

# October 19, 2015

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 19, 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 Brian Seaman, attorney. Trustee Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were a few residents in attendance, as well. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the minutes of the September 21, October 6, and October 8, 2015, meetings. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve payment of claims Bills submitted on Abstract 6-15/16 in the amount of: General - \$82,247.36; Water - \$8,540.70; Sewer - \$3,724.40; for a total of \$94,512.46. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve payrolls no. 9 and 10 for weeks ending September 19 and October 3, 2015. Carried, with all present voting aye. The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for September 2015. Clerk Schweigert submitted a report regarding the classes she attended at fall training school sponsored by NYCOM. She gave the highlights of the classes she took. She recommends that the Village request audits for the street lighting account, the utilities accounts, the gross receipts tax fees, and the cable franchise fees. These audits would all be done by Computel, a company that has done utility audits for the Village in the past. Computel will retain 40 percent of any recovered monies as their fee; they do not have a fee if no money is recovered. She also recommends that the Village contact the company that can assist in purchasing the street lights in the Village and change them to LED lighting to lower costs. C. T. Male Associates' fee is payable after all the work is done. The municipality has usually saved enough by that time that in the long run, the changeover costs nothing. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to pursue street lighting, gross receipts, cable franchise fees, and utility audits by Computel. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to pursue ownership of and LED lighting for the street lights throughout the Village with C. T. Male Associates. Carried, with all present voting aye. Clerk Schweigert will contact both companies to move forward on this. The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for September 2015. Mr. Bobbitt gave the highlights of the report, including that the CHIPs costs were held to about \$30,000 or so. The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for September 2015, with Chief Swick reading the highlights. Overnight parking ban will be enforced effective Sunday November 1, 2015, through April 3, 2016. Notice will be sent to the paper. Trustee Hinkson asked about the sidewalk in front of 36, 37, and 40 Mill Street. It is dangerously close to the street, and the owner of 40 Mill would like it removed, if possible. Discussed removal and precedent it could set. The Post Office may not want the sidewalk removed as it could interfere with mail delivery. Currently, Mill Street mail delivery is via truck, but that could change. Mayor Westcott advised that the Village will explore the issue and see if they can authorize this legally. Deputy Mayor Conley advised that he was contacted by a few residents from Mill Street regarding the excellent paving job done on their street. At this time, Attorney Seaman brought up the issue of the proposed increases in water and sewer rates. He explained how he arrived at the rates, based on the 15 percent increase discussed at the September meeting. Deputy Mayor Conley introduced "a Local Law Amending

the Water and Sewer Rates of the Village of Middleport.” A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to schedule a public hearing for “a Local Law Amending the Water and Sewer Rates of the Village of Middleport” on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Carried, with all present voting aye. Trustee McAvoy updated the Board on the issue of installing crosswalk signs near the school. Discussed purchasing signs to be put on the side of the road. This is a county street and county right-of-way, so county will be contacted about installing the signs. Trustee McAvoy updated the Board on his Greenway Grant efforts. He has not been in touch with County Legislator Mike Hill yet, as he is in the information gathering stage. He spoke with a group of boaters who were in the Village during the Columbus Day holiday and asked them to send in suggestions for improvements. Clerk Schweigert suggested improvements to benefit bicyclists, too. She will get bicycle locker information for Trustee McAvoy. Mr. Seaman advised that in attempting to secure a Greenway Grant, the Board should be presenting a sizeable application, not just ask for a funding for something that is only a few hundred dollars. Mayor Westcott gave a remediation update. Work is underway in K and M areas. Phase I at school is done. We will be contacted in late winter regarding Phase II of these projects. Mr. Bobbitt said the field hockey field was done nicely and that the contractor’s people have been easy to work with. Clerk Schweigert brought up the annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. She has already been contacted by some groups to decorate trees, so the interest is there to put up a trees in the Commons again. Discussed number to purchase. She would eventually like to have families or groups or businesses sponsor a live tree that could then be planted by the owner. Will have to explore if there would be any interest in this. Determined that this year we will go with cut trees and hold the ceremony on Sat. December 5, 2015. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to hold the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 6 p.m. Carried, with all present voting aye. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca A. Schweigert Clerk-Treasurer