

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 18, 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 Edwards, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Brian Seaman, attorney. Trustee McAvoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were a few residents in attendance, as well as Royalton Hartland School Superintendent Dr. Hank Stopinski, RHCS Board member Jason Wilhelm, and Fire Chief Fred Srock.

Dr. Stopinski addressed the Board. He gave a presentation of the capital improvement project that the District has prepared which will be included in the budget vote this year. Questions asked by those present were answered by Dr. Stopinski.

Dr. Stopinski was asked by Mayor Westcott to also give an update on the school remediation plans for 2019, which he then did with assurances that the annual swim program and the Village's annual recreation program will not be impacted by the plans.

At this time Mayor Westcott opened the floor to residents.

Julie Farone, 28 Mill Street, asked if something can be done about speeders on Mill Street. Discussion ensued. Mayor Westcott advised that Chief Swick will study the issue to see if a satisfactory resolution can be found.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 10-18/19 in the amounts of: General: \$24,393.43; Water: \$8,060.62; Sewer: \$7,907.28; Cap. Imp.: \$6,118.62 for a total of \$46,479.98. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards authorizing a \$50,000 transfer from the Water Fund to the Sewer Fund as budgeted in the 2018-19 annual budget. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Conley, to approve payrolls no. 20 and 21 for weeks ending February 16 and March 2, 2019. Carried, with all present voting aye.

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

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for February 2019.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for February 2019.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for February 2019. Mayor Westcott offered thanks from the Board to Fred Srock for his years of service as fire chief. Mr. Srock is not running again for chief this year.

Water and sewer billing for the quarter billed on February 20, 2019, was as follows: Water: \$67,265.02; Sewer: \$65,980.80; for a total of \$133,245.82.

Correspondence was read:

Received an updated SQRA notice from the Royalton Hartland Central School District. The one sent in February was missing some information

Clerk Schweigert introduced her new deputy village clerk-treasurer Lisa VanBuren to all present.

Discussed the status of purchasing street lights with the assistance of the New York Power Authority (NYPA). The Village needs to submit signed Street Lighting Purchase Request and Sales Agreement Request Letter and Authorization to Proceed.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, authorizing Mayor Westcott to sign necessary paper work with the NYP to proceed with the purchase of streetlights after review and approval by the Village's attorney. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Discussed the engineering planning grant that Wendel submitted on the Village's behalf for a study regarding the disinfection system needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Village was awarded this grant in the amount of \$19,800 with a 20 percent match on the part of the Village.

The following resolution was offered by Deputy Mayor Conley, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy,

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleport applied for a Engineering Planning Grant for the preparation of a Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Study, and

WHEREAS, the Village has been notified by the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation that it has been awarded such grant in the amount of \$19,800, with a local match requirement of 20%, and

WHEREAS, Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) Section 617.5 under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Village of Middleport hereby determines that the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Study is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c) option 24 as it constitutes an engineering study and is therefore not subject to further review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

The roll call vote on the preceding resolution was as follows: Deputy Mayor Conley: Aye; Trustee Edwards: aye; Trustee McAvoy: aye; Trustee Blumrick: aye; Mayor Westcott: aye. The resolution was unanimously passed.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Edwards, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Trustee Trustee Blumrick,

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleport applied for a Engineering Planning Grant for the preparation of a Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Study, and

WHEREAS, the Village has been notified by the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation that it has been awarded such grant in the amount of \$19,800, with a local match requirement of 20 percent, which the Village now wishes to accept; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Village accepts such grant and the Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project and to fulfill the Village of Middleport's obligations under the Grant Agreement, conditioned on attorney approval, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village of Middleport authorizes and appropriates a minimum 20 percent local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Study. Under the EPG program, this local match must be at least 20 percent of the EPG grant award of \$19,800. The source of the local match, and any amount in excess of the required match, shall be the Village of Middleport Sewer Fund. The maximum local match shall not exceed \$4,950 based upon a total maximum project cost of \$24,750. The Mayor may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Village of Middleport Board.

The roll call vote on the preceding resolution was as follows: Deputy Mayor Conley: Aye; Trustee Edwards: aye; Trustee McAvoy: aye; Trustee Blumrick: aye; Mayor Westcott: aye. The resolution was unanimously passed.

Change orders are necessary to purchase the washer compactor for the Wastewater Treatment Plant as the installation will require additional work by Wind-Sun and CIR Electric.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley to authorize the change order to the capital improvement contract with Wind-Sun in the amount of \$72,416.40 for the purchase and installation of the washer compactor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Carried with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley to authorize the change order to the capital improvement contract with Wind-Sun in the amount of \$72,416.40 for the purchase and installation of the washer compactor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Carried with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley to authorize the change order to the capital improvement contract with CIR Electric in the amount of \$9,217.00 for the electric work necessary for the installation of the washer compactor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Carried with all present voting aye.

Police Chief Swick advised the Board that he would like to hire another part-time officer. He offered the application and resume from Joshua Mandaville for review. Discussed.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to hire Joshua Mandaville starting March 31, 2019, at a pay rate of \$15/hour. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Village elections will be Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Polling will be noon to 9 pm at the Village Hall.

Clerk Schweigert advised the Board that both election inspectors notified her at the end of the previous week that they will be unable to work the election. NYCOM recommended that the Board motion to expand the area to the entire county to draw trained election inspectors from. If no trained inspectors are available from that pool, any Village resident who is a registered voter and is eligible to hold an elected office could work as an inspector.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to expand the pool to draw trained election inspectors to all of Niagara County for future elections. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to appoint everyone on the list provided by the Niagara County Board of Elections to inspectors so if any are available, they may work. The appointment also includes any qualified village resident should those on the list be unavailable. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize paying the election inspectors \$15/hour due to the emergency situation. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of consultations with the Village's attorney. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Executive Session opened at 8:10 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 was reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

Discussed request from owner of 7 Francis Street for a break on her February 20, 2019, water/sewer bill as she experienced a pipe break and all the water went into her cistern, as verified by Sergeant Johnson.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to authorize adjusting the sewer portion of the February 20, 2019, bill to a minimum as the owner is no longer living there, and her bills were usually a minimum or close to it, and it was verified that the water did not go through the sewer system. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Discussed the budget. Due to the election issue, the expenditures and revenues have been not completely updated to be discussed at this meeting. Tax levy and rate need to be set to finalize the 2019-20 budget. Another meeting will be necessary for this purpose.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to set a budget meeting for Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 4:15 pm. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The paper will be notified of this meeting.

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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer