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WATER COMMISSIONER
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Village Board Meeting MINUTES October 5, 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: 7:04 P.M.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Village Board of Trustees meeting minutes September 14, 2020

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Trustee O'Connor 2nd Trustee Grenier

4. REPORTS:

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Trustee O'Connor spoke with Aiden. They have been working hard to get their paperwork and inventory in order. They have everything filed appropriately and have taken an inventory.

They do want to do donuts and cider on Halloween. Mayor Gifford isn't sure about having the building open. Could they have the bay doors open? Food service may be an issue. Mayor Gifford will talk to them and talk to NYCOM to see how they can proceed.

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Discussion with Kevin regarding the loss of income from the pancake breakfast. Discussed the possibility of a boot drive. Aiden mentioned to Trustee O'Connor that they would be doing one as well.

B. SCHENECTADY COUNTY SHERIFF:

Sheriff had to respond to a neighbor across the street from the fire station. Every time a tone goes off, their home alarm goes off.

C. TREASURER/CLERK: AUD is complete and submitted. Nothing noteworthy otherwise.

D. WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Plant Improvement Project Update – just completed the third end wall section and the first of the clearwells. Overall, it went pretty smoothly. This one had minimal amount of work to be done. Water Commissioner Iveson heard from Jason Preisner of Lamont Engineering today that the second sample came back and it was clear. Therefore, number 1 clearwell will be put online and 2 and 3 will be drained down.

The contractor (Aztech) did not have any experience with link seals. They complained it would be difficult to do and therefore won't be completing it. It would, however, make sense to do it now. Jason had a meeting with the contractor and they decided they were not up to the task and they will credit that portion back to the Village on their invoice. Trustee Grenier asked the question if it would make sense to find someone else to do that portion of the work while the wells were drained. Water Commissioner Iveson did ask Jason that question and he said he thinks we should wait until a later portion of the project because it would perhaps muddy the water with both of them doing the work at the same time.

Aztech has wanted to bill additional for a number of the portions of this project, but Water Commissioner Iveson told them all of what has been discussed was in the project scope and they were fully aware of the work that needs to be done, including the link seals. Further discussion regarding whether or not Jason could provide the materials but the Village finds our own laborer.

The reservoir is down some, which has affected the filling time in the clearwell.

Water Commissioner Iveson also had to put the valve back on – already wants clearwell 1 to be filled. Water Commissioner Iveson thinks therefore he will fill clearwell 1 and then work on 2 and 3 and consider a subcontractor to do the link seals on those two clearwells at that point. Trustee O'Connor and Mayor Gifford agreed. Jason noted it would be 1 day of labor for 1 man for each link seal. Water Commissioner Iveson will call Jason to discuss further.

Back light and front light no longer work at the plant – someone tripped a breaker in the office as well. Water Commissioner Iveson will have to do some lighting work to repair it.

Will also need three locks – for the clearwell hatches.

Discussion regarding the YMCA and whether or not it is winterized while not in operation.

Discussion regarding the property at 230 Thousand Acre – whether or not the water should be turned off. Guardian Asset requested it, but someone has been living there according to Water Commissioner Iveson. Clerk/Treasurer O'Connor reach out to Guardian regarding it.

Siding and flashing on the plant will be a concern in the upcoming future. Water Commissioner Iveson will get some estimates.

Mayor Gifford requested that Water Commissioner Iveson go ahead and order bollards for Newton St. Bill Reed already told Mayor Gifford that they (the Town Highway Department) will install them if we purchase them.

Trustee O'Connor did mention that there is a portion of the property in the turnaround on Newton St. that is potentially personal property. The owner (Trustee Grenier) measured the property and expressed concerns to Trustee O'Connor. Trustee O'Connor suggested Trustee Grenier write a letter stating that he has not granted the Village use of the property or the right of way on his portion of the property and that the Village will remove the infrastructure at the request of either owner.

E. PLANNING BOARD: No update.

F. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No update.

G. PUBLIC WORKS:

Still fielding concerns and calls regarding the ditching on Stewart Lane. Board still feels this is not a Village issue and cannot be taken on by the Village.

H. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: No update.

I. BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Report received but confusing. Will need to contact Melissa to make sure we are reading it correctly.

J. DOG CONTROL: 1.5 of work related to the "Coco" from September.

K. TRUSTEES PROJECTS:

Trustee O'Connor replaced the board in the gazebo.

New flags have been received. Trustee O'Connor and the Cub Scouts can replace at any time. Flags are in the Clerk's office.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: 8:24 PM

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Water Treatment Improvement Project Update – Already addressed – under Water Dept. updates.
- B. RR Lease Fees

Town pays \$2600 for two sewer lines annually. Our contract from 1963 says we should be paying \$48. We paid CP Rail \$24 in both 2014 and 2015. The Village Board does not believe we should be paying anything until we have a new contract. Railroad Management would like us to give them a price. \$500 is the price Trustee O'Connor and Mayor Gifford came up with, with inflation. Trustee Grenier thinks that is too high. Trustee O'Connor suggests holding out.

- C. EPA AO Update – Jason has been keeping the EPA up to date with the project.
- D. SAM Grant – Building Upgrades – expires this month. Gayle requested and received an extension for a year. We have \$7434.74 left to use. Will get quotes for the doors.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mayor Gifford attended kick off meeting today. This has to be done every 5 years.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Village General Election March 16, 2021 – One Mayor, One Trustee
- B. Delanson 100-year Anniversary
- C. Fall Newsletter – will be going out this week
- D. Village Trick or Treat – not banning trick or treating – proceed at your own risk. But no public buildings will be open.
- E. Fall Leaf Pick up – Nov. 23rd
- F. Costume Parade CANCELED – Firehouse Building closed to the public on Halloween

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

MOTION TO PAY: Trustee O'Connor
CLAIMS: 170947 - 170960

2nd: Trustee Grenier
TOTAL: \$4270.55

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee O'Connor 8:52 PM

2ND: Trustee Grenier