



## VILLAGE OF DELANSON

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## Village Board Meeting APPROVED MINUTES December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY MAYOR GIFFORD

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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

4. REPORTS:

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

6 calls in November. 5 medical. 1 fire.

Pancake breakfast was pretty good. Next one is January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

B. SCHENECTADY COUNTY SHERIFF:

Lt. Geraci wishes everyone Happy Holidays!

Mayor Gifford appreciates the Sheriff's escort for the Toys for Tots Train convoy on Saturday.

C. TREASURER/CLERK:

Reports submitted.

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Budget modifications submitted to the board.

Discussion regarding the three software quotes received. Trustee O'Connor would like an analysis and breakdown of the software over time to have a true comparison.

D. DEPUTY CLERK:

Records approved for destruction submitted. The Deputy Clerk will be out of the office for the foreseeable future.

E. WATER DEPARTMENT:

Report submitted.

Discussion regarding the water discoloration. When hydrant flushing, when running the main, the water was the color of Coca-Cola. It is suspected that the new ortho is causing some of the metal to come off of the pipes and be deposited in the water. It is suggested to further test for alkalinity and pH, which Water Commissioner Iveson has done and is awaiting results. Every water test available is showing the water is safe to drink regardless of the discoloration.

Water Commissioner Iveson did note that we are seeing reduced costs in Zinc by this new process as he isn't using as much.

Water Commissioner Iveson also checked with the Health Department to see if he switches back to our original chemical makeup, if they have to be notified and they stated no, since that makeup has already been approved.

Water Commissioner Iveson does want to get the bollards done on Newton to protect the hydrant. Additionally, another hydrant was hit and the homeowner has agreed to allow us to move it back from the road a little bit.

F. PLANNING BOARD: No update.

G. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No update.

H. PUBLIC WORKS:

The Town repaired pavement on School Rd. where it meets a driveway near 395. Plowing and salting has begun.

I. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Tiles in the men's room need to be replaced.

J. PARKS: No update.

K. BUILDING INSPECTOR: Two reports received – one from last month and one from this month.

L. DOG CONTROL: Report received, nothing in the Village.

M. TRUSTEES PROJECTS:

Trustee O'Connor is looking into whether CHIPs funds can be used for a traffic study to determine if it's possible to be eligible for a pedestrian connectivity grant.

#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: 7:48 PM

Resident Coombs stopped for the train and saw two kids sitting under the dead tree on the edge of the parking lot. Norfolk Southern needs to remove the tree. Unfortunately, there is nothing the Village nor the State can do to enforce the railroad to take the tree down. Mayor Gifford will call Norfolk Southern to report it.

Jeff Iveson was approached by a resident during hydrant flushing regarding a tiny building behind Salisburg's property. It appears someone is living there. Build Inspector Warner is aware.

Floor closed 8:05 PM.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan – draft plan submitted and is up on the website for review. Once all comments and revisions are reviewed, it will be further updated.
- B. CHIPs Projects – no update.
- C. FEMA Projects – still waiting for a response from Jason Preisner at Lamont Engineering for a spec.
- D. Unsafe Buildings - 1714-1716 Main St. and 140 Elm St. – Mayor Gifford and Clerk/Treasurer had a conversation with the County regarding the unsafe buildings. The County ideally would like to see the properties go through the foreclosure process and then be auctioned off. This, however, will not occur until the fall of 2022 at the earliest. If the Village proceeds with the Unsafe Building Law and demos the properties, the Village will be fronting the funds to demolish the buildings, the lien will be put on the land and then the County will make the Village whole – but not until almost a year later.

If they do go to auction, the County will work with us to have verbiage in the sale that includes a timeline of when something needs to be done with the property. There was also a discussion regarding getting the Capital Region Bank involved.

- E. Railroad Lease Fees – no update.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2022 Proposed County-Wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan – received the latest draft and it will be posted on the website.
- B. Water Department Temporary Laborer

Trustee O'Connor makes a motion to increase the laborer pay scale for the Water

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Department from \$12.50 to \$15.00 an hour. Trustee Grenier seconds.

C. Lamont Engineering – Elm Street Wall

Jason Preisner at Lamont Engineering has inquired about splitting the cost of the work done on the Elm Street Wall project that went dormant. Mayor Gifford will let him know it's ok to invoice.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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: 171237-171263	TOTAL: \$30855.05

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee O'Connor

ADJOURNMENT: 8:54 PM	2 <sup>ND</sup> : Trustee Grenier
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