

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 17, 2018, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Edwards, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Michael Norris, attorney. Trustee Blumrick was absent. Mr. Norris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve WWTP Upgrade Project payment request No. 14 in the amount of \$11,987.36 from CIR Electrical Construction Corp as approved by Wendel Engineering. 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. 7-18/19 in the amounts of: General: \$25,575.34; Water: \$2,641.73; Sewer: \$9,603.27; Capital Improvement: \$11,987.36; for a total of \$45,962.93. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve payrolls number 14 and 15, for weeks ending November 24 and December 8, 2018. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to submit the 19th principal payment on or before January 15, 2019, for the EFC Water System Serial Bonds-2000. Payment to be made from the Sewer Account as follows: Principal: \$20,000.00 and Interest: \$371.00 for a Total of \$20,371. Carried, with all present voting aye.

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

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for November 2018. Mr. Bobbitt advised the Board of an ongoing grease issue in the sanitary sewer system. Discussed. Code enforcement steps may need to be taken if the issue is not resolved soon.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for November 2018, with Chief Swick reading the highlights.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for November 2018.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to hold Village Elections on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. The polling place will be the Village Hall, and polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon until 9:00 p.m. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Correspondence was read:

Resident at 35 S. Vernon Street asked for relief from her large water/sewer bill due to a leaky toilet. Denied, as the water went through the sewer system; therefore, sewer charges stand.

Mayor Westcott advised that he met Elizabeth Madara, the new project manager for FMC remediation efforts.

Mayor Westcott updated the Board on the ongoing cancer insurance coverage that is now required for all volunteer fire companies. He received information from Floss Insurance regarding rider rates.

Mayor Westcott advised the Board that he had been contacted about School Choice Week 2019 and asked to have the Board pass a proclamation, declaring January 20-26, 2019, as School Choice Week.

WHEREAS all children in Village of Middleport, New York, should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS Village of Middleport, New York, recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Village of Middleport, New York, to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Village of Middleport, New York; and,

WHEREAS Village of Middleport, New York, is home to a multitude of excellent education options from which parents can choose for their children; and,

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS our area has many high-quality teaching professionals who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Westcott, do hereby recognize January 20-26, 2019 as **VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT, NEW YORK, SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

Mayor Westcott and Mr. Bobbitt met with representatives from Empire State Trail regarding upgrades they plan to make at Margaret Droman Park. Board members and department heads reviewed the plans. The Board would like to see three additions made: 3 to 4 additional lights and posts, cameras, and posts to prevent vehicular traffic on the paved walkway. Plans and letter of understanding to be forwarded to Attorney Seaman for review, and if acceptable, approval.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, authorizing Mayor Westcott to execute the Letter of Understanding with attorney approval and the additions listed above. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Reviewed terms of the contract with the Town of Hartland, the Village of Middleport, and the Middleport Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1, Inc.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve the contract for volunteer fire service for the Town of Hartland by the Middleport Fire Co., No. 1, Inc., at a cost of \$43,736 for the time period January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Resident John Keirn, 36 Mill Street, asked if something could be done to prevent snow being plowed in the Crosby's parking lot in a way that blocks being able to see oncoming traffic on Telegraph Road (Rt. 31). Mr. Bobbitt advised he has already addressed the issue with the plowing company.

Kathy Kindle, 35 Church Street, addressed the Board on behalf of Clute Phillips Legion Post 938. She advised them that the Legion has a program that recognizes EMTs, firefighters, and law enforcement officers and Clute Phillips post is soliciting names of local people for nomination for this honor. She will drop off paperwork at the Village Hall about it as soon as she can.

Mr. Bobbitt updated the Board on the washer/compactor issue for the bar screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as part of the ongoing upgrades project. Discussed Wendel's offer on this. Mr. Bobbitt was asked to do some more research and bring the information to the Board at the January 2019 meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. (This is on Tuesday due to the federal holiday, Martin Luther King Day, on Monday, January 21, 2019).

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, 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 and also consultation with the Village's attorney. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Executive Session opened at 7:40 p.m.

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

General Session reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer