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Village Board Meeting APPROVED MINUTES August 9th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY MAYOR GIFFORD

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 PM

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes July 19th, 2021

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

4. REPORTS:

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

10 calls last month.

2nd Assistant Chief Fink went down to Bellevue Builders to get pricing on the wood. Unfortunately, \$200 is not enough to cover the costs of installing the doors.

Trustee O'Connor makes a motion to approve up to \$300 for the wood to replace the wood on the doors. Trustee Grenier seconds.

2nd Assistant Chief Fink also got one quote so far on the replacement fan. To bring it up to code, it has to be installed on the roof. Fan itself will be \$1500. Installation would have to be figured out and coupled with hanging a chimney. 2nd Assistant Chief Fink will send the quote to Mayor Gifford so she can submit it for an insurance claim.

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2nd Assistant Chief Fink also noted there are additional leaks in the office room now. Mayor Gifford will check with Home Magic to see if he is still interested. Trustee O'Connor also suggested getting some additional quotes. Payment from insurance company was in the amount of \$4678.76.

2nd Assistant Chief Fink also noted that when the LED lights are installed, there might be an issue with the garage doors.

2nd Assistant Chief Fink finally asked what the Board thinks will be the stance on the pancake breakfast come October. Trustee O'Connor noted the Village will follow all state and county Department of Health guidelines and CDC as to what they deem appropriate at that time.

The other car that is now in the parking lot is the additional car for training. The Fire Company did reach out to Dave Holt again and he subs out his towing now, so they are still waiting for the totaled car to be picked up.

B. SCHENECTADY COUNTY SHERIFF:

Lt. Geraci asks that residents lock their houses and cars. There has been some larcenies in the local area and just advises that everyone lock their property.

Mayor Gifford suggests we add something to the website and send out an email just reminding everyone to do so.

The department is also looking to add a license plate reader to the radar sign.

C. TREASURER/CLERK:

Covid relief - rec'd \$19612.18 for the first payment under the American Rescue Plan. Guidance doesn't show exactly what it can be used for with the exception that it cannot be used for recurring expenditures or budget gaps. Discussion over the possibilities to be used.

Trustee O'Connor makes a motion to place half of the amount received in the water fund and half of the amount in the general fund. Trustee Grenier seconds.

Applied for and received an extension for the AUD – to help deal with the fiduciary/Trust & Agency account changes.

D. DEPUTY CLERK: No report received but Treasurer/Clerk O'Connor noted she has been updating all the vendor files and also the property transfer filings – putting them in SBL files so you can easily find a history on an account.

Mayor Gifford noted that she now wants her to do something similar for the planning board files.

E. WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Commissioner Iveson desperately needs a chlorine pump. New pump with associated wiring, tubing, etc. is around \$2700.00. Because it's an emergency situation, no additional quotes are needed.

Trustee O'Connor makes a motion to replace the chlorine pump with the appropriate fittings and fixtures for an emergency repair for an amount not exceeding \$3200.00. Trustee Grenier seconds.

Water Commissioner Iveson received a call from the Empire Gun Club – Joe Pangione (sp?). He is doing some research, he is currently in charge, has over 40 members now. He noted that he saw the pipe is broken from the upper and lower reservoir and that since water isn't being drawn, he wants to use the reservoir for fishing, etc. Trustee O'Connor notes it is not their property – they do not have any right to trespass or use it. Additionally, they are impeding their easement by changing locks on the gate to the access road that gives Village employees access to the reservoir. Trustee O'Connor notes that posted signs will not help; they know it isn't their property.

Lt. Geraci asked for an overview map of the property. Trustee O'Connor noted he will send something and also directed him to look at ImageMate online.

Power has been out at the pump house since 9:00 am this morning. Generator tried to start, but was unsuccessful. Water Commissioner Iveson contacted Advanced Power to have them come out and look at it.

In regards to the cloudy water reports, Water Commissioner Iveson noticed a 12K draw both days that week and thinks it might have been from a hydrant being open. That would increase the turbidity and result in cloudy water. The levels seem to be coming back to regular and the water has improved.

Water Commissioner Iveson also wanted to note that Assistant Commissioner Steve Michele will be out next week. Discussion regarding possible candidates for his replacement. Mayor Gifford will talk to the new Superintendent about possible shared services.

Discussion regarding salaries and the possibility of looking into increasing the Assistant Water Commissioner salary in order to find additional candidates.

F. PLANNING BOARD: No updates.

G. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No updates.

H. PUBLIC WORKS: Mowed the plant. Thank you! No quotes from Empire. Trustee Grenier and Mayor Gifford met with Joe and Guy; walked the roads and looked at ditches and storm sewers. They seemed interested in going into a contract with us. Joe Landry is going to check to see if they can even enter into an agreement with the Village. And if so, he will

give us a quote.

Mayor Gifford received a complaint from a resident on Newton St. that the street is in poor condition and also concerns about people parking at the turnaround. Mayor Gifford called Bill Reed and Dale Warner about the complaints. She also talked to Bill Reed about the bollards and fixing the East Shore break site.

Dale Warner talked to the judge regarding the property across the street and how to proceed.

- I. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Nancy Burke will come back on Saturday to do monthly cleaning. Mayor Gifford will let Clerk/Treasurer know the amount.
- J. PARKS: Beautification committee did a beautiful job! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible!!
- K. BUILDING INSPECTOR: Report received; nothing in village.
- L. DOG CONTROL: Report received. Number of calls in the village last month.
- M. TRUSTEES PROJECTS:

Trustee Grenier is only flushing the boiler once a month now.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: 8:13 PM

Guilliano (Gill) Amelo, resident from West Shore Rd. A couple of weeks back, they were cleaning up and burning some yard rubbish (sticks) and received a call from one of his neighbors regarding the smoke. They are trying to accommodate his neighbor. Three days ago, they were burning again and Mayor Gifford stopped by. He read the law and he doesn't see any concern for a legitimate complaint. If it's health related, he is happy to come to a shared resolution.

Trustee O'Connor noted the state and local law regulations regarding open burn. Construction debris, garbage, leaf matter, etc. cannot be burned at any point during the year without a permit. Trustee O'Connor noted that he supports the idea of having a contained campfire but suggests working with his neighbor to come to consensus of what accommodates both of them within the law.

Floor closed at 8:36 pm.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan – no update.
- B. CHIPs Projects - \$87000 we are going to use to pave roads.
- C. FEMA Projects – Water Commissioner Iveson did contact Jason Preisner and he will write up a performance spec.
- D. LED Lighting – Kevin is following up on this.
- E. Hero Act – Mayor Gifford will follow up.
- F. Abandoned Property @ 1714-16 Main St. – Clerk/Treasurer will follow up.

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7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

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

MOTION TO PAY: Trustee O'Connor 2nd: Trustee Grenier
CLAIMS: 171168 - 171180 TOTAL: \$3632.83

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mayor Gifford

ADJOURNMENT: 8:53 PM 2ND: Trustee O'Connor

Readjourn @ 8:55 PM

Trustee O'Connor makes the motion to have Mayor Gifford to sign the Memo of Understanding between Schenectady County Unified Communications Center and the Village of Delanson. Trustee Grenier seconds.

Motion to adjourn again: Trustee Grenier

2nd: Trustee O'Connor

Adjournment: 8:57 PM