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### Village Board Meeting APPROVED MINUTES May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY DEPUTY MAYOR O'CONNOR

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

ALL PRESENT: ~~Mayor Gifford~~ (excused), Trustee O'Connor, Trustee Grenier, Water Commissioner Iveson, Clerk /Treasurer O'Connor, Lt. Geraci, Jason Preisner

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Trustee Grenier

2<sup>nd</sup>: Trustee O'Connor

4. Review of Water Treatment Improvement Project, Jason Preisner, Lamont Engineering

Village was awarded a WIIA grant earlier this month for \$538,000. Jason reviewed the two options of the original pieces. WIIA will cover 60% and then the DWSRF will financing the rest of the loan at 30 years at a subsided interest rate, with Jason expects will be closer to market rate due to the income levels of the residents.

The first option (GAC sandwich) would increase water rents by \$68.33 per quarter and the second option (GAC Tower) would increase water rents by \$166.61 per quarter.

Water Commissioner Iveson asked if there are any additional ways to decrease overall cost, including by using the old chlorination building.

Meters are included in this project. Meters would be added to each building as well as the plant. The Village does not need to bill off of the meters, but will be able to take readings and have a better idea as to what usage is for each residence.

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Trustee O'Connor noted that he doesn't feel good about going forward with the larger project without further funding and asking the residents to double their water rents. Especially when at the tap, it isn't something that is going to be any different necessarily than what we are getting now. At minimum, we don't have a choice, we have to go out for the smaller project to meet the EPA Administrative Order.

Trustee Grenier noted that it doesn't necessarily make sense to do half the project, but at the same time, raising rents is going to be tough.

Jason Presiner will call the Health Dept tomorrow and have a discussion with them to see what our options are for moving forward.

Trustee O'Connor noted we need to have a workshop with Jason to really go through the plans in detail and see where we are at. He noted that with the understanding that we can sign the letter for the grant that is due on Friday, but not go forward with the project if it ends up being too costly, it makes sense to sign versus not and not have any option for funding.

In the effort to seek compliance with the EPA's order to meet the disinfection level, Trustee O'Connor makes a motion to authorize Mayor Gifford to sign the grant letter with the intention of moving forward, with an understanding that it doesn't necessarily mean the project will happen. Trustee Grenier seconds.

## 5. REPORTS:

### A. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

April -7 calls; 4 EMS; 3 fire. One brush fire on the backside of the wastewater treatment plant.

They have started a truck committee to evaluate the fleet.

Adam Fink ran the wire today for the phones.

### B. SCHENECTADY COUNTY SHERIFF: No update.

### C. TREASURER/CLERK:

Submitted American Rescue Plan Act reporting to the Dept of Treasury. Opted for the "reduction in revenue" choice.

Had Spectrum come and look at the phone lines. Gave us a new router and they discovered lines were chewed and need to be run to get the Fire Dept phone working again.

Tax season starting – water relevy is being processed and sent over to get the tax bills going.

Met with Bill VanGorder regarding the insurance renewals, which we can discuss later.

D. DEPUTY CLERK: No report.

E. WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Commissioner Iveson noted he has to order some UV bulbs again. He may also need sleeves as well.

Mayor Gifford and Water Commissioner met with one candidate for the Assistant Water Commissioner position and unfortunately, he does not meet the NYS minimum requirements for the position. He has been trying to do some outreach for interest with a few people he needs.

Water Commissioner will reach out to Joe to have him finish the electric for the box that is corroded and add the new pump that was recently purchased.

Water Commissioner Iveson would like to take the board to do a tour with the plant to review the water treatment plan improvements that are being proposed. He really thinks the project could be much more attainable and costs reduced. Trustee O'Connor agrees that there needs to be a due diligence to review it all and see if there are any creative approaches and value engineering that can be done. He asked if there is a way to obtain the construction plans from what Central Bridge did.

F. PLANNING BOARD: Public

G. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No update.

H. PUBLIC WORKS: No update.

I. BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Roof insurance claim is being processed.

J. PARKS: No update.

K. BUILDING INSPECTOR: Last month's report received.

L. DOG CONTROL: No village activity.

M. TRUSTEES PROJECTS:

Trustee O'Connor is still working on the Water Law. He needs a fee table. Trustee O'Connor suggests we do a draft of that table and send that to Water Commissioner Iveson for review.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: 8:02 PM

Claire & Dawn: Kenneth's Army Champions for Children. They are lobbying to get the laws changed because children are on the lowest of the totem polls and are the most vulnerable. They have one fundraiser a year, which is a motorcycle run.

Adopt a student that is going back to school in what would be Kenneth's grade. Provide Thanksgiving Day dinner for underprivileged family.

Wanted to let the Board know that they will be rumbling through town and would like to have

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anyone join them that they can.

Greg – wanted to show off the community aerial photo that he took of Delanson and wanted to offer it to the Village.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: 8:11 PM

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. CHIPs Projects – No update
- B. FEMA Projects – No update

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. DWSRF Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant (WIIA) – discussed earlier in the meeting after Jason’s presentation.
- B. Insurance Renewals

Trustee O’Connor makes a motion to have Mayor Gifford sign the insurance renewals.  
Trustee Grenier seconds.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Village Wide Garage Sale – June 4<sup>th</sup>
- B. Concerts in the Park – Start June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- C. Memorial Day Parade – May 24<sup>th</sup>
- D. Resurfacing of Main Street is supposed to now be starting May 26<sup>th</sup>.

10. 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: 171345-171360	TOTAL: \$9236.42

Trustee O’Connor makes a motion to approve the budget transfers for the electricity funds that are over. Trustee Grenier seconds.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee O’Connor

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 PM	2 <sup>ND</sup> : Trustee Grenier
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