

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Present were: Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Joe Spence, Trustee John Todaro, Police Chief Rich Nolan, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Paula Crippen and via skype Trustee John O'Connor.

Absent: SPW Rick Paden, Fire Chief Hans Franklin, EMS Trevor Natoli.

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

### **PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Dr. Ronald Scheidelman –

Expressed concern about his water bill penalties. The Mayor told him NYS law does not allow the village to forgive water/sewer penalties.

Dr. Scheidelman also asked about erecting a 6-ft. chain link fence in his front yard to contain his dog. The Mayor will contact him in writing about this issue.

Dr. Scheidelman received a letter from the code enforcement officer regarding the need to mow his lawn. A neighbor's tree fell in front of shed where he keeps his lawn tractor. Board suggests he contact a lawyer, because this is a legal dispute between he and his neighbor. The Mayor stated it's still his responsibility to mow his lawn.

Larry Beckwith, Don Stevens, and Marv Hamstra –

They expressed concern about Greene St. where Stevens Rd. connects. Street is very bad, needs to be re-milled and replaced and needs new culvert. Mayor Stark will talk with the DPW Superintendent and take a look at it and discuss having the work done this summer.

They also asked about two vacant properties on Greene St. The property at 27 Greene St. is up for tax sale this year. The Mayor discussed the village's options for vacant/abandoned properties, including demolition order, having an engineer declare unsafe, or to pursue abandonment in which case the property becomes the village's. Mr. Stevens is particularly concerned about 6 Greene St. because the house still has power to it (he is on fire department and worries it could catch fire). The Mayor will follow up in writing to the property owner.

There are three properties in the village up for tax sale – 27 Greene St., 14 Taylor St., and 15 State St.

**ABSTRACT:**

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee O'Connor seconded a motion to approve abstract #012 as presented. All voted aye and motion was carried.

General Fund	\$ 73,754.44
Water Fund	\$ 2,183.95
Sewer Fund	\$ 6,116.15
Waste Water Capital	<u>\$ 9,232.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 91,286.54

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Trustee Todaro moved and Trustee O'Connor seconded a motion to approve the April 25, 2017 regular meeting minutes. All voted aye and motion was carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Trustee Todaro moved and Trustee Spence seconded a motion to approve the March and April 2017 treasurer reports. All voted aye and motion was carried.

**JUSTICE REPORT:**

Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Todaro seconded a motion to approve the Justice Report for April. All voted aye and motion was carried.

**POLICE:**

Chief Nolan will send press releases to all board members when he sends them to The Evening Sun.

The Chief asked about the health insurance opt-out for Officer Steve Rounds. Cost of health insurance for one full time employee is approximately \$10,000. After discussion, Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Todaro seconded a motion to increase the health insurance opt out payment to \$1000 per year, paid quarterly at \$250, to all full-time employees. All voted aye and motion was carried.

There was a power brown out on 5/22/17, caused by the company moving an oversize load through the village. Three computer monitors were destroyed and required 3.5 hours of assistance from Cory Davis to assess, repair, and replace. Mayor Stark asked Chief Nolan forward to the village clerk information on the company that shut down power. Village Clerk needs to report to insurance company to seek reimbursement.

Chief Nolan reviewed cases for month and time required on each case, including completion of paperwork. He also reviewed the list of reports he is responsible for to NYS (Albany). He averages 2.4 hours per day to complete these.

Chief Nolan reviewed his officers' schedule. He puts extra officers on duty when he received grant money to do so, such as DWI patrols. NYS Police will back up, but most is the responsibility of this police department. His focus is taking drugs/drunk drivers off the road.

Officer Rounds was one of 16 (out of 65 in class) who recently passed the test to become a Drug Recognition Expert. If he is called to help another municipality with a DRE check, Chief Nolan can process a claim with DWI patrol and receive reimbursement of 4 hours at overtime rate for Officer Rounds' assistance.

N. Washington Ave. police garage update: Chief Nolan is working with Gene Rood to determine what to include in the building. Gene has said the garage could be done by November.

### **WWTP:**

WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel attended annual NY Rural Water Assoc. training conference in Niagara Falls this month. He shared some of the things he learned, including information on possible grant money available to the village. At the conference Kirk spoke with the sales rep from the company we purchased the panel for the Greene St. pump station. She will schedule a time to come in and look at it to suggest changes to improve its use.

Mayor Stark asked Kirk if he has heard anything about the Vet's Home, as he heard they closed one unit because they can't find enough staff. Kirk has not heard that.

Kirk suggested new brakes/rotors be installed on the small WWTP pickup truck before the village sells it.

Mayor Stark asked Kirk if he knows anything about inspecting grease traps. The Mayor asked Kirk to prepare a list of all establishments in the village that should have an inspection.

Trustee Leach asked about WWTP odor last week. Kirk thinks it was because of the "brown out" the village had. Kirk was at conference and apparently Bill Kelsey didn't know the power had gone out until late in the day. The air was off for several hours and the digester was out too.

### **DPW:** (via written report from DPW Superintendent Rick Paden)

Shoulder extension on N. Washington Ave. complete.

Fountain in Lafayette Park pressure washed and painted.

Line striping completed in village parking lots and streets.

Annual OSHA training and hearing evaluations completed.

Water leak at the Bida Home on Washington Park has been repaired.

American flags replaced along North and South Canal St.

DPW is working with the Town highway department to address ditch and shoulder work on lower Greene St., Bradley Hill Rd., Midland Hill Rd., Chenango St., and McCall Rd.

Mayor Stark has asked Rick for a list of DPW projects that require additional manpower to complete. The village may then hire two temporary employees for mowing lawns, etc.

Trustee Todaro inquired about the fire hydrant on N. Washington Ave. that was demolished by recent car accident; whether it will be replaced or not. The Mayor would like Rick and Fire Chief Hans Franklin to speak to this issue.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Water/sewer relief requests – Begeal (14 Albany St.) and Ballard/Wildenstein (39 Greene St.). Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Spence seconded a motion to approve credits of one-half the sewer overage charge to both accounts. All voted aye and motion was carried.

Mayor Stark proposed hiring 10 Oxford High School students to do some project work for the village. About 12 projects, including a tree board tree list and marking veteran's graves at the cemeteries then list them in a database. Budgeted for summer. Trustee Spence moved and Trustee O'Connor seconded a motion to approve the summer student program for up to \$2500. All voted aye and motion was carried.

Mayor working on grant to clean up, landscape, and develop trail system from WWTP to Mack's.

Trustee Leach asked if there are grants for blizzard cleanup. Mayor Stark stated the county CHIPs money includes \$6000 for "extreme weather". Jeremy Lehmer is responsible for the damage to the railroad tracks.

Trustee Todaro said the "village parking lot" sign next to Canal Street Hardware is in bad shape and needs to be repaired or replaced.

Thomas Libous grant – the village received contracts to sign and send with supporting documentation to receive the \$100,000.

Village Hall front steps – The Mayor is still waiting for Jason Fleming from Flemvale to submit a quote to replace them. The Mayor will also request a quote from Jim Tefft.

Post Office sidewalk – Mayor Stark met with the postmaster regarding repairs that are needed to the sidewalk in front of the post office. He will put the information in a letter and the postmaster will forward to her superiors. He will request the USPS pay half of the repairs.

Election day is June 20<sup>th</sup>. Dustin Hendricks and Richard Marks are running for trustee positions. Newly elected officials will start their term July 1.

Mayor Stark will assign committees when new trustees are elected. He wants everyone to work on village issues/projects they feel strongly about.

All thanked Trustees Spence and O'Connor for their service to the village.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** None

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Next meeting June 27, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Crippen

Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer