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Village Board Meeting MINUTES November 2, 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 MAYOR GIFFORD

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

ALL PRESENT: Mayor Gifford, Trustee O'Connor, Trustee Grenier, Water Commissioner Iveson, Clerk /Treasurer O'Connor, Sgt. Geraci

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Village Board of Trustees meeting minutes October 5, 2020

MOTION TO ACCEPT with changes noted: Trustee Grenier 2nd: Trustee O'Connor

4. REPORTS:

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No report. But Mayor Gifford reported that the Fire Co. held a great event outside on Halloween. All of their trucks were out and they were in full gear.

B. SCHENECTADY COUNTY SHERIFF:

Nothing new to report; just here to listen. Everyone be safe on Election day. The Sheriff's patrol will be out at every polling location with K-9.

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C. TREASURER/CLERK:

A resident submitted a partial tax payment. Clerk/Treasurer O'Connor wasn't aware that wasn't possible and as a result when the relevy was sent over. Per our attorney and the County, the best course of action is to refund the partial payment to the resident and do a full relevy of the tax bill.

Due to the calendar date of the meeting and the invoice generation date from NBT bank, October bank reports will be submitted in the December meeting.

D. WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Plant Improvement Update: Did additional piping and did do new link seals. There was a sleeve in the wall between clearwell wall 1 and 2. Put a link seal there and a cap on it. Clearwell 2 and 3 are not online yet.

Water Commission Iveson notes that now there is an algae bloom, even in the filters. Filters are plugging consistently. Water usage is still all over the place. Not sure where the additional water is being used – doesn't go for any length of time but does go a couple days. Resident was watering his lawn, Water Commissioner Iveson asked him to hold off while the water project is going on.

Water Commissioner Iveson is still trying to determine to make sure everything that was at the Water Treatment Plant is still there now that the project is complete. Aztech was using some of the equipment that was there. Water Commissioner Iveson would like to meet with Jason Preisner to go over that detail. Water Commission Iveson also asked for them to leave the pipe and valves which they didn't do.

Aztech was pulling the samples, which Water Commissioner Iveson questioned. He was under the impression that Lamont Engineering was going to be doing those samples. Discussion regarding whether this was ok or not.

Walls of the filter beds are still covered with algae. Sand has a layer of green on it as well that is constantly being scraped off. Demand has been too high to get the filters/clearwells back online. Water Commission Iveson let Jason Preisner know that is the case as he has been asking.

Discussion regarding the chemical levels and what Central Bridge did to bring their levels under control. Central Bridge put mixers and bubblers in the clearwells and reservoir. Jason Preisner is looking to do the same in our system and the company that worked with Central Bridge wants to do a three-month free trial. The Operator at Central Bridge said the biggest change they made was putting the bubblers and mixers in the reservoir. Water Commissioner Iveson thinks a reservoir is more of a priority than the clearwells. Water Commissioner Iveson doesn't have a cost at this point.

The company uses sonar to check the depths of the reservoir and then tell you what size

and where to put it. Then there are floats with solar panels that runs the props underwater that are anchored to the bottom of the reservoir. Paddle turns and causes turnover so you aren't getting it all at once. Bubblers add aeration. Central Bridge has 4 or 5 of them running.

Water Commissioner Iveson has called Dominic at the Department of Health. He is still trying to get rid of Carus. When they did clearwell #2, they said there was quite a bit of sludge in the bottom of it. Flock could have caused this. Water Commissioner Iveson still thinks we need to change chemicals. Schenectady County Health Dept was going to check with the state to see if we would need further testing if we went with the non-certified lab. Water Commission Iveson is waiting for a blessing from NYSDOH before making this change. Trustee O'Connor noted to not change chemicals if going through with the trial of the bubbler and mixer trial.

Hydrant flushing on November 14th. Discussion regarding how to flush on Stewart Ln given the lack of ditches. Only really has one option and residents will likely come out and complain but given the freezing temperatures but that is the only way he can do it.

Mayor Gifford did talk to Bill Reed again and he agreed to install the bollards over on Newton Street.

- E. PLANNING BOARD: No update
- F. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No update
- G. PUBLIC WORKS: Picking up trees from blow down.
- H. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: None
- I. BUILDING INSPECTOR: Report received. Nothing in the village.
- J. DOG CONTROL: Nothing to report.
- K. TRUSTEES PROJECTS:

National Grid has been notified about existing street light outages.

Cub Scouts are meeting Friday nights in the village hall. Shouldn't need village protocol because already have protocol on file with the BSA. They will take care of the flags and retire them to the Fire Co.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: 8:00 PM

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Water Treatment Improvement Project Update – Update under Water Department above.
- B. Railroad Lease Fees – nothing new to note.
- C. EPA AO Update – paperwork has been submitted for the grants. Have heard about concerns in the community about the larger water treatment project and the residents not being informed. Trustee O'Connor thinks we need to hold off sending information out to the public until we have real options in front of us as it's possible it won't even happen. Residents can always attend the board meetings to stay informed.

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- D. SAM Grant – Kevin Morrison is following up on the SAM Grant.
- E. 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan – Need to complete jurisdictional documents and return them. Tentatively scheduled for the 12th at 3:45 PM. Virtual and in person offered.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Spectrum will be increasing \$5.00 a month starting this month.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Village General Election March 16, 2021 – One Mayor, One Trustee – 4-year terms
- B. Delanson 100-year Anniversary
- C. Fall Leaf Pick up – Nov. 23rd

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

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| MOTION TO PAY: Trustee O'Connor | 2 nd : Trustee Grenier |
| CLAIMS: 170961-170974 | TOTAL: 11098.68 |

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gifford 8:26 PM 2ND: Trustee O'Connor