

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 18, 2017, 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 Edwards, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Mike Norris, attorney. Trustee Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Chief Fred Srock and a village resident were in attendance, as well.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve WWTP Upgrade Project payment request No. 8 in the amount of \$13,578.68 from CIR Electrical Construction Corp as approved by Wendel Engineering. (This amount is included in total in item 6.) Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve WWTP Upgrade Project payment request No. 8 in the amount of \$78,688.68 from Wind-Sun Construction, Inc. as approved by Wendel Engineering. (This amount is included in total in item 6.)

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 7-17/18 in the amount of: General: \$29,856.25; Water: \$6,551.92; Sewer: \$3,187.78; Capital Improvement: \$92,267.21; for a total of \$131,863.16. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Clerk Schweigert asked that 3 additional bills totaling \$462.10 be authorized for payment today so the vendors do not need to wait another month for payment. The bills were emailed while she was on vacation in early December but were found today. The totals will be added to the Abstract.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to reduce revenues in line F2144 Water Service Charges by \$197.58 to balance the 2017-18 budget. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize payment of 3 additional bills totaling \$462.10 (General: \$81.99; Sewer: \$380.11). These amounts will be added to Abstract 7-17/18. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee, and seconded by Trustee, to approve payrolls number 14 and 15, for weeks ending November 25 and December 9, 2017. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to submit the 17<sup>th</sup> principal payment on or before January 15, 2018, for the EFC Water System Serial Bonds-2000. Payment to be made from the Sewer Account as follows: Principal: \$20,000.00; Interest: \$536.05; Total: \$20,536.05. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for November 2017.

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for November 2017.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for November 2017, with Chief Swick reading the highlights.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for November 2017. Chief Srock reported that at a County meeting in October he learned that every municipality has had an increase in calls since last year.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to hold Village elections on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The polling place will be the Village Hall, 24 Main Street, Middleport, New York, and polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon until 9 p.m. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Correspondence was read:

- Received Niagara County Center for Economic Development end of year report
- Received letter from NYCOM re: Gross Sales Tax receipts issue with NYSEG.
- Chief Swick reported that he was notified by the NYS Comptroller's office that the audit has been completed regarding fines, and they are satisfied with the way things have been done. The Village has been issued a check for over \$15,000 for fines that were withheld.

Change Order No. 1 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project as discussed at the November 2017 meeting was reviewed by Attorney Brian Seaman and okayed for authorization.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to authorize Mayor Westcott to sign the Change Order No. 1 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Mayor Westcott gave an update on the remediation projects.

Trustee McAvoy asked for an update on the purchase of street lighting. No letter has been sent yet regarding this.

Chief Swick passed around a resume for review from Kenneth Kostek, a candidate for hiring.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to hire Kenneth Kostek starting on January 6, 2018, at a rate of \$15 per hour. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Chief Srock asked about the canal wall behind the Village Hall, as it is in a serious state of disrepair and could cause problems in the future. Mayor Westcott advised that state officials have recently been contacted about this issue.

The next regular Board Meeting is ***Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.*** in the Village Hall (This is on **Tuesday** due to the federal holiday, Martin Luther King Day, on Monday, January 15, 2018).

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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert  
Clerk-Treasurer