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### Village Board Meeting APPROVED MINUTES January 11, 2021 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.

#### Happy New Year!

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY MAYOR GIFFORD

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

4. Meet and Greet with Duanesburg Central School Dr. James Niedermeier, Superintendent, and Jeff Rivenburg, Business Official.

Introductions from Dr. Niedermeier, along with his background. Currently Duanesburg Central has UPK – 8 in-person for everyone. High school is in hybrid model – switching on and off from in person to remote throughout the week.

Solar pilot projects – Mr. Rivenburg and Dr. Niedermeier have been talking to 7 different governments trying to get a sense of what the town or community's stance is on the solar pilot projects.

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The Village was approached by GE through the countywide shared services program about two years ago. They polled the Village for our interest in developing small parcels we are in control of for use of building solar projects. The Village had two sites in the proposal; GE ended up pulling all of the projects. The Village was ready to sign the projects prior to GE pulling out as it would have been a great project. GE found National Grid lacks the infrastructure to power the parcels. The cost to upgrade the infrastructure was going to be in the millions which is why they pulled the plug on the project.

Dr. Niedermeier asked that if the Village was approached again to just communicate with the school so that any resolution that may be in the books can be addressed. (Resolution of Real Property Law 487. To reject section 487 Real Property Law which enables the pilot agreement to occur.)

If there are any future capital projects, Dr. Neidermeier will also loop the Village in, along with other organizations in question.

## 5. REPORTS:

### A. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Fire Company wants to do a contactless, drive-up, drive-thru pancake breakfast. They will follow all CDC guidelines. Trustee O'Connor notes traffic is the only concern, but they can manage it. They are shooting for February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gifford will be speaking with Mike Hebert tomorrow regarding the ballast in the bay area. She will keep the board informed as to the results of that discussion.

Trustee O'Connor notes we need to order lithium ion batteries for the cameras.

Water Commissioner Iveson noted that the antenna is now hanging off of the building. Mayor Gifford also noted that the tones have not been going off at noon and 6:00 pm. She will reach out to Chief Morrison.

### B. SCHENECTADY COUNTY SHERIFF:

Lt. Sgt. Geraci stated crime is down within the Village and otherwise, nothing to report. He asked Mayor Gifford to send an email with details regarding the pancake breakfast in case they can provide any assistance with traffic.

### C. TREASURER/CLERK:

Discussion regarding the Water Treatment Plant invoice and potential cash flow issue.

Trustee O'Connor makes a motion to increase the water fund budget by \$18,000. And to transfer \$18,000 from the Water Cap Reserve account to the Water Fund in the same

amount - \$18,000. Trustee Grenier seconds.

Discussion regarding FEMA funds. Mayor Gifford has emailed rep from FEMA just to confirm what dollar amounts can be released from unrestricted fund balance. Discussion regarding the open projects, what is still open and how we can potentially address those projects. McMillan well is unable to be addressed. It is possible we could do rip-rap for the upper reservoir, but the work would need to be done.

Trustee O'Connor suggests Water Commissioner Iveson take the month to determine what would be needed, how much it would cost, whether he and Steve Micheli can do it, etc. A decision can then be made at the next meeting.

#### D. WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Commissioner Iveson received an email from the head of the Health Dept. He must begin monitoring for PFOA, PFOS, and 1-dioxane and these samples were already taken and submitted for testing. As a result, will see an increased cost on the bills from JH Consulting.

Discussion regarding work above the reservoir. Rolls and rolls of silk fence that hasn't been put up. Trustee O'Connor will call Dale Warner to address.

Water Commissioner Iveson got a hold of Jason Preisner at Lamont Engineering – all of the link seals that were newly installed are leaking. As the clearwells filled, the head pressure increased and the seals starting leaking. Aztech went there and cranked down on all the seals and everything seems to be ok now, but Water Commissioner Iveson will keep his eyes on it.

The UV Chamber will have to be replaced and Water Commissioner Iveson will be ordering bulbs to be in stock. The company that Water Commissioner Iveson used to order from (Trojan) is no longer in business. He will have to search around for what is needed.

Additionally, the finished water turbidity meter doesn't seem to be functioning correctly. Overdue to replace it. Likely around \$3000.

Multifunction valve on the back of one of the pumps is also leaking. Water Commissioner Iveson has installed a spare but that is also leaking. Will have to order another valve as well. Will also be looking at a new chemical feed pump.

Mayor Gifford asked Water Commissioner Iveson if he can reach out to Home Magic and follow up for a quote.

Water Commissioner Iveson asked that Mayor Gifford make a call to Bill Reed regarding the bollards for Newton St.

- E. PLANNING BOARD: No update.
- F. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No update.
- G. PUBLIC WORKS: No update.
- H. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: No update.
- I. BUILDING INSPECTOR: Report received. No new reports issued.
- J. DOG CONTROL: Report received – no work in the village.
- K. TRUSTEES PROJECTS:

Trustee O' will replace the flags.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: 8:59 PM;  
closed 9:01 PM

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mayor Gifford is working on it.
- B. SAM Grant – extension received. Doesn't expire until 10/21. Fire Co. is getting quotes on replacing the man doors.
- C. Railroad Management Lease Fees – still getting notices. Waiting it out.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2021 Town of Duaneburg Contracts – Clerk/Treasurer will check the expiration date on the contracts and reach out to Town Clerk.
- B. Garbage Contract Renewal – went out to bid the last time. Twin Bridges bought out Pollard. Will be some transitional issues. Clerk/Treasurer noted that we received a letter from Advantage saying they bought out Pollard. We can request a renewal of the contract once; Mayor Gifford will call them tomorrow.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Mayor Gifford received notification that the County/State wants to vaccinate municipal employees; she has a meeting tomorrow at 4:00 to discuss.

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

MOTION TO PAY: Trustee O'Connor	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Trustee Grenier
CLAIMS: 171008 - 171022	TOTAL: \$62,102.93

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mayor Gifford

ADJOURNMENT: 9:21 PM 2<sup>ND</sup>: Trustee Grenier