchase the remainder of the lumber to finish the job at a cost of approximately \$800.00 and is to be stored inside to dry. All ayes, motion passed. There was also discussion about the removal of the pressure reducers at the Marina. All campers have been asked to sign an agreement concerning the water hook up. By Fall all campers will be uniform. Jarrod also told the Board that the new F550 truck should be delivered mid to late August.

Police: The Chief told the Board that she has lost four police officers. She presented the contract between the Village and OESJ School for the two SRO officers. There was some discussion about recording of the officers' time. It was decided that the school should sign off on the officers' time and then the Village would sign off.

WWTP: No one present. The Mayor informed the Board that he had canceled two contracts with Koester that would save the Village approximately \$4,000.00.

Codes: Cliff told the Board that he issued two permits this month. He also said that he is wasting time on Fridays checking lawns that need to be mowed when he has other things to do.

Marina: Grace presented the Marina report to the Board.

Treasurer: No one present, but the Mayor told the Board that Barb has given last years numbers to the auditor.

Dog Census-No one present.

Cemetery-No one present.

Public: Nothing

Legals: A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to allow the attorney to proceed with the filing of the Article 7 tax proceeding against the Town of Ephratah. The Treasurer will be instructed to cut a check to the attorney. All ayes, motion carried. The attorney asked the Mayor if he had received the signed agreement from Solar Liberty on the Second Amendment PPA. There have been no communications with anyone and there is no executed copy. Nothing new on the Lease. The letter to school concerning the soccer field needs some additional wording that the attorney will work on. Trustee Castrucci told the Board that he had spoken with the Montgomery County Treasurer and was told that the Village could add the cost of mowing to the tax bill. The attorney was instructed to prepare a Local Law adding the property maintenance costs not paid past and future to the tax bills on a motion by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried. The Mayor will confirm with the Treasurer.

Old Business-The Mayor informed the Board that he will be meeting with Wayne Tripp, who is with FW Forestry about the possibility of logging. They will do a walk thru to see if it would be feasible at this time.

Consent Agenda: A motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the 6/18 Regular Meeting, DPW, WWTP, Police, Codes and Treasurer's reports was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Audit of Claims: A motion to accept the claims as presented by the Clerk, in the amount of **\$54,299.30** was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried. They were broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 42,777.95
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 208.89
Marina Fund:	\$ 5,999.75
Water Fund:	\$ 2,379.20
Sewer Fund:	\$ 2,933.51

New Business: **Tipping fees** at the Montgomery County Transfer Station increased from \$72.50 to \$82.00 per ton this year. The Mayor will check with Weaver Sanitation about the fees in Fulton County. The **N. Division Street Bridge** was discussed. It needs repair, and the Mayor has received quotes to do a **temporary fix**.

A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to accept the bid from Town & Country Bridge and Rail at a cost of \$2,650.00 for the repair. The cost is for labor, equipment and material to repair the failing expansion joint. The work will include trimming lifted steel, grinding and prepping steel and cutting and installing new steel patch plate. The Village will supply traffic control with the proper signage to reduce traffic to one lane on the bridge. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Dockerty and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to donate **\$100.00** to **BUG Country Radio** to advertise the **Fireman's Fair**. All ayes, motion carried. The Mayor informed the Board that the **Community House roof** needs repair. He is getting quotes for the repair. The Central Hotel roof was also discussed. A price for tarping the roof will be discussed at the next **Community Conversation**, which will be held on **Tuesday, July 30th** at the Community House. Next was the discussion about the No Parking signs on Failing Ave. not being uniform. A motion was made by Trustee Buckley and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to amend the No Parking law so there is no parking on either side of the street from the intersection of Timmerman and Failing south to Route 5. All ayes, motion carried. Another issue is the **parking on Ann Street**. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to have No Parking from the Ann Street fence, which the Mayor will measure for future reference, to New Street on the westerly side of the street. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to adopt **Local Law #2 of 2019** for enactment, which increases the membership of the Zoning Board of Appeals from 3 to 5. All ayes, motion carried. Mayor Straney appointed Shawn Schoolcraft to the Zoning Board of Appeals with the Board's approval. The motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

Other: A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to go into **executive session** to discuss personnel and real estate. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Dockerty to return to the regular meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to accept the contract between the Village and OESJ Central School for two **SRO officers** for the **2019-2020** year as written. All ayes, motion carried.

After some discussion Trustee Dockerty made a motion to discontinue **fuel usage** to St. Johnsville Housing, OESJ School and SAVAC needs to be current or they will also not be allowed to get fuel from the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Castrucci made a motion to authorize Attorney Mastormoro to follow through with the Agreement

with Solar Liberty and Shimkus/Smith concerning the land swap of 10' with acceptance due Monday, July 22 by noon.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Dockerty. All ayes, motion carried.
Next meeting-August 20th at 6:30 pm