

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
8/15/17 6:30 PM Community House

Present: Mayor Bernard Barnes, Trustees James Castrucci, Connie Grant and Charles Straney, Attorney Mastromoro, and Karen Crouse

Also: Wayne Horender-Codes Officer, Police Chief-Diana Callen, Alex Countryman-Fire Department, Greg Morse-Marina

Public: George Crute, Sharon Fuller, Mark Martin

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

Public: George Crute- Met with Wayne and they went over the St. Johnsville and the State Codes and thought that the language needs to be simplified. They will meet again with the Board's approval. On a motion by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney a committee will be formed to review and come up with a simplified version of the codes. The committee is to consist of George Crute, Sharon Fuller and Wayne Horender. All ayes, motion carried. George also reported that he and Sharon have filed complaints on 21 Ann St. They asked what the status was on the property. Wayne replied that it is going to Court. Another concern is 15 Center St. George voiced his concern about animal control. He feels there is not enough patrol/presence being shown. A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Grant to have Trustee Castrucci ask the Town about doing a dog census. All ayes, motion carried.

Sharon Fuller-Voiced her concern with 21 Ann St. Some of the issues have been taken care of. The following have not: pool water green and breeding mosquitos, dog feces and smell, open fires. She was informed that when she thinks fires are too large, she should call the police.

Legals: Attorney Mastromoro informed the Board that he believes that the Town of Ephratah may be asking for a reassessment.

Consent Agenda: A motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/18/17, Police Report, Codes Report, and Marina

Report was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Audit of Claims: A motion to accept the claims as presented by the Clerk, in the amount of **\$43,348.74** was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried They were broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 25,417.10
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 284.77
Marina Fund:	\$ 9,956.48
Water Fund:	\$ 6,006.43
Sewer Fund:	\$ 1,683.96

Department Heads:

Fire Department: Alex Countryman-Assistant Chief explained that there are a total of eight lights at the park that need ballasts. The Mayor will check with Tony Susi and ask him if he would disconnect the smoking light. Alex said that Engine #3 has been repaired, he would pass on to the Chief the intersections that may be an issue concerning parking. The fireman are still looking for volunteers to work at the fair. He asked about the progress on the new truck. The Mayor told him that the Board was waiting for the fireman. It was agreed that a meeting was needed between the two. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29th at 6 pm at the Community House.

DPW-There are two quotes for paving of the Old Meadow, part of Hough St. and E. Liberty. Cobleskill Stone was \$39,793.75 and Hanson was \$39,962.50. A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to accept Cobleskill Stone's quote. All ayes, motion carried.

Police: Chief Diana Callen reported that she will try to photograph the intersections that might cause issues because of the parking and check the language.

Codes: Nothing

Marina: Greg Morse submitted a quote for 7-pound bags of ice from Holiday Ice. The charge to the Marina would be \$1.00 per bag.

Old Business: None

New Business: *The Mayor brought up the **Village Wide trash pickup** for 2018. He suggested that instead of curbside pickup, it might be more feasible to do resident drop off at the DPW garage into dumpsters provided by Weaver Sanitation. If changed, a letter could be put into the Water/Sewer bills to be mailed on September 15th. A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to change the procedure for Village Wide trash pickup from curbside to drop off at the DPW garage. All ayes, motion carried.

***AARP** would like to hold a Driver's Safety Course at the Community House on Saturday, September 9th from 9 am to 3:30 pm. A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Straney to allow use of the Community House. All ayes, motion carried.

*There was discussion concerning the renewal of the **MVP** health insurance. A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Grant to renew the policy with a 3.59% increase. All ayes, motion carried.

*The **Yaune subdivision** at 108 W. Main St. was discussed by Trustee Straney and he told the Board that they have met all the requirements. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant to allow the subdivision. All ayes, motion carried.

***Helping Hands** is asking for permission to use the Community House on Sunday, October 1 to hold a benefit for the Community Christmas Dinner. A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Grant to allow the benefit. All ayes, motion carried.

* A letter was received from **NYS Department of Health** congratulating the Village on its third-place finish in the annual NYS tap water taste contest, Capital Regional.

*The Town of St. Johnsville sent a letter asking the Village if they would be interested in doing a **Joint Comprehensive Plan**. Trustees Grant and Straney have offered to attend a meeting for this purpose.

*Attorney Mastromoro presented the **SEQR form for the solar project** and a Resolution. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Grant to allow the Mayor to sign parts 2 and 3 of the form. All ayes,

motion carried. Roll Call-Trustee Straney yes, Trustee Grant yes, Trustee Castrucci yes and Mayor Barnes yes.

*We received the 2nd quarter sales tax report. The Village received \$53,438.84, which is up \$4,518.80 from this time last year.

At 9:10 pm a motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Straney to go into **Executive Session** to discuss personnel issues. All ayes. Motion carried.

On a motion by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Grant to return to The Regular meeting at 9:25 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

*A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Grant to hire Amber DeGroat as a Full Time Clerk.

*A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney to offer a position to Ryan Swartz. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting to be held September 19th.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney to adjourn meeting. All ayes, motion carried.