

April 17, 2017

Body:

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 17, 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 Brian Seaman, attorney. Deputy Mayor Conley led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were a few residents in attendance, as well. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the minutes of the March 20 and April 3, 2017, meetings. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 11-16/17 in the amount of: General: \$47,181.76; Water: \$17,226.53; Sewer: \$9,605.16; Cap. Improvement: \$1,953.17 for a total of \$75,966.62. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve payrolls 22 and 23 for weeks ending March 18 and April 1, 2017. Carried, with all present voting aye. The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for March 2017. The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for March 2017. The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for March 2017, with Chief Swick reading the highlights. The Fire Company's report was submitted and accepted for March 2017. Congratulations were offered to Chief Srock for his re-election to Chief and to Trustee McAvoy for his election to Captain. Correspondence was read: Notice from the Niagara County Legislature that they passed a resolution calling for the repeal of the SAFE Act. Pretreatment report was received from Wendel, for any Board member who would like to read it. FMC has advised they will be extending their home protection plan. Old Business: Trustee McAvoy reported on the electronic waste recycling pickup program he would like to organize with the Towns of Royalton and Hartland. Both supervisors are interested and will discuss with their Boards. We would organize pickups 3 times per year that residents from each municipality would be able to participate in, with the costs shared 3 ways. Mr. Bobbitt reported that that tomorrow the DPW will start flushing the sanitary sewer for the pre-remediation video for National Vac. Discussed remediation and Mayor Westcott gave update. There are some parking and bus issues due to the remediation starting before school ends for the year. Mark Cerrone, the contractor who did the school work last year, was awarded the contract again this year. New Business: Discussed copier purchase. Mr. Seaman suggested looking into leasing instead of purchasing. Clerk Schweigert will get prices. Trustee Blumrick asked if it is time to update the Village's yard maintenance laws. He has checked with other municipalities, and some of them have quite strict codes. Trustee McAvoy suggested starting with Brian Belson, our Building Inspector, about the need for this as he has already been active recently citing people. The Village's yard maintenance code was updated about 10 or so years ago. Mayor Westcott reminded everyone that the Village wide garage sale will be on Sat. May 6 this year. Mayor Westcott advised the Board that he received the county's brownfield report. He will be sitting down with Mr. Belson and Mr. Bobbitt to discuss it. Phase II is done. Mr. Seaman asked that a copy of the report be forwarded to him. Mr. Bobbitt is concerned about the condition of the abandoned Niagara Foods building as part of the roof blew off during the high wind storm in March, especially future damage to neighbor's properties if more high winds occur. He was advised to have the county look into it for possible inclusion in future brownfield efforts. Chief Swick advised that the traffic control

contract with the Town of Hartland is due for renewal . He suggested a 3-percent increase to the town supervisor, who will take the offer back to the Board for consideration. There will be no other changes to the terms of the contract. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded it by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the updated contract with all of the same terms except the price as laid and to authorize the mayor to execute the contract should the Town of Hartland approve the terms. Carried, with all present voting aye. Village resident Bob Kester advised the Board that the German band will be back visiting in 2018 from the last week of July through the first week of August. There will be approximately 35 visitors, and he wanted the Board to be aware these visitors will be here. Village resident John Keirn advised the Board that he has taken photos of the canal wall near the Village DPW garage since the water levels are low and the damage is exposed. He plans to send these photos to the Canal Corporation as dangerous conditions are facing boaters this summer. He just wanted the Board to know he plans to take this action with the hope that we get on the repair schedule in the near future. Mr. Bobbitt advised he had the lift bridge operator document damage in the area, as well, including a sink hole that developed about 2 years ago. If necessary, Mr. Keirn will complain on the Canal Corporation's Facebook page, as very often that can get attention like no other efforts. Sometimes private residents can get action quicker than officials. Chief Srock asked if there is anything that can be done about the parking issue on Francis Street, preferably parking on one side only. When cars are parked on both sides of the street, it is difficult for fire vehicles to get down the street. Mayor advised that the Board will look into it. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday, May 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the Board Room. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of consulting with the attorney for the Village and for collective bargaining matters. Carried, with all present voting aye. Executive session opened at 7:43 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 8:44 p.m. There being no other business, a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca A. Schweigert Clerk-Treasurer