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BOARD OF TRUSTEES JOSHUA D. O'CONNOR GEORGE GRENIER **Equal Opportunity Employer** 

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CLERK/TREASURER NICOLE O'CONNOR DEPUTY CLERK SHARLENE GRENIER

# Village Board Meeting APPROVED MINUTES June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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: 7:06 PM

ALL PRESENT: Mayor Gifford, Trustee O'Connor, Trustee Grenier, Water Commissioner Iveson, Clerk /Treasurer O'Connor, Lt. Sgt. Geraci, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief Fink

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes May 17, 2021

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

# 4. REPORTS:

# A. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Car in the parking lot is for the extrication class that is going to be held. The car will be cut up next Thursday evening, along with another car and then it will be removed. They will try to be as quiet as possible for the concert in the park.

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Fink did review the minutes and did measure up the doors. They haven't had a chance to go down to Bellevue Builders yet but does expect it will be more than \$200.

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There was some service done on engine 352 – had an issue with the pump. The County did have the Fire Co. change over the call numbers. They are looking into changing just the numbers on the trucks but 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Fink stated they don't necessarily have to.

The antenna still doesn't have power yet – a National Grid issue/delay.

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Fink requested information from Jeff Iveson regarding the dry hydrant. There was a miscommunication regarding what he was to be providing. Jeff Iveson will forward whatever information he has over to 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Fink so he can forward onto Chuck Buccino.

Mayor Gifford requested quotes on the exhaust fan replacement. She cannot put in a claim until she has a replacement cost.

# B. SCHENECTADY COUNTY SHERIFF:

Lt. Sgt. Geraci is here to support the Board and residents in any way. Next week will be prom and graduation. There will be extra officers available.

Mayor Gifford requested speed signs in the village as soon as possible. Will be putting one by the high school per the Board's request.

# C. TREASURER/CLERK:

Tax Warrant for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is a total of \$101887.76; Village Tax in the amount of \$77370.62 and Water Relevy in the amount of \$24517.14.

Clerk/Treasurer O'Connor spoke with the County. Per Property Law – the Village cannot refund the resident. The County has run into this issue previously and the residents are advised to work it out among themselves. Clerk/Treasurer O'Connor will mail a letter to the resident with this information.

Also discussed the 1714-1716 Main St. and how the litigation has been dismissed. Need to contact the County regarding who owns it.

D. DEPUTY CLERK: Nothing to report.

# E. WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Commissioner Iveson sent a message to Larnard – was not happy with how things went down with the repair. He wasn't informed of anything despite his request. Pushed material into the hole. When Water Commissioner Iveson said something – they said, "You're lucky we're here".

They (Larnard) were supposed to be there the next day – no response, no show, nothing. That carried through the weekend. Water Commissioner Iveson is curious to see what the bill is going to be. He wanted the material removed that was there and he wanted material

replaced. Called them on Friday and nobody called him back.

Called today. No response. Machine is gone. There is some crusher run on the driveway, but nothing looks compacted. Water Commissioner Iveson spoke with resident Larry Grygas and reassured him the Village will do whatever it takes to fix their driveway.

Mayor Gifford asked if there are any quotes back regarding the upper reservoir. Water Commissioner Iveson said he hasn't heard anything back from the two companies he reached out to. May have to get the Dept of Health's blessing. Mayor Gifford stressed we need to get the project done this summer. Water Commissioner Iveson said he will call Jason Preisner to see if he has any recommendations as well.

Water Commissioner Iveson wants to look at the budget regarding changing a hydrant out. He does have an extra, but if he uses that to change something out, he will want a backup.

Mayor Gifford – noted that the Town will now need to fix the old repair up above Hyde's now that Larnard didn't do it.

Additional discussion regarding the 395 work. They were digging too close to the water main. Water Commissioner Iveson spoke with Chad Corbett at DOT and they listened and stopped the work. They will be addressing further.

- E. PLANNING BOARD: Did meet but did not receive minutes.
- F. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Did not meet.
- G. PUBLIC WORKS:

NYS is still ditching. Town picked up leaves and brush. They didn't pick up some on Newton because they were not in biodegradable bags.

# H. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

Mayor Gifford will reach out to Nancy about finishing up the window cleaning.

#### I. BUILDING INSPECTOR:

No report. Mayor Gifford did speak with Dale Warner and asked about contacting the owner of the corner property where the hole sits to see if fill can be added.

- J. DOG CONTROL: Report received. Some Delanson issues that were addressed.
- K. TRUSTEES PROJECTS:

Discussion regarding using a camera to check the drains, but it was ultimately decided not to use it due to costs. The drain was flushed and it now seems to be better. The drain ultimately will need to be raised up.

Trustee Grenier continues to flush the boiler.

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# 5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: 7:56 PM

Discussion regarding what the Village/Fire Dept. might potentially do to honor previous Firemen. Jeff Iveson asked 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Fink for his input and he will check with Chief Morrison and Aidan Enders.

Closing the floor at 7:59 PM.

# 6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan No update.
- B. CHIPs Projects Mayor Gifford spoke with Chip at Empire Paving regarding draining issues/possible solutions. Trustee O'Connor can meet with him on Friday at 10:00 am. Mayor Gifford will try to schedule.
- C. FEMA Projects Already took care of earlier in the meeting.
- D. LED Lighting Brian cannot reduce his quote to \$2000. Original quote was \$2400.

Trustee O'Connor makes a motion to approve the replacement of the LED Lighting in the amount of \$2400.00. Trustee Grenier seconds.

# 7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Parks Proposal – Deputy Clerk Grenier prepared a Gazebo Renovation Proposal.

NYCOM recommended we refer to our local ethics law. Wade at NYCOM doesn't see anything in the law that prevents the Village Deputy Clerk overseeing the project as long as it was outside the role of the Deputy Clerk duties.

Village Attorney Marola's concern was from a risk issue because we are not insured to cover volunteers.

The Board is leaning toward option B from the proposal.

Trustee O'Connor makes a motion to accept the proposal option B for the landscaping portion for amounts to not exceed our procurement policy. Trustee Grenier seconds.

# 8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Concerts in the Park very well attended.
- B. Village Wide Garage Sale sales went well. BBQ Delights did well.
- C. July Village Meeting will be moved to July 19th instead of July 12th.

# 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: 171122 - 171147 TOTAL: \$13262.70

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee O'Connor

ADJOURNMENT: 8:36 PM 2<sup>ND</sup>: Trustee Grenier