

February 21, 2017

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Edwards, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Daniel E. Seaman, attorney. Trustee Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were a few residents in attendance, as well. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 9-16/17 in the amount of General: \$58,089.73; Water: \$2,952.04; Sewer: \$9,042.92; and Capital Improvement: \$10,638.40; for a total of: \$80,723.09. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to make the following budget transfers: TO FROM AMOUNT A3120.2 A3120.4 \$3,643.25 F8310.4 F1990.4 1,300.00 G8110.4 G8110.2 250.00 TOTAL: \$5,193.25. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve payrolls 18 and 19 for weeks ending January 21 and February 4, 2017. Carried, with all present voting aye. The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for January 2017. The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for January 2017. The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for January 2017, with Chief Swick reading the highlights. Discussed overnight rash of car break ins recently. Police Department was commended for solving the incident so quickly. The fire report was submitted and accepted for January 2017. Water and Sewer billing for the quarter ending February 1, 2017: Water: \$50,835.01; Sewer: \$50,072.37; for a total of \$100,907.38. Clerk Schweigert asked for permission to adjust the November 2016 water sewer bill for account no. 515, 4 Orchard Street. A new meter head was installed for that account, and the incorrect start amount was input, causing the account to charge for 18,000 gallons use when it should have been zero use, or a minimum bill. If approved, owner would like a credit instead of a refund. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize adjusting the November 1, 2016, water sewer bill for account 515 to reflect a minimum bill charge for November 2016 bill. Carried, with all present voting aye. The following resolution was offered by Deputy Mayor Conley, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy: RESOLVED, that the forthcoming General Village Election will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 9:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 24 Main Street, Middleport, New York. The following candidates were nominated for the office and term set forth before each name: ACTION PARTY Mayor: Two-year term Richard J. Westcott 13 Mechanic Street Middleport, New York CITIZENS UNITE Mayor: Two-year term Jacob R. Froman 39 North Main Street Middleport, New York MIDDLEPORT 1ST Trustee: Two-year term Wayne B. Blumrick 31 State Street Middleport, New York THE VILLAGE PARTY Trustee: Two-year term Diane C. Edwards 21 Freeman Avenue Middleport, New York TOGETHER WE STAND Trustee: Two-year term Jeffrey G. Waters 13 Alfred Street Middleport, New York TOGETHER WE STAND Trustee: Two-year term Renee M. Holly-Eberhard 52 Main Street Middleport, New York ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Village of Middleport as soon as possible, but no later

than March 11, 2017. The vote on the above resolution was: Ayes: Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Edwards, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Blumrick, and Mayor Westcott. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absences: none. The resolution was duly adopted. A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to appoint Rebecca A. Schweigert as Registrar and Vicky M. Demmin as Deputy Registrar for the Village. The term for each is two years, commencing January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2018. Carried, with all present voting aye. Correspondence was read: Received a thank you from the Gasport Lions for the assistance given in making the Mitten Tree successful for Christmas 2016. Received a notice from EFC that the amendments submitted on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project were received and are acceptable. Mayor Westcott advised that he received a brochure on the current Niagara County list of brownfield properties. There is one Village property listed to be included in Phase 2. He will contact Niagara County for additional copies of the brochure if necessary. Public comment: Jacob Froman, 39 N. Main Street, asked when a list of candidates would be available. Clerk Schweigert advised the legal ad listing the candidates must be published by March 10, 2017. Old business: Clerk Schweigert advised that all of the necessary documentation has been submitted to EFC for the WWTP upgrade financing. Our application goes to committee in March, but there is no reason it will be rejected. Clerk Schweigert updated the Board on credit card payments. She and Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer Demmin are scheduled for training on Feb. 22, and then the Village will be able to accept credit card payments after that. The website will be updated and the announcement will be made. Civil Service has approved Sarah Quackenbush's application for Deputy Village Clerk, part-time. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to hire Sarah Quackenbush as DVC starting the week of February 27, 2017, at a wage of \$12 per hour. Carried, with all present voting aye. Mr. Bobbitt updated the Board on the WWTP upgrades project. There may be an issue with the boiler, as projections are that it will take until November to get one made and then it will need to be installed. The project must be completed by December 31, 2017, per state specs. Discussed the issue, as well as other aspects of the project. May consider cleaning the digesters, as they have not been done in about 15 years. DEC will be advised about the boiler issue, in case we need to ask for an extension. If we go with anything other than Wendel's engineering recommendations, we will be liable for any issues. The light purchased by the Cub Scouts has been installed at the Scout House. May have to move as still not lighting the area satisfactorily. Board has been invited to Justin Czaja's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on March 24. Trustee Blumrick thanked the Board for the well wishes for his wife, following her surgery. At this time Trustee Blumrick read a statement regarding an article that was published in the paper following the January Board meeting that he felt was misleading regarding the Village Board. He highlighted the areas of concern and gave the facts he researched regarding them. He submitted a copy of the statement for the record. Trustee McAvoy agreed with Trustee Blumrick and also expressed his dismay with the misinformation that was printed. Mr. Froman commented that it was clear that Trustee Blumrick's statement was regarding an interview about him and defended his statements in the paper and said that the misinformation was on the paper's part. Mayor Westcott gave a remediation update. Has a meeting on March 7, 2017, for discussions regarding this year's season. Trustee Edwards asked when the DEC plans to talk to targeted homeowners again. Mayor Westcott will ask at this meeting. Discussed upcoming and past remediation efforts, including school remediation to start in May of this year. Mr. Bobbitt has a meeting on March 1 with the contractor regarding the residential portion of the remediation. Now that the new police vehicle has been received and is in use, the one it replaced needs to be declared as

surplus. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to declare the 2012 Chevy Tahoe and the 1973 Elgin Sweeper as surplus equipment to be disposed of as Coordinator Bobbitt sees fit. Carried, with all present voting aye. New Business: Chief Swick passed around an application for a part-time police officer who he'd like to hire. Miguel Bermudez currently works for the Holley and Somerset Police Departments and is highly thought of within both departments. He comes with experience and a bonus is that he speaks fluent Spanish. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to hire Miguel Bermudez starting the week of February 26, 2017, at a rate of \$14 per hour. Carried, with all present voting aye. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017, at 7:00 pm. 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 8:03 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca A. Schweigert Clerk-Treasurer