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Village Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY MAYOR GIFFORD

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:59 PM

ALL PRESENT: Mayor Gifford, Trustee O'Connor, Trustee Grenier (excused), Clerk-Treasurer Nicole O'Connor, Water Commissioner Iveson, Asst. Fire Chief Buccino, Sheriff Geraci (excused), Paul Callahan

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes November 4, 2019

Regular Meeting Minutes December 9, 2019

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Trustee O'Connor 2nd: Mayor Gifford

4. Schenectady County – Kevin Spawn 911 Tower Presentation

Mr. Spawn addressed the board regarding the proposal to build a 911 communications tower on Village of Delanson property on the corner of Route 20 & 395. Markers have been placed where they want to have the tower located. The tower will be 195ft and a shelter and generator will be located on the site as well. This tower would support the need for improved radio communications and would expedite the county project. This is the only location they are looking to build currently in the Delanson/Duanesburg area, making it pivotal.

The Village of Delanson Attorney has looked the contracts over, made changes and otherwise the contracts look good. Mayor Gifford requested that Mr. Spawn changed the notices to be mailed to the Village of Delanson instead of Gayle Gifford specifically.

Mr. Spawn stated they will take care of SEQR and will secure all required permits, etc. They will be going to go to the Town of Duanesburg Board for approval with the site plan, following compliance with state, county and town regulations.

In the interest of the state of NY, emergency services and village – no compensation needed.

Trustee O'Connor made a motion to allow Mayor Gifford to sign the lease agreement when received and modified as discussed.

5. REPORTS:

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT: Received October 2019, November 2019 & December 2019 call reports

Per Assistant Fire Chief Buccino, the fire department took 15 calls last month for a total of 151 calls for the year of 2019.

Assistant Fire Chief Buccino asked the board regarding the new law from NYS regarding the release of the names and contact information of any attendees on a potential crime scene. Mayor Gifford states the Board is unaware of this law and will check with NYCOM regarding it and the ramifications of giving out personal information of fire members on the scene.

Assistant Fire Chief Buccino brought up the compressor again. Mayor Gifford stated we are entering the budget season for the next fiscal year and as a result, the budget will have to be reviewed and the compressor discussed during that budgeting process. Trustee O'Connor also stated that as a Board, they need to look at how the cost of the compressor would impact the budget overall. Mayor Gifford noted that she would still like to see a greater effort of shared services between the Delanson Fire Department and the Duanesburg Fire Department. Assistant Fire Chief Buccino stated that at the fire at Quaker street, the Schoharie Fire Department had to fill the tanks on site. Mayor Gifford noted again that just to be clear, the Village of Delanson will not necessarily be purchasing a compressor for the Delanson Fire Department; the budget has to be reviewed.

Assistant Fire Chief Buccino asked about the camera system. The cameras have been purchased and will be delivered on January 16th. Trustee O'Connor asked about the wireless router downstairs and its effectiveness. The whole system has to be on the same network. It may be worth looking into getting cable for the whole building instead of the Fire Department having one subscription and the Village of Delanson having another.

Assistant Fire Chief Buccino suggested getting motion detection light switches as he feels it is a safety concern, in the bathrooms especially.

Assistant Fire Chief Buccino also noted the lights out in the bay again. Mayor Gifford stated again that there isn't currently a staff member to take on these tasks and asked if the Fire Department could potentially do it. Assistant Fire Chief Buccino was clear that they will not be changing the light bulbs.

Trustee O'Connor stated the Village of Delanson really needs to hire a staff person for some of these maintenance tasks. Both he and Mayor Gifford discussed putting an ad out. The individual must be 18 years or older.

Trustee O'Connor and Assistant Fire Chief Buccino had a discussion for how to increase the fire budget. Trustee O'Connor noted that the Village of Delanson cannot levy a fire tax and as a result, further review would have to occur to see how to increase that budget. Mayor Gifford suggested getting in touch with Angelo Santabarbara and/or Paul Tonko – Assistant Fire Chief Buccino stated that Chief Morrison has already tried and didn't get any response.

B. SCHENECTADY CO SHERIFF: Patrol Sergeant Geraci could not attend, but Mayor Gifford

advised him of the graffiti on the concrete wall.

C. TREASURER/CLERK: Reports submitted and reviewed.

D. WATER DEPARTMENT: Reports submitted.

Water Commissioner Iveson reported usage is down slightly. Last quarter results indicate water contaminate levels are now in compliance. WC discussed water quality and alternate zinc products with Slack Chemical. Jeff is waiting for a response from DOH with approval to use the new zinc chemical. Jeff said it could be a huge savings as far as running the water plant.

Hydrant Flushing scheduled for Saturday February 15th weather permitting. CT O'Connor will post notice

Water Commissioner Iveson has concerns with the project specs Lamont is proposing for the water treatment plant. Discussion on possible use of the old chlorination building for the meter. Lamont will research feasibility and if this would meet with the EPA requirements. Mayor Gifford suggested scheduling a session with Lamont Engineering to review before moving forward.

Water Commissioner Iveson indicated the water main break on Main Street went off without a hitch. Mayor Gifford asked Water Commissioner Iveson to collect the cones left at the site.

Additionally, Clerk-Treasurer O'Connor gave Water Commissioner Iveson the revised inventory and he will continue to work on it and assign values to what is listed.

E. PLANNING BOARD: Did not meet.

F. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Meeting held – tentative minutes received by the Clerk-Treasurer.

G. PUBLIC WORKS: Graffiti on the wall across from the funeral home. The Town of Duanesburg can come and paint over it. Mayor Gifford stated that resident Dawn Johnson also suggested a product that her husband found. Mayor Gifford will call the Town and have them come cover it.

H. BUILDING INSPECTOR: Report received. Noted 1 hour clerk and 2 hours building inspector, but not details. Clerk-Treasurer O'Connor reached out to the Town of Duanesburg for more details.

I. DOG CONTROL: Report rec'd – nothing inside the village limits.

Robert Harrington is resigning at the end of this fiscal year. Darla Gullotta may be coming back. Mayor Gifford is waiting to hear on that.

J. TRUSTEES PROJECTS: Cole Rd. street lights are out. Tag # 21 & Tag # 5.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: 7:44 PM

Paul Callahan addressed the board regarding the sign for the YMCA, as the legal representative of the YMCA. The concern with it being in the village right of way. And the resident whose land borders the YMCA property isn't willing to put the sign on his land. Water Commissioner Iveson has concerns with the water main placements as well in that village right of way.

Mr. Callahan presented the approved site plan from 2005/2006 – which indicates a lighted sign and easements for sidewalks and utilities. He considers the current sign a public safety issue and presented the packet of proposed sign, etc.

Trustee O'Connor noted that he needs to check with the planning board about the appropriate easements, etc. He suggested that the easement covers maintenance, etc. in the case of disrepair of the sign. Trustee O'Connor noted that it wouldn't necessarily be an easement per se, just an attachment to the deed for the YMCA. Concern is if the parcel is abandoned – what happens to the sign, etc.

Discussion about whether or not it needs to go to up before the planning board.

Trustee O'Connor stated that the Village Board will try to accommodate the sign. Mayor Gifford noted she just wants Mr. Callahan and the YMCA to go through the correct channels.

Those channels would be that the YMCA would have to come up with a site plan and have some language for a deed covenant and present that to the Planning Board. Water Commissioner Iveson needs to check the water main. Trustee O'Connor also suggested the possibility of just giving the small piece of land to the Y and then they can apply to for the proper easements, etc. Mayor Gifford will ask the Village Attorney if we can just grant the YMCA the land.

Discussion with Water Commissioner Iveson, Paul Callahan & Trustee O'Connor about where the water main pipes might be on that particular piece of land. Water Commissioner Iveson wants to investigate.

Resident Sally Burns noted the Gazebo needs some maintenance. She just wanted to make sure the board was aware.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR CLOSED: 8:03 PM

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. EPA Corrective Action Plan update – New Administrative Order received – They responded to the new submission they received from us. That new Administrative Order has the schedule that we gave them in our correction plan. The Village of Delanson has to give them quarterly updates as to our progress. The Village will need to do budget transfers to cover budget shortfalls in the Engineering line item under the Water Fund. Lamont will take care of the quarterly reports on behalf of the Village.

Discussion about the rate vs. value of the Village of Delanson selected engineering firm.

Jason Preisner from Lamont Engineering has contacted the Village insurance carrier and Village Attorney regarding the bid documents.

- B. 140 Elm Street demo update – no updates; don't expect anything until spring.
- C. 1794-1796 Main St. property update – Resident was supposed to get back to Village Board with a plan after the holidays. Still need a timeline from him from the resident; need to send him another letter. Discussion about the extension that was given in October hearing meeting. Will find the minutes and take next steps.

Trustee O'Connor – need to write a letter regarding property across the street from the Village Hall. Owner thinks he is in compliance with the Village Zoning laws.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2020 Schenectady County-wide Shared Services Plan ... Final Vote

Elected officials have to vote on a new plan every year. This year, it was focused on the 911 tower. Mayor Gifford sent the letter of support and voted. Trustee O'Connor reviewed the letter and said it looked fine.

B. Budget Season – letters will go out to all department heads for the budget season.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Toys for Tots convoy went well.

10. AUDIT OF BILLS AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MOTION TO PAY: Trustee O'Connor 2nd: Mayor Gifford

CLAIMS: #170745 - 170774 TOTAL: \$15,028.27

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 PM Mayor Gifford 2nd: Trustee O'Connor