

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 16, 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 Barr, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, Fire Chief Volkosh, and Tom Seaman, attorney. Trustee Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were a few residents in attendance, as well as a representative from WNYObserver.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve WWTP Upgrade Project payment request No. 17 in the amount of \$79,916.40 from Wind Sun as approved by Wendel Engineering. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by McAvoy, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 7-19/20 in the amount of: General: \$34,353.56; Water: \$1,855.20; Sewer: \$41,659.98; Capital Improvement: \$79,916.40; for a total of \$157,785.14. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Conley, to approve payrolls no. 13 and 14, for weeks ending November 23 and December 7, 2019. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for November 2019.

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for November 2019. Mr. Bobbitt advised the Board that a water main break at the high school will be repaired over the holiday break.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for November 2019, with Chief Swick reading the highlights.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for November 2019. Mayor Westcott offered his thanks to Chief Volkosh for the quick action at the house fire on South Vernon Street on December 8, 2019.

At this time the Board addressed applications received for membership in the Middleport Fire Co., No. 1, Inc. Chief Volkosh gave a good report on all of the applicants.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve in the Middleport Fire Co., No. 1, Inc., for the following individuals: Justin Desabrais, Jason Draper, and Paul T. Hallifax. Carried with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve junior firefighter membership in the Middleport Fire Co., No. 1, Inc., for the following individuals: Aidin Crosby, Evan Maedl, and Adriana Ruppel. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Code Enforcement report regarding proposed improvements at SigmaMotor. Mr. Belson is handling the issue at present.

Correspondence was read:

- Received notice that the Village of Barker is hosting the March 2020 Niagara County Municipal Clerks Association meeting. The topic will be a presentation on what they learned following their devastating fire in January 2019. This meeting will be open to elected officials who may want to hear the presentation. More information will be given to the Board as it is received.
 - The Board was advised that an email from NYCOM was forwarded to them regarding the 2020 tax cap.
 - Mayor Westcott advised the Board of a letter the Village received regarding a change of zoning to property that the RoyHart School District will be taking possession of in the near future. Because the property was remediated, the DEC, FMC, and Niagara County will all be party to what happens to the property. It has been referred to Mr. Belson to address at present.
- Old Business:
- Mayor Westcott gave an update on the remediation efforts. FMC will be resuming the work in 2021 for residential properties. The DEC has a goal of finishing school remediation in 2020.
 - Trustee McAvoy asked if there was an update on the Town of Royalton's LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) proposal for volunteer firefighters. There is not.
 - Trustee Blumrick asked if there is an update on the street light purchase. The efforts to collectively buy the poles in Niagara County have ended as too many municipalities were no longer interested. Clerk Schweigert will contact National Grid to see about the cost of changing all of the lights over to LED.
 - Chief Swick reported that Niagara County collected and destroyed 1,360 pounds of pharmaceuticals, including what his department has collected recently.

New business:

Chief Swick asked for permission to order a new police vehicle. Per the NYSOSG mini-bid he requested, the he received the following bids:

1 Beyer Ford LLC	2020 Ford	Interceptor Utility	\$37,941.15	1	\$37,941.15
2 Nye Automotive Group	2020 Ford	Police Utility Interceptor Explorer	\$38,176.88	1	\$38,176.88

3 GENESEE VALLEY POLICE INTERCEPTOR \$38,200.00 1 \$38,200.00
FORD llc 2020 FORD UTILITY

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize Chief Swick to order a 2020 Ford Intercepter Utility vehicle at a cost of \$37,941.15. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Clerk Schweigert advised the Board that the general fund is low at present, and it is hoped that the funds will be available when the Village takes possession of the vehicle in about 4 months.

The next regular Board Meeting is ***Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.*** (This is on **Tuesday** due to the federal holiday, Martin Luther King Day, on Monday, January 20, 2020).

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Barr, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer