

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 20, 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 Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Chief James Volkosh and a few residents were in attendance, as well.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract 12-18/19 as follows: General: \$54,812.59; Water: \$899.13; Sewer: \$9,418.10, for a total of \$65,129.82. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Conley, to approve payrolls no. No. 24, 25, and 26 for periods ending April 13, April 27, and May 11, 2019. Carried, with all present voting aye.

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

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for April 2019. It was reported that NYS DOT will be repaving Main Street for the first time since 1995.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for April 2019, with Chief Swick reading the highlights.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for April 2019. At this time Chief Volkosh asked the Board to consider the possibility that it may become necessary to enter into an agreement with Mercy Ambulance in the future as Tri-Town continues to struggle with having available personnel for ambulance calls. He gave some details on what this would entail. Mayor Westcott expanded on it, explaining current difficulties getting an ambulance at times, especially during the day. Discussed.

There will be refuse/recycle collection on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Regular pickup will be on Thursday, May 30, 2019.

Water and Sewer billing for the quarter billed on May 1, 2019 were as follows: Water: \$52,048.91; Sewer: \$50,151.94; for a total of \$102,200.85.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize Niagara County Real Property Department to relevy all unpaid water/sewer accounts in the amount of \$28,870.94, including those owing over \$1,000, onto 2019-2020 Village tax bills. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Tax warrant to be signed by Mayor Westcott in the amount of \$ 585,906.94 (tax levy of \$557,036 plus unpaid water/sewer of \$28,870.94).

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to appoint the following volunteer firefighters to the Middleport Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, Inc.: Joseph P. Hallifax and Richard N. Ruppel. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to appoint the following volunteer junior firefighters to the Middleport Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, Inc.: Jackson S. Draper, Logan G. Crosby, and Malorie R. Dietz. Carried, with all present voting aye.

There was no correspondence to read.

Clerk Schweigert reported that the Public Works Department and the Clerk's office employees have completed the required Sexual Harassment training. The director of the Swim Program has been given the information to have those employees trained, too.

Clerk Schweigert advised the Board that Heather Pedini has resigned as the director of the recreation program. The job opening will be posted on the Village's Facebook page.

Chief Swick reported that Police Officer Mandaville graduated from the Academy and has started at the range.

Mayor Westcott offered congratulations on behalf of the Village to Chief Swick on his upcoming nuptials on May 25, 2019.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Board Room of the Village Hall.

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

Executive Session opened at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to return to General Session. Carried, with all present voting aye.

General Session reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

Discussed requests from three homeowners asking for relief on their May 1, 2019, water/sewer bill due to a water leak. It has been verified that none of the water entered the Village's sewer system.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to adjust the sewer charges on the May 1, 2019, water/sewer bills at property owned by Steve Giroux (79 Telegraph Road), Larry Cummings (2 Watson Avenue), and Joan Demmer (7 Francis Street) to a minimum charge due to all three properties being unoccupied, all three properties experienced a water pipe break, and all three property owners have proof that the leaked water did not enter the Village's sewer system. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Discussed Justin Adams' unused vacation time.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, authorizing Justin Adams to roll over his unused vacation, sick, and floating holiday time from the 2018-19 budget year to the 2019-20 budget year due to the unusual circumstances that his sick leave was extended longer than anticipated. Carried, with all present voting aye.

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 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer