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### Village Board Meeting TENTATIVE MINUTES July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM Electronically via Zoom\*

\*Please note: Due to the COVID-19 protocols, this meeting is being held electronically via Zoom videoconferencing and is being recorded. The public will be given an opportunity to speak during the privilege of the floor.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY DEPUTY MAYOR O'CONNOR

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:01 P.M.

ALL PRESENT: Mayor Gifford (~~excused~~), Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Trustee Grenier, Water Commissioner Iveson, Clerk /Treasurer O'Connor

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Village Board of Trustees meeting minutes June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Trustee Grenier 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Mayor O'Connor

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: Open & closed at 7:11 PM

5. REPORTS:

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Morrison submitted 3 quotes for turnout gear replacement. The Board feels approval cannot be based off of the quotes provided, they need to know which quote Chief Morrison would like to go with and then they can approve.

15 calls last month.

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## B. TREASURER/CLERK:

Reports submitted. Financial status of the Village still strong. It is expected we will see a decrease in sales tax revenue based on the County's reports.

## C. WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Commissioner Iveson has concerns about the timing of the Water Treatment Plant Improvement project. The company has expectations on timing that differs from Water Commissioner Iveson.

Additionally, Water Commission Iveson has concerns as to whether or not the company can still warranty the work after it has been bought out. Deputy Mayor O'Connor noted the contract that the Village signed would cover any concerns.

Jason Preisner of Lamont Engineering wanted to get started on the Water Treatment Improvement Project immediately. Water Commission Iveson let him know that he needed two weeks notice to prepare and also inform residents. Aztech wanted to start on the filter side – and stated they would be there Monday morning to start construction. As a result, Water Commissioner Iveson drained the filter on Friday night in preparation. But there was a delay in Aztech's schedule after he already drained the filter and there is still no signs of anyone being mobilized to start, which concerns Water Commission Iveson as the Village is now operating on one filter bed.

Water Commissioner Iveson will reach out to Jason Preisner on Tuesday morning to address the concerns.

Water Commissioner Iveson also realized there are propane bottles near the endwall. Aztech has to provide a safe workplace and protect our equipment. It is not the Village's concern to address those bottles during the construction.

As of last Friday, the lower reservoir was 4 inches below the top of the spillway; filled to capacity.

Aquatic bloom is high in the reservoir. Water Commissioner Iveson has made a phone call to switch suppliers to Surpass instead of Slack Chemical due to concerns over quality. Chlorine is supposed to be switched to 12%, but Slack Chemical is giving us old chlorine, which is resulting in using 3-4 gallons per day. It is a juggling act to keep the levels correct – especially in the heat.

Water Commission Iveson requested to have some keys made for Aztech. Both Trustee Grenier and Deputy Mayor O'Connor approve as long as the keys are returned at the end of the project.

Regarding Assistant Water Commissioner Micheli's certification, Water Commission Iveson has asked Assistant Water Commissioner Micheli to get something in writing

from Katrina at the county regarding his certification delay due to a lack of classes. Water Commission Iveson will follow up again tonight.

Roger Tidball approached Water Commissioner Iveson regarding the new owner of the 84 acres next to the Water Treatment Plant. There is a broken water pipe laying down in places on their property – the easement gives the Village the right to keep the pipes underground, but there are concerns with the pipes being above ground. Water Commissioner Iveson offered to walk through the property with the owner to see what needs to be addressed. Water Commissioner Iveson stated he may need a letter from the Village to dispose of the excess water pipes.

D. PLANNING BOARD: No update.

E. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No update.

F. PUBLIC WORKS:

DOT has been approved to work on roads in Duanesburg/Delanson now.

H. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

The Town Highway Department dropped off topsoil that George Martin requested when he was doing the Village landscaping. Now that George Martin is no longer working in capacity as the Village landscaper, Bill Reed will come and remove it.

The lawn is not being mowed regularly. Clerk/Treasurer O'Connor will reach out to Mark Caufield to see what might be causing the delay. Clerk/Treasurer O'Connor also noted the landscaping and weeds in front of the Village Hall need to be addressed.

The gazebo has a broken floorboard among other repair needs. The Village cannot solicit volunteer work. The Board will need to discuss with Mayor Gifford when she returns regarding the repairs. If it is dangerous, the Village should mark it off.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor also suggests reaching out to County Department of Health for COVID signs for both our parks and building.

I. BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Mayor Gifford received a call from Mrs. Mesick on Newton Street. People at the end of the road use the street as their driveway and Mr. Merbler apparently planted grass where people used to turn around. Mrs. Mesick says they just had their driveway done because and because it's the widest driveway, delivery vehicles back up and turn around in her driveway now instead of the end of the street because vehicles are all parked in the row. Her driveway is now damaged.

The right of way is uniform width; it doesn't bulb out like a cul de sac. The Board will have to look to make sure the people are not parking in the right of way and also make sure they are not blocking the driveway. Deputy Mayor O'Connor and Mayor Gifford and will coordinate with Dale Warner.

- J. DOG CONTROL: Report submitted.
- K. TRUSTEES PROJECTS:

No updates.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Large Water Main Replacement Project:

Clerk/Treasurer O'Connor has scheduled a phone conference with Joe Scott from Hodgson Russ (Bond Council) and Jason Preisner from Lamont. The purpose is to discuss Village administration of the project.

B. Concerts in the park:

Concerts are still ongoing. Attendees are social distancing and there have not been any concerns.

The Village Board needs to look into getting a labor/maintenance person the address issues arising at the gazebo and the Village Hall.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor also noted the Village should look into installing a handwash station by the back door for the fireman and establishing a cleaning protocol.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Village Wide Garage Sale:

Deputy Mayor O'Connor states that due to COVID concerns and the fact that the Village does not have the capacity to organize the Village Wide Garage Sale, it will not be held in 2020.

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

MOTION TO PAY: Trustee Grenier  
CLAIMS: 170884 - 170907

2<sup>nd</sup>: Deputy Mayor O'Connor  
TOTAL: \$10356.70

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

ADJOURNMENT: Deputy Mayor O'Connor 7:43 PM 2<sup>ND</sup> : Trustee O'Connor