

April 04, 2016

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The annual reorganization meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 4, 2016, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee Hinkson, Trustee McAvoy, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Brian Seaman, attorney. Trustee Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were a few residents in attendance, as well. At this time Royalton Historical Society President Jennifer Bieber made a presentation to the Board regarding the Town of Royalton's planned bicentennial celebration in 2017. The Royalton Historical Society is sponsoring the celebrations. The bicentennial celebration committee would like to host an event that piggybacks onto the annual car cruise that the Fire Department holds the Sunday after Labor Day. This would include a community dinner on Main Street – catered by local restaurants using local produce, kiddie rides, music, possibly canal rides, and possibly culminating with an party at the Fire Hall. The Masons want to be involved. Discussed some of the details and costs. Concerns about parking were voiced. Possibly a shuttle from the High School to downtown would work. The Historical Society would take care of liability and insurance concerns. The Board agreed to having this event on Main Street so long as the Fire Department is also in agreement to piggybacking onto their event weekend. Due to the presentation regarding the Town of Royalton Bicentennial event, Mayor Westcott opened the public hearing regarding the 2016-17 budget at 7:20 p.m. At this time Mayor Westcott offered the following annual appointments: Deputy Mayor: Trustee Conley Sewer & Sanitation Department :Trustee McAvoy Street Department: Trustee Blumrick Water Department: Trustee Hinkson Board Representatives to Youth Recreation: Trustees Hinkson & McAvoy Zoning Board of Appeals: Richard Schweigert to a 3-year term Planning Board: Kelly Halstead, to complete the remaining 3 years of the term vacated by Doris Hinkson in 2014; and John Shuttleworth to a 5-year term Youth Recreation Board : Jennifer Dinieri to a 3-year term Tree Board: Elizabeth Storch to a 5-year term Ethics Committee: Margaret Thomas, Elizabeth Storch, and Trustee Blumrick to a one-year term A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to accept the above appointments. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to reappoint Historian Christa Lutz, Deputy Historian Barbara Albone, and Deputy Village ClerkTreasurer Vicky Demmin to one-year terms. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to designate Bank of Castile, Medina branch, as the Bank Depository. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize purchase of materials for street, water, and sewer departments at New York State or Niagara County bid prices. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize Seaman Norris LLC to handle all legal matters on a per diem basis. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to deposit excess funds from all accounts in Time Open Agreements at Bank of Castile, Key Bank, First Niagara, and M & T Bank. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize the renewal of the Investment Policy as adopted by the Village Board on April 4, 1994, to include the following banks: Bank of Castile, Key

Bank, First Niagara, and M & T Bank. Carried, with all present voting aye. Discussed mileage reimbursement. The IRS has lowered the rate to 54 cents per mile due to the decrease in gasoline prices. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize mileage reimbursement at the IRS recommended rate of 54 cents per thousand for officers and employees who use their personal automobiles while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to submit payment in advance of audit of claims for Public Utilities Services and postage prior to the monthly Board Meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize the Mayor, Board of Trustees, and Department Heads to attend meetings of the Northwestern Frontier Association of Village Officials, when they are called. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to attend the monthly meetings of the Niagara County Municipal Clerks Association and her deputy (or deputies) to attend meetings of same as deemed necessary by the Clerk-Treasurer, authorize the Police Chief to attend the quarterly Chiefs of Police meetings, and authorize the Village Coordinator to attend the monthly meetings of the Western New York Water Works Association and WNY Village Superintendents Association. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize Department Heads to approve necessary training at their discretion for members of their departments, including themselves, as it becomes available during the year. Should the cost be more than \$1,000, Board Approval is necessary per the Village's procurement policy. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meetings to be the third Monday of each Month at 7:00 p.m., with the following exceptions: due to federal holidays, the January and February 2017 meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. The 2017 Reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to designate the Union Sun & Journal as the official newspaper. Carried, with all present voting aye. There being no comments, Mayor Westcott closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to adopt the 20162017 budget in the amount of \$1,698,975.61, with the tax rate as follows: full value tax rate will be set at \$10.04 per thousand. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize Mayor Westcott to execute the Fire Protection Contract with Middleport Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, Inc., for the period April 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017, in the amount of \$92,500. Mr. Bobbitt asked permission from the Board to provide Payne's Carpeting and Supplies with a check for half of the amount for the purchase and installation of the carpet at the Scout House. The down payment is for the purchase of the carpet. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, authorizing payment in the amount of \$1,036.65 to Payne's Carpeting and Supplies for half of the cost of the purchase and installation of the carpet at the Scout House. Carried, with all present voting aye. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustee will be held on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca A. Schweigert Clerk-Treasurer

