

# August 17, 2015

## Body:

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 17, 2015, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee Hinkson, Trustee McAvoy, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Dan Seaman, attorney. Trustee Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were a few residents in attendance, as well. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 03-15/16 in the amounts of: General: \$28,662.58; Water: \$949.15; Sewer: \$9,871.31; for a total of \$39,483.04. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to approve payrolls no. 5 and 6 for periods ending July 11 and August 8, 2015. Carried, with all present voting aye. The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for July 2015. The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for July 2015. When asked, Mr. Bobbitt reported that there have been no issues with the company doing the remediation at the school. They are good to work with, including keeping stones off State Street that could damage the pavement. They will be ending work at the school for the season very soon. The surplus vehicles have been sold at an online auction at Auctions International. Mr. Bobbitt and Chief Swick were happy with the results. We will receive \$10,001 for the Tahoe, \$3,000 for the F700, and \$1,900 for the Expedition. The anticipated paving schedule for this summer will be: milling and paving will start on North Hartland Street on Thursday (Aug. 20). Mill Street, Mechanic Street – east of Main Street – and N. Vernon Street are targeted for paving this summer. We will need to borrow a roller from the Town of Royalton for some of this work. No roads will be closed due to this work. When we need to contract out for paving, streets will close then. The Fire Department will be notified of any road closures as needed. The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for July 2015, with Chief Swick reading the highlights. The drive in is cracking down on "theft of services," due to an increase in patrons entering the drive in via vehicle trunks. They have had two incidences recently and have pressed charges. The Code Enforcement report was submitted and accepted for July 2015. The 2015 Swim Program report was submitted and accepted. The 2015 Recreation Program report was submitted and accepted. The Water and Sewer billings for the quarter ending August 1, 2015 were as follows: Water: \$ 46,602.79; Sewer: 45,847.24; for a total of: \$ 92,450.03. This is down near \$9,000 from August 2014. We have probably missed the window to increase rates for the November billing; will work to have new billing rates in place for the February 2016 billing. Correspondence was read: Received a notice from Middleport Fire Co., No. 1, Inc. that they will be renewing their liquor license. Received a letter from the Hartland Historical Society protesting the inaction of the Board of Trustees to facilitate taking possession of the Universalist Church. Received an email from Village resident Michael Miano expressing his dismay that the Board of Trustees did not act to take possession of the Universalist Church and that he received no response to his emails to the members of the Village Board on this subject, with the exception of Trustee Blumrick. Trustee McAvoy asked about any update on the change of ownership of the church. Mayor Westcott advised that it is on hold. Clerk Schweigert advised the Board that the engineer grant application was filed on time. We are applying for a

grant for engineering costs to complete plans for the necessary upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Regarding the ongoing Verizon Wireless cell tower issue, Clerk Schweigert announced the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be on Weds., August 19, 2015, at 3:30 pm to address the application Nixon-Peabody has submitted to install the tower on the Village Hall. Deputy Mayor Conley offered the suggestion that any revenues from this venture should be earmarked for a grant writer. This could put the Village on the road to long-term financial stability. Trustee McAvoy said he believes it's the route to go. The Board does not want to overburden the taxpayers; we are aware there is a lot of grant money out there, but we need a grant writer to get it. We could apply grant funds to Main Street, canal, tourism, many areas. Deputy Mayor Conley said that the Village paid out lots of money to write the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) and should try to utilize it. Mayor Westcott advised a wait and see attitude on this issue, as the Board does not know what the ZBA will decide. Trustee Hinkson asked if anyone had heard anything about what will happen to the vacant KeyBank building. No one has heard of anything regarding the future of the building. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to re-appoint Clerk Schweigert as a marriage office for a two-year term. Carried, with all present voting aye. At this time Fred Srock extended thanks from the Middleport Fire Co., No. 1, Inc., to Evan Kendren for his Eagle Scout project, in which he facilitated cleaning up around the Firemen's Monument on the corner of Park Avenue and Main Street. Mr. Bobbitt requested permission to move forward on hiring a replacement for Steve Smith, who retired in July. Discussed this. Permission granted. Information regarding the open position will be posted on the Village's Facebook page and website. Mr. Bobbitt advised the Board that he had met with representatives from E&E Environment and Action Vac, who are doing the Park Avenue remediation. They have requested that the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) as listed in the Village's infrastructure code be increased from 14 thousand pounds (7 ton). This low GVW will require more of the smaller trucks on Village streets than fewer larger trucks. They have requested an increase to 33 thousand pounds (16+ ton). Mayor Westcott said they must stick to the code as written. The DEC was unwilling to cooperate with us to do both sides of Freeman Avenue and Alfred Street at one time as requested; we are under no obligation to accommodate them. Mr. Bobbitt suggested that the Mayor meet with the representatives regarding this issue. There are still several issues to resolve for this remediation, including setting up a staging area, getting contracts signed by residents, etc. Mayor Westcott feels the work won't start before spring 2016. Mr. Seaman asked about the bid specs of the job. As this is a time and materials job, there are no bid specs. Trees will be removed, sidewalks and driveways will be replaced. Discussed current and future possibilities with the remediation action. With a new DEC commissioner being appointed soon, some things may change about this remediation effort. Trustee Hinkson expressed her concern that more remediation efforts will occur than previously advised by the DEC. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday, September 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. 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 7:45 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca A. Schweigert Clerk-Treasurer