

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 15, 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 Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were also a few residents as well as newly elected Fire Chief Jim Volkosh in attendance.

Mayor Westcott opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2019-2020 Village Budget at this time. Clerk Schweigert read the notice.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve the minutes of the March 18, March 26, and April 1, 2019, meetings. 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. 11-18/19 in the amount of: General: \$64,801.02; Water: \$19,506.35; Sewer: \$8,971.01; Cap. Improvement: \$1,159.70; for a total of \$94,438.08. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Conley, to approve payrolls No. 22 and 23 for weeks ending March 16 and March 30, 2019. Carried, with all present voting aye.

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

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

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for March 2019, with Chief Swick reading the highlights, including that a few speeders were stopped and ticketed on Mill Street after last month's residents' request for more police presence on their street.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for March 2019.

Correspondence was read:

- Received a postcard from cyclists who visited the Village last summer, thanking us for the hospitality
- Received a request from David Stockton to increase the amount he gets paid to set up the Village's sound system. He currently receives \$50 per event. He would like to increase it to \$60 for Day of Prayer and Veterans Day and \$80 for Memorial Day. The increase for Memorial Day is because he sets up two systems. Discussed.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize the requested increase in the stipend paid to David Stockton for his services overseeing the Village's sound system at various events held in the Village throughout the year. Carried, with all present voting aye.

- Mayor Westcott was notified that the community garden at the Senior Citizens housing will happen again.

Trustee Blumrick asked about the status of the possible sale of 31 Main Street. Discussion ensued. Mayor Westcott cautioned that the Village must follow General Municipal Law regarding disposition of Village property. Mr. Seaman advised that the Board must demonstrate they are taking steps to get the highest fair market value for the property and decide what steps the Board will take to sell the property that are in the best interests of the Village. At present the lot is open to Village residents as a parking lot which benefits the Village as a whole. Mr. Seaman made suggestions that the Board should take to stay within the confines of *New York State General Municipal Law, Section 695 Disposition of Property*.

Mayor Westcott advised the Board that he attended a meeting on April 10, 2019, regarding the possible county-wide purchase of streetlights. Middleport is the only community that has submitted all necessary paperwork and taken all the steps required to facilitate the purchase. Some municipalities at the meeting mentioned that they have been notified by National Grid that they must submit a resolution passed by the governing board regarding the request for the Purchase & Sales Agreements. Middleport will do this now so that if requested, we will not have to wait until next month's meeting.

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

WHEREAS the Village of Middleport has previously requested a cost proposal for purchase from National Grid for street lights in the Village, and

WHEREAS upon receipt of the cost proposal the Village has determined to move forward with the purchase, now

THEREFORE the Village of Middleport requests that National Grid compose and forward a purchase contract to the Village for review.

The vote on the preceding resolution was as follows: Ayes: Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustees Edwards, McAvoy, and Blumrick, and Mayor Westcott; Nays: none; Abstentions: none; Absent: none. The resolution was unanimously passed.

At this time Mayor Westcott closed the public hearing for the 2019-20 budget.

A motion was made by

Coordinator Bobbitt gave an update regarding the school and residential remediation projects following a meeting last week with the DEC lead contractor for the job. They are hoping to start the residential project as early as April 22, 2019. Infrastructure has been filmed for comparison when the job is done. Discussed the plans. Mr. Seaman asked if they had submitted a street plan; Mr. Bobbitt had it and gave it to Mr. Seaman for review.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, authorizing either Mayor Westcott or Coordinator Bobbitt to sign the remediation plan if approved by attorney following review. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Chief Swick advised the Board that the new police truck has arrived.

Clerk Schweigert advised the Board that she had been contacted by Town of Ridgway Board member Jeff Toussaint with a proposal. The Medina/Orleans Co. summer swim program will have to be suspended this summer due to work at the school which includes pool upgrades. He is exploring the possibility that their program and Roy-Hart summer swim program could join forces for the summer of 2019 only, so their residents do not have to go a summer without instructions. Swim Program Director Kathy Mullin is in agreement with this plan. Discussed. Mr. Seaman will review the swim program contracts with the towns of Royalton and Hartland to see if we can move ahead with this on our own or if the contracts need to be amended. Mr. Toussaint will be advised that the Board is interested but still needs some information, i.e., how many participants there may be, etc.

Coordinator Bobbitt and Chief Swick asked that the following pieces of equipment be declared surplus so that they can move forward with disposing of them.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to declare the following equipment surplus and authorize Coordinator Bobbitt and Chief Swick to dispose of as they see fit: 2001 XMark lawnmower, 2 water pumps that we couldn't use but were unable to return, and the 2017 Ford Explorer. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Resident John Kiern, 32 Mill Street, thanked Chief Swick for the department's efforts in patrolling for speeders on his street.

As there were no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at this time.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to adopt the 2019-2020 Budget in the amount of \$ \$2,021,728.52, with the tax rate as follows: *full value tax rate* will be set at \$9.39 per thousand with the actual tax rate to be set at \$10.43 per thousand due to the 90 percent equalization rate. The tax levy will be \$557,036. A roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Edwards, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Blumrick, and Mayor Westcott. Nays: none; Abstentions: none; Absent: none. Carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize Mayor Westcott to sign the 2019-20 contract with the Middleport Fire Co., No. 1, Inc., with compensation being set at \$97,500 for the year. Carried with all present voting aye.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7 pm in the Board Room.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to move into executive session for the purposes of consultation with the Village's attorney. Carried with all present voting aye.

Executive session opened at 8:00 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 8:09 p.m.

Mr. Seaman advised the Board that the Independent Health Policy that the Village current has is being eliminated by Independent Health. The Village's health insurance broker and Clerk Schweigert researched and found a Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy that is comparable to the plan currently offered. The Teamsters' Union has been contacted about these changes as the collective bargaining agreement must be reopened to accept the BC/BS policy. Discussed.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to accept an amendment to the 2018 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Union to change the health insurance offered to employees from Independent Health to Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Carried with all present voting aye.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer