

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
9/19/17 6:30 PM Community House

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

Also: Wayne Horender-Codes Officer, Alex Countryman-Fire Department, Greg Morse-Marina, Frank Erno-WWTP

Public: George Crute, Sharon Fuller, Monte Martin, Kathy Buckley, Jeremy Polidori, Crystal Napier, Dawn Lamphere

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

Public: Crystal Napier, on behalf of the St. Johnsville Chamber, asked permission to hold the 200th Anniversary Canal Celebration at the Marina on Saturday, October 14th from 11-2. On a motion by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Straney, all ayes, motion carried to allow the event.

Jeremy Polidori questioned the notice concerning the change in the semi-annual trash collection. There is some confusion as to the collection of weekly trash pickup. He also is concerned with the "Boarding House" on Hough St. He complained about the loud noise and fighting that goes on there. He was told to file a complaint with the police.

Kathy Buckley expressed her concern over dog complaints, stalking and harassing by neighbors. Signs in the Village stating that dogs need to be on a leash or under the control of the owner brought about discussion of what "under the control" of the owner meant.

Legals: Attorney Mastromoro discussed the DASNY grant agreement. The grant is for the wall at Soldiers and Sailors Park. Trustee Straney made a motion that Mayor Barnes sign the agreement and Trustee Castrucci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: A motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 8/15/17 and 8/28/17 Special Meeting, Treasurers

Report, Investment Report, Police Report, Codes Report, and Marina Report was made by Trustee Colorito and seconded by Trustee Castrucci. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adopt said Agenda was made by Trustee Straney 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 **\$140,596.96** was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Colorito. All ayes, motion carried They were broken down as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 96,637.32
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 151.64
Marina Fund:	\$ 9,508.54
Water Fund:	\$ 32,600.49
Sewer Fund:	\$ 5,698.97

Department Heads:

Fire Department: Alex Countryman-Assistant Chief told the Board that the fireman are trying to get information on the new truck. He also explained that the lights at the park need to be rewired. He said that the fair went well and thanked all the volunteers.

DPW-Nothing

Police: Nothing

WWTP-Frank reported that the yearly pump out has been completed. The new person is doing okay. Trustee Colorito said that the plant looks good. Frank told the Board that he needs a new printer. A motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Straney to purchase the printer. All ayes, motion carried.

Codes: Wayne told the Board that he has two different addresses for the owner of 15 Center St. He was instructed to send a certified return receipt and one regular mail to each address. He also would like a computer. There will be vendors at the next conference that he will speak with about software. He will get in touch with Mr. Bent concerning the Upper Mill (scrap yard). He and George Crute have met and drafted a "Property Maintenance Law Guide" They will edit and bring back to the next meeting.

Marina: Greg informed the Board that the Lois McClure Schooner will arrive on 10/1 and will give tours on 10/2 in the morning to students and from 3-6 pm to the public. He asked if some more sites could be used next to the train tracks.

Old Business: Mayor Barnes informed the Board of the need to repair the backside of the Community House roof. He has a quote from Borderline Excavation of \$8,00.00. A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Colorito to accept the quote. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business: *The County sent a sample resolution opposing the elimination of the deductibility of State and Local taxes. Trustee Castrucci made a motion to support the resolution, Trustee Straney seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

*A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Colorito to accept Resolution No. 2017-2 to amend Traffic Regulation No. 2017-1 to include no parking from the north side of West Main Street for the entire distance between the east curblineline of Center Street to the west curblineline of Bridge Street, as extended. Roll Call: Mayor Barnes Yes

Trustee Castrucci	Yes	
Trustee Colorito	Yes	
Trustee Grant	Yes	
Trustee Straney	Yes	Carried

Legal: Attorney Mastromoro talked about the water shed tax issue. If there is no appraisal by 9/29 a trial date will be set. He also discussed the filing of information concerning the solar project under Ag & Markets. If the owners agree, nothing more need be done. Next step is to purchase the land.

Public: Dawn Lamphere asked if a Codes Court would be separate from the regular Court and could that be considered shared services. She also asked about developing the west side of the DPW garage for more space for campers.

George Crute: discussed the dog census. Trustee Castrucci told him that the Town said no to doing it. The census pertains to Village dogs and can be done under Ag & Markets. The attorney was asked what would happen if the Town did away with the Dog Control Officer. His answer was that the Village would have to handle it. An ad hoc committee consisting of Kathy

Buckley, George Crute and Trustee Straney was formed to look at Village dog control laws.

At 9:05 pm a motion was made by Trustee Grant and seconded by Trustee Straney to go into **Executive Session** to discuss office personnel issues, potential DPW litigation and prospective purchase and sale of real property. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Colorito to return to the Regular meeting at 9:45 pm. All ayes, motion carried. No action taken.

*A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Castrucci to accept Amber DeGroat's resignation. All ayes, motion carried.

*A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Colorito to hire Chelsea Albers as full time clerk. All ayes, motion carried.

*A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Castrucci not to take any action on a resident's water bill. It was decided that the high bill was due to high useage and not any problem with the meter. All ayes, motion carried.

*A motion was made by Trustee Straney and seconded by Trustee Grant to waive a resident's bill due to only having been turned on for a few days prior to reading. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is to be held October 17th.

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