

January 20, 2015

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee Hinkson, Trustee McAvoy, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Daniel E. Seaman, attorney. Trustee Hinkson led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were several local people in attendance, as well. Girl Scout Silver Award candidates Haley Storms and Miranda Kimber, from Troop 87, updated the Board on their Silver Award project proposal. They submitted plans for two proposals on sign placement at the Scout House. Their choices were a sign facing out toward Telegraph Road or a two-sided sign visible from the east or west on Telegraph Road. They tested both proposals and feel the two-sided sign offers more visibility. They have gotten some materials donated by Home Depot, and they intend to get the rest of the supplies they need by donation. They asked if the Village would be able to supply anything they couldn't get by donation. Board discussed plans and approved the two-sided sign. Mr. Bobbitt will make sure that any needed supplies are available from the Village. Delaney Douglas, a 2013 Royalton Hartland graduate who is currently studying event planning, was contacted by Trustee Blumrick regarding boater tourism and presented plans for several tourism events that could be held for them. Trustee Blumrick would like to see events held that will attract boater tourism. Trustee McAvoy suggested that events be offered to the public that will benefit the boaters. Events should not be aimed solely at boaters. Discussed the plans, with Clerk Schweigert questioning who would fund the start up for any event. Mayor Westcott advised that the Middleport Tourism Committee has arranged for the Traveling Towpath Troubadours to do a concert in Middleport on July 11, 2015. This could be incorporated in the planned events. Discussed the events that were proposed. Mayor Westcott asked Ms. Douglas to pick 2 or 3 projects and come back to February's meeting with projected costs. Trustee Hinkson asked if Ms. Douglas will get college credit for this. Ms. Douglas replied that she will need to do an internship, so perhaps this could help with that. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 8-14/15. General: \$52,112.30; Water: \$14,786.88; Sewer: \$12,091.17; Total: \$78,990.35. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to approve payrolls no. 14, 15 and 16, for periods ending December 20, 2014, January 3, and January 17, 2015. Carried, with all present voting aye. The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for December 2014. The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for December 2014. The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for December 2014, with Chief Swick reading the highlights. The 2014 Annual Report was submitted, as well. Chief reminded the Board that the contract for traffic control is up for renewal this year, and he will be working on the terms of that in the near future. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to appoint Mayor Westcott as Budget Officer for the ensuing year. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to appoint Mrs. Barbara Keirn and Ms. Dottie Barr as election inspectors. Chairperson to be appointed by the Clerk-Treasurer. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy,

and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to set compensation for election inspectors at \$11 per hour. Carried, with all present voting aye. Correspondence was read: Received an email from the Traveling Towpath Troubadours advising that they have received a grant to travel along the Erie Canal, performing concerts from their boat. Email was forwarded to the Middleport Tourism Committee, who have arranged for a concert in Middleport at Margaret Droman Park on July 11, 2015. The Tourism Committee would like to turn this into a Village-wide event and are forming a committee for this purpose. Trustee Hinkson volunteered to be on the committee. Received a notice from the Department of Public Services regarding hearings on "Reforming Energy." Received the 2015 Niagara County Planning Board meeting schedule Received a memo from the Niagara Country Treasurer's office regarding funds that are distributed throughout the year. Received the 4th quarter report for 2014 from Modern Disposal regarding refuse and recycle pickup tonnage. Received a notice from the Department of Public Services regarding changes to the Electric Safety standards. At this time the Mayor opened the floor to comments from the audience. Bill Arnold, president of MRAG, asked for the Board's opinion on the upcoming remediation actions. Mayor Westcott advised him of the efforts so far (i.e., he has met with DEC personnel as well as people from the engineering firm that will be supervising the remediation). He outlined what the Village's demands were regarding protecting our infrastructure and has received assurances they will be honored. Discussed the DEC plans for remediation area and their target timeframe for completion. John Keirn, 36 Mill Street, asked if the Board would considering legislation that would limit the number of domestic animals a household could have. Mayor Westcott said the Board will consider it. Attorney Seaman advised that many municipalities have restrictions in place. Clerk Schweigert updated the Board on the Health Care Consortium. Moving closer to the plan going to bid so start up costs can be determined. There is a presentation on January 27 at the Lockport Town Hall given by one of the authors of the Tompkins County Health Care Consortium and all officials are invited to attend. Trustee McAvoy complimented the DPW on the Christmas decorations throughout the Village. Chief Swick advised the Board that he has been notified by Tracs that he has received a grant to buy all three computers and docking stations that he will be required to have for the County's new system. He was authorized in December to purchase one, but he will no longer need to expend Village funds for the computers. He will need modems for these new computers. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to authorize the purchase of 3 modems from Brite at a total state bid cost of \$2,697. Carried, with all present voting aye. Chief Swick presented the Platinum Award his department received from AAA for traffic safety in 2014. Congratulations were extended to the department. The Next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. due to the Presidents Day Holiday. The Village Hall will be closed Monday, February 16, 2015, for this holiday. There being no other business, a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.