

October 17, 2016

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 17, 2016, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee McAvoy, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Brian Seaman, attorney. Trustee Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance. Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, and Building Inspector Belson were absent. There were a few residents in attendance, as well. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract 5-16/17 in the amount of: General - \$50,066.23; Water - \$10,856.70; Sewer - \$5,646.74; Capital Improvement: \$28,784.76 for a total of \$95,354.43. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to make the following budget transfers: TO FROM AMOUNT A1010.4 A1210.4 \$60.16 A1325.1 A6989.1 \$3,529.04 A1490.1 A1490.11 \$3,798.98 A1620.4 A1990.4 \$17,000.00 A7310.4 A1210.4 \$3.61 A7510.4 A6989.1 \$1,000.00 TOTAL: \$25,391.79 Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve payrolls 9 and 10 for weeks ending September 17 and October 1, 2016. Carried, with all present voting aye. The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for September 2016. The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for September 2016. The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for September 2016. The fire report was submitted and accepted for September 2016. Notice to papers will be sent that the overnight parking ban will be enforced effective Sunday November 6, 2016, through April 2, 2017. Correspondence was read: Received a quote from General Code for an update to our code book. We have not had any updates printed in several years. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve updating the Village's code book by General Code at a cost not to exceed \$2,230. Carried, with all present voting aye. Mayor Westcott announced that Trustee Hinkson has resigned from her seat effective September 30, 2016, due to relocating out of state. Her resignation was accepted with deep regret. Trustee Hinkson was a great asset during her tenure on the Board, and she will be deeply missed. Clerk Schweigert updated the Board on the ongoing efforts to have residents be able to use credit cards to pay bills. GovPayNet sent a contract for review by our attorney; Mr. Seaman had made recommendations on a previous contract from them. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to contract with GovPayNet for credit card services pending GovPay's approval of the changes made to their contract. Carried, with all present voting aye. Trustee McAvoy advised the Board that Mr. Bobbitt had gotten three bids for the sampler needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The quotes all included shipping as extra and were as follows: Cold Springs at \$6,752; USA Blue Book at \$6,753, and Hack at \$6,976. Head Plant Operator Gary Purser would like the Board to accept the quote from Cold Springs as they offer the best service and are close enough that shipping will not be as much as either of the other two places. This purchase will be added to the current capital improvement project at the WWTP. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize the purchase of a sampler at a cost of \$6,752 plus shipping from Cold Springs. Carried, with all present voting aye. Received a change request from Wendel Engineering to add some

work onto the WWTP proposal. Engineering plans for purchase and installation of a generator and new railings that meet state building codes. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize Mayor Westcott to sign Amendment Number 1 to Wendel's Professional Service Agreement at a cost of an additional \$19,000. Carried, with all present voting aye. The proposed amended Animal Control Law was brought up at this time. Comments at last month's meeting were taken under consideration. Trustee Blumrick is still not convince about the limit on the number of dogs. He did opine that it is not fair to have lots of dogs in a small yard. The Village needs to enforce the leash law better. Discussion ensued regarding the leash law and responsible pet ownership. Trustee Blumrick contacted several other communities and learned that our proposal is generous regarding the number of dogs allowed. Mr. Seaman reminded the Board that any major overhauls to the proposed law would require another public hearing. Trustee McAvoy asked how this law addresses pet sitting, especially long term (i.e., deployment, illness, etc.). This is not addressed but could be, Mr. Seaman responded. Deputy Mayor Conley asked who enforces this law, our police department or the towns' dog control officers. Mayor Westcott responded that the dog control officers would address dog issues, and the police department would enforce all other animals. The Building Inspector would enforce code violations. Although the majority of police calls are regarding loose animals, Trustee McAvoy noted that more and more verbal complaints are being made about raccoons, coyotes, and even a fisher cat was spotted within the Village recently. He said we need to pay attention to what's luring these predators into the Village. Discussion ensued regarding what could be drawing these predators in, including the recent draught. Mr. Seaman advised that changes regarding temporary sheltering due to illness, etc., would require changes and voting on the law would not occur tonight. The issue of the impact on the school regarding farm animals was discussed. A waiver could be included. The Board of Education has not contacted the Board of Trustees on this issue other than the Vice President's comments at the public hearing in September. Discussed the Future Farmers of America program. The Board does not want to negatively impact the program. Trustee McAvoy emphasized that should an exception be made for the school, it must be clear that only the school gets the exception. Village resident Jacob Froman protested this, saying the Board was "cherry picking" causes and enforcement. Mr. Seaman will add the discussed updates to the proposed law, and it will be discussed further at the November meeting. Mayor Westcott gave a remediation update. Discussed the trees that will be planted in the Village's rights of way on Park and Freeman Avenues. Ornamental cherry trees like the ones on Main Street will be planted. Native trees grow too big and would eventually interfere with power and telephone lines. The Board discussed renewing the shared services contract with the New York State Department of Transportation which would authorize mutual aid during snowstorms. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize approval of the shared services contract with the New York State Department of Transportation. Carried, with all present voting aye. Discussed shared services contract with the school. Mr. Bobbitt and Mr. Fischer (head of maintenance at the school) will discuss what services should be covered and will advise Mr. Seaman so a contract can be drawn. Trustee Blumrick asked if fines levied for code violations should be increased. Not at this time. The next regular Board Meeting will be held November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m at the Village Hall. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of consultation with attorney. Carried, with all present voting aye. At this time Village resident Bill Arnold made suggestions regarding the animal control code. Mr. Froman added his concern about the number of animals

and asked about farm animals . Mayor Westcott advised the chicken issue has been addressed. Mayor Westcott advised that a motion has already been made and seconded to move into Executive Session and asked that residents now leave the meeting room. Executive Session opened at 7:53 p.m. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to return to General Session. Carried, with all present voting aye. General Session reconvened at 8:20 p.m. There be no other business, a motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca A. Schweigert Clerk-Treasurer