

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:30 at the Village Hall.

Present were: Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Joe Spence, Trustee John Todaro, SPW Rick Paden, Police Chief Rich Nolan, WWTP Operator Kirk Noetzel, Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks and via skype was Mayor Terry Stark and Trustee John O'Connor

Absent: Fire Chief Hans Franklin

Deputy Mayor Spence called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

None

ABSTRACT:

Trustee Spence moved and Trustee O'Connor seconded a motion to approve Abstract #009 as presented. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

General Fund	\$ 57,780.01
Water Fund	\$ 8,094.71
Sewer Fund	\$ 13,614.64
Waste Water Capital	<u>\$ 58,783.95</u>
TOTAL	\$ 138,273.31

MEETING MINUTES:

Trustee Spence moved and Trustee Todaro seconded a motion to approve the January 31, 2017 Regular meeting minutes. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

None

JUSTICE REPORT:

Trustee O'Connor moved and Trustee Spence seconded a motion to approve the Justice Report for January. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

ENGINEER REPORT:

None

OFD/EMS:

Mayor Stark is attempting to get information to the State Department of NY for the Emergency Squad name change. This has been a nightmare. MedEx is now trying to help us with this procedure and we'll continue working on this until it is complete.

POLICE:

Chief Nolan went over his case load. He would like someone to go with him to look at the location of the potential police garage to check out any potential problems that may occur. It was decided that Thursday morning March 9th at 8:30 will work. Chief Nolan, Trustee Spence, Trustee Todaro and SPW Paden will meet at North Washington Avenue.

WWTP:

WWTP Operator Noetzel reported that the new truck is licensed, has hauled sludge and is working great. They had a Waste Water Board Meeting last night. The Board approved WWTP Operator Noetzel to attend the Waste Water Rural Water conference on May 22 – May 25 in Niagara Falls.

He will be going on vacation the weeks of March 20 and 27. SPW Paden has been informed as Bill Kelsey will be covering the WWTP in his absence.

A Chart recorder needs to be ordered per the WW Board.

PUBLIC WORKS:

SPW Paden expressed his thoughts regarding health insurance and he wants the benefits to remain as they are. The benefits are more important to him than the monetary.

Park Street and a section of South Washington Ave in the lower Gray Development are in poor shape. The asphalt is weak, there is nothing to hold it together and there are just little stones now. The equipment is heavy on those roads where the asphalt is weak.

Trustee Leach feels we should have the Vets Home contacted so they can pay more money toward their sewer bills. Trustee Leach offered to go to a meeting with them. Mayor Stark will contact the administrator.

There were many complaints about mail boxes that were destroyed by the DPW plows during snow removal. Many have been fixed by the DPW. William Loiselle at 6 Fairview Street wrote a letter that he had his mailbox destroyed twice in two days. He has requested to be reimbursed \$20. SPW Paden has spoken to him and agrees with sending Mr. Loiselle the \$20.

The codes from the Post Office and the DPW were reviewed by The Board. It was decided that The Village has the right-of-way for plowing purposes in the winter and our codes for mailboxes will be what is followed as far as mailbox requirements.

Robin Martin from 16 State Street is asking for water relief due to many water leaks that she has had to have repaired since purchasing her home in September of 2016. She was told there were no “issues” when she considered purchasing the home. The Board agreed to give her a \$33.00 credit on her account.

John Tracy of Central Plumbing & Heating wrote a note on Catherine Fisher's behalf. She lives at 8 Alice Street and had a malfunctioning water softener which was leaking water through the drain line. John has completely bypassed the water softener so no water goes through it now. The Board said that Mrs. Fisher should write a letter explaining the situation before they will consider giving her any credit toward the leak.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Stark is meeting with a mediator regarding union negotiations now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Scheidelman wrote a note requesting that The Board forgive the late charges on his latest water billing. Apparently, his mail in not being delivered. He has filed many complaints with the Norwich Postmaster regarding the misdelivered mail. The Board agreed that they can't forgive late charges for Dr. Scheidelman.

Roger Barrows has been appointed the Dog Warden by the Town Board. Trustee Leach moved and Trustee Spence seconded a motion to appoint Roger Barrows as the Code Enforcement Officer effective March 1, 2017 with a salary of \$800 a year. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

The Tree Grant Resolution that Mayor Stark is proposing was reviewed with The Board. Trustee O'Connor moved and Trustee Leach seconded a motion to approve the application for the Tree Grant and for the Clerk to sign the resolution and affix the seal of The Village. All voted Aye and motion was carried.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee O'Connor asked if there is a due date for invoices to be included in the abstract for the month. Mayor Stark said that invoices are due to the Village Clerk-Treasurer by the Thursday before the Board Meeting. The abstract is then sent to the Board on Friday for the Board Meeting on Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting March 28, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly W. Marks

Village Clerk-Treasurer