

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Edwards, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Daniel E. Seaman, attorney. Trustee Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Chief Fred Srock and a few residents were in attendance, as well.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve WWTP Upgrade Project payment requests No. 15 & 16 totaling \$7,390.72 from CIR Electrical Construction Corp as approved by Wendel Engineering. (This amount is included in total in item 6.) Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve WWTP Upgrade Project payment request No. 16 in the amount of \$101,691.56 from Wind-Sun Construction, Inc. as approved by Wendel Engineering. (This amount is included in total in item 6.) Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 8-18/19 in the amounts of General: \$77,003.57; Water: \$13,799.27; Sewer: \$32,549.22; Capital Improvement: \$101,082.28 for a total of \$224,434.34. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve payrolls no. 16 and 17 for periods ending December 22, 2018, and January 5, 2019. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for December 2018.

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for December 2018.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for December 2018, with Chief Swick reading the highlights. The annual Police reports for the Village and towns were submitted, as well.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for December 2018.

The annual Historian's report was submitted and accepted 2018.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to appoint Mayor Westcott as Budget Officer for the ensuing year. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to appoint Rebecca A. Schweigert as Registrar and Sarah Quackenbush as Deputy Registrar for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to appoint Mrs. Barbara Keirn and Mrs. Patricia Reale as election inspectors. Chairperson to be appointed by the Clerk-Treasurer. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to set compensation at \$14 per hour for election inspectors. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Correspondence was addressed:

- Middleport Fire Co., No. 1, Inc., submitted their financial statement on 12/28/2018, as required. It was to be submitted by 12/31/2018.
- Received a congratulatory letter from Senator Robert Ort for the Disinfection Study grant for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$19,800.
- Received a notice from a citizen that she had fallen in front of the Credit Union when she stepped on the curb.

Old Business:

Trustee Blumrick asked if there was an update on the street lighting purchase. There is not.

Mr. Bobbitt advised the Board that the engineering report on the bar screen washer/compactor has an estimate of \$78 to \$86 thousand purchase cost. Discussed.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to purchase the bar screen washer/compactor at the final price Wendel secures. Carried.

This purchase will require the Sewer Fund to loan the Capital Improvement fund approximately \$45,000 to cover part of the cost of the engineer's report and the purchase of the compactor until this amount can be included in long-term funding for this project. This loan may not get repaid until after the end of the 2018-19 budget year.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded Trustee Edwards, to authorize a loan from the Sewer Fund to the Capital Improvement fund in the amount of with

the understanding that the loan will most likely be repaid during the 2019-2020 budget year. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The newly installed bar screen has increased the water use at the WWTP. Clerk Schweigert suggested that the plant's water billing be changed from retail to wholesale, otherwise the bills will be in the thousands of dollars. Discussed.

Motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to charge the Wastewater Treatment Plant the wholesale price we are charged by the Niagara County Water District for water starting with the February 2019 billing. Carried, with all present voting aye.

As the upgrades project is mostly complete, general contractor Wind-Sun has asked that the retainage be reduced to \$10,000.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to reduce the retainage for Wind-Sun to \$10,000. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Due to the recent fire that destroyed the Barker Village Hall, Board discussed storage of Village records. Clerk explained backup system she uses. Will check with our agent to make sure we have all the coverage we should

Discussed the proposal by Governor Cuomo to remove AIM (Aid & Incentives for Municipalities) for villages and towns in the 2019-20 state budget. A letter of protest will be sent to state representatives about this.

The Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be on *Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. due to the Presidents Day Holiday* at the Village Hall, 24 Main St.. The Village Hall will be closed Monday, February 18, 2019, for this holiday.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Executive Session opened at 7:48 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to return to General Session. Carried, with all present voting aye.

General Session reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to hold a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The paper will be notified about this meeting.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer