

March 20, 2017

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 20, 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, Building Inspector Belson, and Brian Seaman, attorney. Trustee McAvoy led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were a few residents in attendance, as well, including Fire Chief Fred Srock. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve the minutes of the February 21, March 6, and March 13, 2017, meetings. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve payment of claims on Abstract No. 10-16/17 as follows: General: \$20,034.85; Water: \$4,552.50; Sewer: \$7,336.98; Cap. Imp.: \$4,851.03 for a total of \$36,775.36. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve payrolls no. 20 and 21 for weeks ending February 20 and March 5, 2017. Carried, with all present voting aye. The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for February 2017. The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for February 2017. Trustee Blumrick commended the DPW for handling the major snowfall March 14 and 15, with only two men working. Trustee McAvoy commended the power employees for their cooperation with Mr. Bobbitt in getting service restored in the Village following the county-wide outage starting March 8. Mr. Bobbitt plans to move the generator from the WWTP to the DPW garage once the new generator is installed at the WWTP as it was difficult working in the garage during the power outage. The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for February 2017, with Chief Swick reading the highlights. The fire report was submitted and accepted for February 2017. The 2016 annual financial report was submitted, as well. The Village historian's 2016 annual report was submitted and accepted. Discussed the 2017 Pride issue from the US&J. Decided that it has gotten too expensive, so the Village will pass on running an article this year. Historian has written it the last two years so she will be advised we are not submitting anything this year. There has been little evidence in the past that this article has much impact on people coming to the Village, so we will see if it is missed. Correspondence was read: Received and accepted a letter of resignation from Trey Stornelli. His last day of work was March 3, 2017. Received an email from NYCOM advising that parts of the proposed state budget should be opposed. Mayor Westcott will send in a letter before April 1, 2017, regarding this. One of the issues that NYCOM opposes is the proposal that each county create a shared services plan among the municipalities that will go to referendum in November. Clerk Schweigert advised she attended a roundtable discussion regarding one of the Niagara County's possible proposals for this, which is to purchase soft- and hardware to connect all of the municipalities for tax collection. Mayor Westcott was notified of a forestry conference in Albany, if anyone is interested in attending. Mayor Westcott listed the Royalton Bicentennial celebration information he received recently. Due to the Summer Sizzler 200, the annual Music in the Park held by the RHBPA has been moved to the first Sunday in August in 2017. Mr. Seaman advised the Board the NYSDEC has requested another variance on the infrastructure law for this year's upcoming remediation with the same terms as the variance granted last year. The terms waive the required bond as the DEC has agreed to make any repairs to any property or infrastructure damage caused by the remediation efforts. Discussed and

determined this would be acceptable. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve an agreement with the NYSDEC for the use of municipal roadways that waives the bond and allows for the repair of any damage to personal or public properties due the remediation efforts in 2017 and authorize Mayor Westcott to execute said agreement. Carried with all present voting aye. Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is asking that the attorney's contract for services regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades project be amended for WMBO consideration. Mr. Seaman explained what that means. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize the first amendment to the contract the Village has with Seaman Norris LLP for services regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades be amended as requested. Carried, with all present voting aye. Mr. Seaman advised the Board that the Village is now three years into the contract with Modern Disposal for refuse/recycling pickup services. The terms of the contract allow for two additional 3-year extensions. He was contacted by Joe Hickman from Modern about the contract. Mr. Seaman advised that the current contract has excellent terms. Mayor Westcott would like to see the current contract extended for three years, and the Trustees agreed. Chief Swick advised the Board that he would like to hire Joshua Newman as a Police Officer P/T to bring the Police Department to full staff. He passed around Mr. Newman's application for review. He has already completed Phase 1 in Erie County; we will be responsible for getting him through Phase 2 (which includes range, etc.). Chief would like to hire Mr. Newman now as Niagara Falls has a Phase 2 class starting in April. He would like Mr. Newman to start April 2, 2017, at \$14 per hour with an increase to \$15 at the beginning of the 2017-18 budget year in June. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to hire Joshua Newman as a Police Officer P/T commencing April 2, 2017, at a rate of \$14 per hour with a raise as of June 1 to \$15 per hour. Carried, with all present voting aye. Following the March 6 and March 13, 2017, budget meetings, the 2017-18 has been tentatively set. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve the Tentative 2017-18 Village Budget at \$1,756,553.74 and set the true value tax rate at \$10.00 per thousand (actual tax rate of \$10.20 per thousand). Budget Hearing will be held on April 3, 2017, at 7:05 p.m. Carried, with all present voting aye. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be the Annual Reorganization Meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday, April 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca A. Schweigert Clerk-Treasurer