

November 16, 2015

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 16, 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 McAvoy led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were a few residents in attendance, as well. At this time Mayor Westcott opened the Public Hearing regarding a Local Law entitled: A Local Law Amending the Water and Sewer Rates of the Village of Middleport. Floor was left open for comments. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015, 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 6-15/16 in the amount of: General: \$96,711.75; Water: \$18,832.28; Sewer: \$13,528.07 for a total of \$129,072.10. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee, and seconded by Trustee, to approve payrolls 11 & 12 for weeks ending October 17 and October 31, 2015. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize payment for New York State Retirement obligations on or before December 15, 2015, as follows: Employees' Retirement System amount is \$40,410 & Police Retirement System amount is \$46,806 – total \$87,216 (a decrease of \$29,559.67 combined from last year due to not replacing two retirees). The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for October 2015. The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for October 2015. Public Works employees were commended by a village resident for their equipment skills while picking up leaves. The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for October 2015, with Chief Swick reading the highlights. Water and sewer billing for quarter ending November 1, 2015, totaled \$86,925.10 (a decrease of \$4,821.15 total from last year's November billing). The Middleport Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, Inc. submitted several applications for approval. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to approve the application of Sara E. Burgess to join the Middleport Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, Inc. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve the application of Nicholas L. Daningburg to join the Middleport Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, Inc. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to approve the application of Evan W. Kindron to join the Middleport Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, Inc. Carried, with all present voting aye. Evan is moving up from the Juniors. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to approve the application of Brianna L. Blanton to join the Middleport Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, Inc. Juniors. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve the application of Matthew S. Pisarski to join the Middleport Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, Inc. Juniors. Carried, with all present voting aye. Trustee McAvoy asked that the Board of Trustees acknowledge the passing of former Middleport Fire Chief Frank Barker. At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Westcott closed the public hearing with no comments from those in attendance. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to pass the Local Law Amending the Water and Sewer Rates of the Village of Middleport. Roll call vote on this was as follows: Deputy Mayor Conley: aye; Trustee Hinkson: aye; Trustee McAvoy: aye;

Trustee Blumrick: aye; Mayor Westcott: aye. Nays: none. Absent: none. Abstentions: none. The local law was passed unanimously and will take effect immediately. Correspondence was read: Received a letter requesting the use of the Scout House for weekly meetings of a local Weight Watchers chapter. Discussed. Mr. Seaman expressed concerns regarding liability issues and the legality of a for profit group using a municipal building. The topic was tabled until the December meeting to allow Mr. Seaman to explore these issues. Clerk Schweigert will advise the group to contact the Masons, as they may be willing to rent out their building for these meetings. Received paperwork from Mr. Seaman for the Grassroots Grant he was awarded last spring for his building at 16 Main Street. Committee Head Julie Maedl has advised that they do not need to see the paperwork. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize payment of the \$2,000 Grassroots Grant to Mr. Seaman. Carried, with all present voting aye. Under old business, Clerk Schweigert updated the Board on several items: Documents have been sent to Computel to begin the audits. There is a little more information they have requested that will be sent as soon as it is ready. Submitted more information to the company doing the Health Care Consortium study earlier this month. They are hoping to have the report done by the end of November. Eight trees have been “adopted” for decorating at the Avenue of Trees. Four are still available. Waiting to hear if the Methodist Church will host the post tree lighting ceremony get together, now that the Universalist Church is closed. Provided information from C. T. Male regarding the purchase of the street light fixtures. Discussed if should ahead with this, as the information indicates it will take the Village about 9.5 years to break even. Board feels it is still worth it to move forward on this. Mayor advised the Board that he had received correspondence over the weekend from NYCOM regarding a bill waiting for the Governor’s signature that would facilitate municipalities in purchasing their streetlights. NYCOM asks that municipalities send a letter of support to the Governor, urging him to sign this bill into law. Middleport will send a letter. Letter will be sent to National Grid authorizing C. T. Male to work with them on our behalf regarding the purchase of streetlights in the Village. Trustee McAvoy thanked Mr. Bobbitt for getting the crossing signs up in a timely fashion on State Street. Remediation update given. The company has stopped for the year. Mr. Bobbitt asked the Board for guidance on the use of water by the company doing the remediation. They are already dumping water (after it’s been tested to make sure there are no contaminants in it) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and will be charged for that. They are now using metered water to clean trucks, etc., and we should be charging them for that. Discussion ensued. Determined that they will be charged at the out-of-Village rate. Deputy Mayor Conley asked about the pipes that were inspected via camera prior to remediation startup. Park Avenue was good. Mr. Bobbitt is concerned about Freeman Avenue as the pipes are more shallow than on Park Avenue. Alfred Street was mostly ok, too. Deputy Mayor Conley congratulated the Police Department on earning the Platinum Traffic Safety Award from AAA again this year. The entire Board expressed their congratulations, as well. Mayor Westcott reminded the Board that the annual Thanksgiving service will be on Sunday, November 22, 2015, at 2 pm at the Baptist Church on Main Street. The Veterans Day Service was well attended this year, with more people attending than usual. Clerk Schweigert asked the Board to consider changing the December meeting from the 21st to the 14th. Presently, there are only two work days following the Board meeting to complete the usual post meeting work, as the Village Hall will be closed on 12/24 and 12/25. Trustee McAvoy would have a conflict on 12/14 as he has a meeting at 7:30 pm that same day. Trustee Hinkson suggested changing the start time to 6:30 pm. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to change the regularly scheduled December

meeting from December 21, 2015, at 7 pm to December 14, 2015, at 6:30 pm. Carried, with all present voting aye. Paper will be notified. There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Conley, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca A. Schweigert Clerk-Treasurer