

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

Tim Walck, from Wendel, and a resident were in attendance, as well.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019, meeting. 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. 02-19/20 in the amounts of: General: \$32,506.61; Water: \$13,109.91; Sewer: \$6,358.91; for a total of \$51,975.43. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion as made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize that the \$50,000 loan made in February 2019 by the General Fund to the Sewer Fund be changed to a fund transfer for the 2018-19 budget year. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve payrolls no. 3 and 4 for weeks ending June 22 and July 6, 2019. Carried, with all present voting aye.

At this time Mr. Walck was invited to address the Board. He recapped the need for the disinfectant system as an upcoming mandate by the NYS DEC. Discussed implementation and funding. Village should qualify for hardship funding again. Attorney Seaman and Mr. Walck will contact Municipal Solutions regarding this. Wendel will wait for the go ahead from the Village before beginning the study due to financial issues.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleport owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant described and evaluated in an engineering report dated July 2019 prepared by Wendel WD Architecture, Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., a professional engineering consulting firm; and

WHEREAS, based on the findings of the report a capital project is proposed to add ultraviolet light (UV) disinfection to the treatment process to meet upcoming changes required by the New York State Department of Conservation in a new SPDES permit; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project consists of modification to an existing, nonresidential structure involving less than 4,000 square feet of floor area, consistent with 6 NYSRR Part 617.5(c)(1) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Middleport that the proposed capital project to add UV disinfection is declared to be a Type 2 action for State Environmental Quality Review Act purposes, and no further action will be required and that this Resolution shall take effect immediately. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the Village of Middleport Board of Trustees does hereby authorize an application to be made for funds from the Water Quality Improvement Program administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding a Wastewater Improvement Project to add Ultraviolet Light Disinfection in the estimated amount of \$492,800 and commits the Village to provide an estimated amount of \$185,300 of the project cost. The Village Board also authorizes the Mayor to execute the same. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for the month of June 2019.

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for the month of June 2019.

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

The fire report was submitted and accepted for the month of June 2019.

Correspondence was read:

- Received notice from the NYS Canal Commission regarding canal bank repairs they intend to make.
- Received packet of information from National Grid regarding the purchase of the streetlights. Attorney Seaman will review.
- Received letter from Tri-Town regarding coverage in the area
- Mayor Westcott read a letter of thanks he received from Fire Chief Jim Volkosh regarding actions taken above and beyond the call of duty with disregard of his personal safety by Middleport Police Sergeant Roland Johnson at a vehicular accident on June

27, 2019. His actions enabled the emergency response team to facilitate extrication “in a timely manner without inflicting any further injury to the driver and facilitating her timely transport to the regional trauma center.” The Board of Trustees also offered their thanks to Sgt. Johnson for his quick actions.

At this time resident Patrick Bridge, 35 State St., addressed the Board regarding an issue he has with Building Inspector Brian Belson. Mayor Westcott advised him that it is a personnel issue and will be looked into by the Board.

Trustee Blumrick asked about 10 State Street again. Still getting complaints regarding the state of the yard. Mr. Belson will be advised by Mayor Westcott to continue to cite the homeowner.

Mayor Westcott advised the Board that he received a thank you from the Royalton Hartland School District for the tour of the Village the administrators were given by Historian Christa Lutz.

Mayor Westcott advised the Board that Fire Chief Volkosh and he have put the School District on notice that additional fire hydrants should be installed on the Middle and High School grounds during the upcoming capital improvement project.

The Royalton Hartland Community Library will be celebrating its 90th birthday during an open house on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Mayor Westcott has been asked to provide a resolution on behalf of this milestone. He offers the following for the public record, which will also be presented to the Library at their open house:

Whereas in 1928 a group of local women, known as the Middleport Study Club, formed the Middleport Free Library, and

Whereas under the direction of this group, a small reading room was opened in the Universalist Church Parish Hall in January of 1929 using donated books, and

Whereas the Middleport Free Library received its charter from Albany on July 19, 1929 and

Whereas over the years the library had many homes until 1942 when the Library Association received the generous gift of the Roger Stilts house on Vernon Street, the current home of the Royalton Hartland Community Library.

Whereas on Nov. 11, 1945, Middleport Free Library was dedicated to the men and women who served their country in World War II, and it was rededicated to honor them on the 50th anniversary in 1995, and

Whereas in 2012, the library’s name was changed to the Royalton Hartland Community Library, indicating that it services the area encompassed by the Royalton Hartland school district,

Now, Therefore, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the residents of the Village of Middleport, I hereby offer

Congratulations & Best Wishes to the Royalton Hartland Community Library on the event of their 90th birthday. May you continue to serve your community for many years to come!

Discussed the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for volunteer firefighters as discussed at the June 2019 meeting. Mr. Seaman advised that the issue is far more complicated than was presented to the Board and needs further research. The Village will eventually have to make a decision based on what it can afford.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Mayor Westcott offered Trustee Edwards congratulations on her upcoming wedding on July 27, 2019.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further 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 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer