

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
9/18/18 6:30 PM Community House

Present: Mayor Barnes, Trustees James Castrucci, Gene Colorito, Charles Straney and Attorney Norman Mastromoro

Also: Chief Callen-Police, Cathy Anderson & Grace DeWaal Malefyt-Marina, Frank Erno-WWRP, Jarrod Walrath-DPW

Public: Dawn Lamphere, Sharon Fuller, Robert Smith, Kathy Buckley, Katrina Caringi, Joe Carter, Carrie Caringi, Anne Mekeel, Tony Susi, Barbara Susi, John Lull, Pamela Wozniak, Mike Battisti (Borderline Excavating), L. Wozniak, Lia Murrero, Paul Lavoie (Solar Liberty), Douglas Cole (Prime Engineering), Cheryl Fillekes, Shelly Arduini, Don Schoff

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

Public-Anne Mekeel and Katrina Caringi had a list of questions concerning Nestle. The Mayor and Board explained that only permission to do a survey was given and they have not received a report yet. Mr. Smith stated that Nestle would put up money for an independent study. They also asked if the Village could do an independent survey. They were told yes, but they would have to pay for it. They were also told that down the road there would be a public hearing to inform the community on the progress.

The **Soldiers and Sailors Park** was discussed. The contractor and engineering firm were able to answer questions concerning the flat top of the wall. Mr. Cole explained that it would protect the underlayment.

The Mayor asked Mr. Smith why the Board was not invited to his **St. Johnsville 2023** meeting. He also said that the letter contained unfavorable language directed at the Chamber's president and the Village Mayor and Board and he was very upset about it. Mr. Smith thanked him for his opinion.

The **American Legion** was praised by the public for their work on the park next to their building. The Mayor discussed some of the work being done around the Village. The Main St. grant, new lights at the ballfield and the dirt being changed on the infield were some of the things reported. The **Land Bank** is taking over 3 W. Main St. with intentions of bringing it back into compliance with codes and making improvements to the downstairs (commercial) and the upstairs (residential). The house on 37 Monroe St. will be demolished.

Paul Lavoie (**Solar Liberty**) explained that they were close to construction on the solar panels. There was discussion about a Removal Bond for the end of the Agreement to take down the panels. He also explained that there would be an amendment to the Purchase Power Agreement to cause an increase in the price of the electric from \$.10.5 to \$.1065 per watt and an additional \$1,500.00 per year. He said that the next step would be to contact National Grid and the financing company. It was suggested that the Village put NYMIR on notice that the solar panels should be in place by the end of Spring.

Consent Agenda: A motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the 8/21/18 Regular Meeting, Police, Treasurer's, Marina and Codes reports was made by Trustee Colorito and seconded by Trustee Straney. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Audit of Claims: A motion to accept the claims as presented by the Clerk, in the amount of \$240,139.15 was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney. All ayes, motion carried. They were broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 131,772.65
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 378.96
Marina Fund:	\$ 50,110.73
Water Fund:	\$ 30,558.29
Sewer Fund:	\$ 27,217.04

Department Heads:

Fire Department: No one present

DPW: Jarrod went over his report and discussed work orders, what has happened during the month and what was planned for the upcoming month.

Police: Chief Callen told the Board that her only issue at this time is staffing. She is having problems filling all shifts.

WWTP: Frank informed the Board that Mike Kardash has passed all three of his exams and he will be eligible to take the final exam in March 2019.

Codes:

Marina: The ladies are asking everyone to slow down and keep to the speed limit. They have also given the Mayor a "wish list". The Mayor will meet with them to get their input on a letter that will be distributed to the campers before they leave for the season.

Treasurer: No one present

Old Business: Joint Planning Commission-The following names were put up for seats on the Commission-Dawn Lamphere, Thomas Elwood (Yes), Robert Bergen, Christine Clark, Dina Brundage and Robert Failing III. A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney to submit the names to the Town. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business: The Village Clerk read a **Resolution** approving the opening of a bank account with **Kinderhook Bank** and approving signatories to the account A motion to accept the resolution was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney. All ayes, motion carried.

Roll Call: Trustee Castrucci-Yes Trustee Straney-Yes Trustee Colorito-Yes
Mayor Barnes-Abstained

Trustee Straney discussed the issue with grass clippings and **yard debris** left at the curb. He states that it makes more work for the DPW guys. He wondered if the biodegradable bags would be a good fix. It was decided to leave things as is for now.

Village Clerk Rackmyer explained to the Board that our codes book has not been updated in more than ten years and had a quote from **General Code** to do the update. The cost would be between \$1,935.00 and \$2,355.00. The Board would like to wait and review it.

The Mayor explained that the **air conditioner** is leaking in the Village office and asked Trustee Castrucci if he would look at it and see if he could fix it as opposed to paying someone to do it.

Dawn Lamphere told the Board about a **Community Conversation** that will be having a meeting. The forum would be two facilitators to discuss concerns and visions for the community. She will update the Board when there is a definite time and place.

Trustee Castrucci made a motion to go into **Executive session** to discuss employment issues and Solar Liberty. Trustee Colorito seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney to return to the regular meeting. All ayes, motion carried. No action taken.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Colorito to approve the Resolution to Approve the Corrective Subdivision and Combination of Tax Parcels 8.52-3-23, 8.52-3-46.2, 8.52-3-47.22, 8.52-3-47.1, 8.52-3-13 and 8.52-3-12. All ayes, motion accepted.

Attorney Mastromoro will clarify with Paul Lavoie (Solar Liberty) a question about taxes.

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

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Next regular meeting will be October 16 at 6:30 pm.