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Village Board Meeting APPROVED MINUTES March 8, 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.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY MAYOR GIFFORD

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes February 8th, 2021

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

4. REPORTS:

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT: No update.

B. SCHENECTADY COUNTY SHERIFF:

Sheriff's office is here for any concerns the community may have.

Police Reform Report has been sent out. Link to the website and reform is on our website.

C. TREASURER/CLERK:

The Village received \$1794.00 from NYS Comp Alliance for safety award.

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Reports submitted. The 2021-2022 budgets look good. Clerk/Treasurer O'Connor notes the General Fund looks great. She noted the Water Fund is a concern and is very tight, especially from a cash flow perspective.

D. WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Commissioner Iveson has a concern with the Aztech final invoice. He is stating that they knew of the limitations and issues with the endwall and the hole in the wall when bidding for the project and he feels the change orders are a concern. It appears we are also being charged for an additional valve; Water Commissioner Iveson wants to look at the plans to see if that was the case.

Trustee O'Connor suggests that Water Commissioner Iveson has a call with Jason Preisner at Lamont Engineering to review and further negotiate. Hold the payment until further review. Trustee O'Connor also noted that Water Commissioner Iveson should ask to see if there is a contingency built into the bid.

Water Commissioner Iveson spoke with AG at Carver and was able to get the water break invoice adjusted slightly.

Water Commissioner Iveson has also been working to improve the office at the plant. He has purchased some small items (paint, lights, etc) to complete these improvements.

Netwon St, Thousand Acre, West Shore and East Shore hydrants were all frozen when doing the flushing. All need to be relocated; they are in vulnerable spots now. Therefore, there will need to be construction done as well. Water Commissioner Iveson notes it will likely be \$5000 for the materials and construction around \$5000 for a total of \$10000 a piece.

Currently, the Village is paying \$85.00 for 5 gallons of Zinc. Surpass Chemical will sell us the Zinc in 5 gallon cans for \$15.00 more (or \$100 each). The only way we would see any savings is to go through drums. Typically we go through 5 gallons of Zinc every 6 days. If we can go to a 55 gallon drums, we can purchase it for roughly \$9.00/gallon. Trustee Grenier asked if we would even have the ability to handle the 55 gallon drum. Additional equipment would need to be purchased in order to make the 55 gallon drums work. Discussion regarding what would be needed to support the use of drums instead of 5 gallon pails.

The valve box on one of the hydrants in front of the Verizon building is broken off. Water Commissioner Iveson already has the part – just has to install it.

Mayor Gifford asked about Assistant Water Commissioner Steve Micheli's license. Water Commissioner Iveson just received a book with new classes and gave it to Assistant Water Commissioner Micheli; all classes were already booked. Assistant Water Commissioner Micheli is going to talk to NYS DOH and see what is needed.

E. PLANNING BOARD:

Mayor Gifford spoke with Dan Lindh about reorganizing. Dana Mesick is also interested in joining the Planning Board.

F. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No update.

G. PUBLIC WORKS: No update.

H. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Nancy Burke will be doing a deep clean this upcoming week.

I. BUILDING INSPECTOR: Annual reporting and stop work order at 192 Railroad Ave.

J. DOG CONTROL: Detailed report for Jan and Feb, but nothing within the Village limits.

K. TRUSTEES PROJECTS: None.

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

Open & closed at 7:49 PM

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Gifford had the interview on Thursday last week, which went well. Focused mainly on the flooding and draughts, mainly because we don't have the second reservoir online. They were also inquiring on the FEMA funding for the hard piping from the reservoir.

Mayor Gifford asked Jason Preisner at Lamont Engineering to answer some specific questions regarding the applications for the grant on the larger water improvement project. Jason agreed.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. General Election – March 16th, 2021

Notices are posted. Will be using the one bay. Fire Chief Morrison has been alerted.

B. Execute Intermunicipal Contracts

Finally have two contracts – one for the Highway and one for Building Inspector. There was quite a bit of back and forth between the attorneys due to the indemnification and insurance umbrellas. We should be receiving the Fire contract later this month.

Trustee O'Connor makes a motion to authorize Mayor Gifford to sign the Highway and Building Inspector Intermunicipal contracts. Trustee Grenier seconds.

C. Insurance Renewals

Mayor Gifford has met with Bill VanGorder last week. We don't have copies of the renewals yet but we expect to see an increase of 3-4%.

D. Present 2021-2022 Tentative Budget

E. Budget Hearing – Scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 5th, 2021.

F. Annual Organizational Meeting – Scheduled for 6:30 pm on April 5th, 2021.

G. NYMIR Harassment and Discrimination Annual Training – March 15th at 5:30 PM

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. General Election – March 16th, 2021 – Fire Hall

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

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

Approved to pay with the exception of the Aztech invoice, which will be held for further review.

CLAIMS: 171043 - 171069

TOTAL: \$62,584.82

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mayor Gifford

ADJOURNMENT: 8:28 PM 2ND: Trustee O'Connor