

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 18, 2018, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee Edwards, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Ryan Parisi, attorney. Trustee McAvoy entered after the meeting began. Deputy Mayor Conley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were a few residents in attendance, as well.

At this time Mayor Westcott opened the Public Hearing re: proposed increase in water and sewer rents within the Village. Clerk Schweigert read the notice.

There were no comments or questions at this time. Mayor Westcott left the hearing open in case anyone came in and had concerns or questions.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Conley, to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2018, meeting. 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. 13-17/18 as follows: General: \$3,310.43; Sewer: \$1,121.59; for a total of \$4,432.02. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to authorize the following transfers for the 2017-18 budget:

TO	FROM	AMOUNT	TOTAL
A1640.4	A1325.2	\$1,196.50	
A3120.13	A6989.1	\$2,247.50	
A3120.15	A3120.14	\$427.25	
A3120.2	A3120.4	\$277.65	
A5182.4	A1325.2	\$1,249.02	
A8170.4	A1325.4	\$44.41	\$5,442.33
F8340.4	F8340.2	\$326.05	
F9030.8	F8340.2	\$33.51	\$359.56
G8110.13	G8110.12	\$300.00	
G8130.1	G8130.4	\$1,059.91	
G8130.11	G8120.1	\$1,424.00	\$2,783.91
TOTAL		\$8,585.80	\$8,585.80

Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approved the WWTP Upgrade Project payment request No. 13 in the amount of \$5,759.85 from Wind-Sun Construction, Inc. as approved by Wendel Engineering. (This amount is included in the total in item 7). Carried, with all present voting aye.

At this time (7:08 pm), Trustee McAvoy entered the meeting.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 1-18/19 in the amounts of: General: \$108,275.92; Water: \$4,234.51; Sewer: \$7,472.26; Capital Improvement: \$6,467.85; for a total of \$126,450.54. Carried with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Conley, to approve payrolls no. 26 and no. 1 and 2 for weeks ending May 12, 26, and June 9, 2018. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the interest payment of \$371.00 to M & T Investments on the Sewer Improvement Loan on or before July 15, 2018.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for May 2018.

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for May 2018.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for May 2018 with Chief Swick reading the highlights.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for May 2018.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve the Summer Royalton-Hartland Youth Swim Program beginning July 2 through August 10, 2018, with no classes to be held on July 4. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Deputy Mayor Conley asked about sign up this year. Clerk Schweigert reported that there was definitely an increase this year over the past two years. She believes that putting information in the newspaper helped, along with the regular notifications sent home with elementary school students and posting information on the Village's website and Facebook page.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve Kathy Mullin as Swim Director at \$17.50/hour. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve the following individuals to the positions of Swim Instructor: Kathy Dudley at an hourly rate of \$11.75, Emelia Pericciny at a rate of \$10.75, Madison Pratt at a rate of \$10.50/hour, and Liana Williams and

Kayla Hogan at minimum wage of \$10.40/hour (new hires this year). All appointments are pending Civil Service approval. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the Middleport Summer Recreation program for the period July 9 through August 10, 2018, to be held at the Royalton Hartland Middle School gym. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve Heather Pedini as Assistant Recreation Director at an hourly rate of \$14.50 and Brigitte Schweigert as Recreation Leader at an hourly rate of \$11/hour pending Civil Service Approval. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Discussed updating the Village's sidewalk policy. It has not been updated since 2014. Mr. Bobbitt recommended increasing the rate by \$1 a square foot as the cost of concrete has increased.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, for authorization to proceed with sidewalk construction to reimburse property owners as stated in Local Law No. 2 for the year 1975 and resolution adopted March 16, 1992, and amended June 21, 2004, June 16, 2008, June 21, 2010, and May 19, 2014, setting the amount of reimbursement to \$4.50 per square foot of sidewalk replaced or fifty percent of the cost, whichever is less. Carried, with all present voting aye.

At this time, Village business owner Don Heschke was invited to address the Board. He has the opportunity to purchase the house just west of Sigmamotors, on the corner of Mill & N. Hartland Streets. He has purchased a business and would eventually like to move it to Middleport so he would like to be able to purchase the house, demolish it, then add onto the Sigmamotors building. If he is unable to expand, he will have to move Sigmamotors out of the Village because he wants to keep the businesses together. Discussed his goals. Mayor Westcott advised him to contact Building Inspector Brian Belson regarding this issue for guidance on whether he will need a variance or if the zoning needs to be changed to move forward on this endeavor. Mr. Heschke would like to have completed this move within a year, so there is time to get this worked out.

Correspondence was read:

- Mayor Westcott received a thank you note from School Superintendent Dr. Hank Stopinski for their meeting in May. Discussed changes to the school grounds. Clerk Schweigert will request a copy of the plans to have on file in the Village Hall.
- Received notification of changes coming up for the Village's SPDES permit. We have until June 20, 2018, to protest them if we choose. Discussed. We will move forward on this as there may be grant money available to implement these changes.

Discussed streetlight purchases information provided by Clerk Schweigert from the seminar she attending in late May. Attorney will check into a shared services agreement with other Niagara County municipalities to see about joining together to purchase the lights and poles. There are savings up to 70 percent by doing this. New York State is offering grant money for shared services proposals and NYSEG and National Grid are offering rebates through 2020. It is possible the Village could make this purchase at zero cost if we act now.

Trustee Blumrick advised he has been approached recently about the conditions of both 28 Vernon Street and 8 State Street. Discussed actions the Village can take regarding these two properties. The Building Inspector is aware of and has cited the property owns in the past and will continue to do so as needed. Tearing down 28 Vernon Street could cost the Village close to a quarter of a million dollars due to the presence of asbestos.

Mr. Bobbitt advised the Board that he has four quotes from three vendors for a zero turn mower, which was included in the 2018-19 budget. The quotes are as follows:

- Ferris Motor from Middleport Tractor for \$7,054
- Two different Toro models from Grassland in Liverpool for \$10,159.20 or \$11,198.88
- Scag from Niagara Frontier for \$9,007.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize the purchase of the Ferris Motor from Middleport Tractor for \$7,054. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Chief Swick and Mr. Bobbitt advised the Board that the highest bids for the excess equipment at auction were as follows: The Tahoe - \$7,000, the Trailblazer - \$4,850, and the Elgin street sweeper - \$430. Mr. Bobbitt plans to contact Dunn's to see if he can get a better scrap price for the Elgin. The Village is not obligated to accept any of these bids.

At this time, 8:08 pm, Mayor Westcott closed the public hearing, with no comments being presented.

Deputy Mayor Conley offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Edwards,

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has imposed various new requirements on the Village relating to the operation of the Village's sewage treatment plant, and

**WHEREAS**, the wholesale water rates charged to the village have increased, and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, the Village must increase its water and sewer rents charged to users, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Village hereby establishes water rents as follows:

Minimum and up to 5,000 gallons	\$36.78
Next 70,000 gallons	\$5.69/1,000 gallons
Over 75,000 gallons	\$3.97/1,000 gallons

and be it further,

**RESOLVED**, that the Village hereby establishes sewer rents as follows, based on water consumption:

Minimum and up to 5,000 gallons	\$36.78
Next 70,000 gallons	\$5.69/1,000 gallons
Over 75,000 gallons	\$3.97/1,000 gallons

A roll call vote on the preceding resolution was taken with the following results: Deputy Mayor Conley: aye; Trustee Edwards: aye; Trustee McAvoy: aye; Trustee Blumrick: aye; Mayor Westcott: aye; Nays: none; Abstentions: none; Absent: none. The resolution was unanimously passed.

Clerk Schweigert advised that these billing charges will begin when the next full cycle commences on July 20, 2018, for the November 1, 2018, bill. This will be nearly three years since the last increase.

Clerk Schweigert advised the Board that since the budget increase for the Royalton Hartland Community Library passed, the library will be increasing the hours they are open to the public.

Mr. Bobbitt asked about the proposal from Wendel Engineering regarding the grant possibilities for the disinfecting requirements the NYSDEC will be imposing on the Village. Discussed.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy to authorize Wendel Engineers, at no extra cost to the Village, to create a proposal to pursue a grant or grants to satisfy the disinfecting requirements the NYSDEC will be imposing on the Village. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Monday, July 16, 2018, at 7pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and Seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert  
Clerk-Treasurer