

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 21, 2017, 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 Daniel E. Seaman, attorney. Trustee Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were a couple of people in attendance, as well.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve WWTP Upgrade Project payment no. 4 request as approved by Wendel Engineering in the amount of \$45,030.00 from CIR Electrical Construction Corp. (This amount is included in total in item 6.) Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve WWTP Upgrade Project payment no. 4 request as approved by Wendel Engineering in the amount of \$150,383.77 from Wind-Sun Construction, Inc. (This amount is included in total in item 6.) Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve payment of claims on Abstract No. 03-17/18. General: \$32,720.75; Water: \$4,948.79; Sewer: \$9,793.29; Capital Improvement: \$205,067.83; for total of \$252,530.66. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve Payrolls No. 5 and 6 for periods ending July 22 and August 5, 2017. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for July 2017.

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for July 2017.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for July 2017, with Chief Swick reading the highlights.

The swim program report was submitted and accepted for 2017. Mayor Westcott reported it went well, despite the ongoing remediation at the school.

The Summer Recreation program report was submitted and accepted for 2017.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to hire Bradley Bobbitt as a Summer Laborer effective August 7, 2017, to replace Dakota Keyes, who quit after one day. Set pay rate at \$10.50 per hour. Carried, with all present voting aye. Water and Sewer billings for the quarter ending August 1, 2017 was: Water: \$51,679.98 and Sewer: 50,936.28, for a Total of \$102,616.26.

Correspondence was read:

- Received a notice from FMC that a public comment session and public hearing will be held regarding their application to create a hazard waste dump on their property for disposal of soil from the remediation project.
- Trustee Edwards asked about any complaints regarding the corner of State & Main Streets. Discussion ensued regarding difficulty seeing oncoming traffic. NYS DOT will not take corrective action at that corner unless there is a fatality. There is not enough accident data to get the state interested.

Public Comment:

Allen Oliver, owner of 27 Vernon Street, addressed the Board regarding flooding on his property. There has been an ongoing issue since St. Stephen's paved their parking lot. The solutions put in place by the Village were removed during remediation of the property. Mr. Oliver's property experience more flooding last week when there was a downpour. He insists that as this is the Village's right of way, we should repair the problem. Mr. Bobbitt explained that the remediation contractor has been asked to repair it, as it should not be the Village's responsibility for the costs. Discussed. Mr. Oliver asked what the Board will do. Mayor Westcott advised it will be discussed.

Trustee McAvoy advised the Board that now that Jennifer Bieber is no longer the Royalton Town Supervisor, he will touch base with acting Supervisor Dan Bragg regarding the electronic recycling events he is attempting to organize.

Trustee McAvoy asked about the Royalton Bicentennial events occurring on Main Street in the Village the weekend of September 9 and 10. He was agitated that not enough information had been given to the Fire Department or the Board regarding the plans. Clerk Schweigert advised she had been in communication with the firefighter who is in charge of organizing the car cruise; Mr. McAvoy didn't feel that was the correct person for discussions. He also felt the Board hadn't been given any information. Mr. Bobbitt reminded him the Supervisor Bieber made a presentation to the Board of Trustees at a meeting last year about closing off Main Street on September 9 and received their approval.

Mr. Bobbitt presented the Board with a quote to purchase a Kubota, as budget. He can purchase one from Bentley Brothers at state bid price, and with a \$15,000 trade in with our old one, the final cost to the Village will be \$20,821.01.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize the purchase of a Kubota Tractor from Bentley Brothers at state bid price, with a \$15,000 trade in on our old one, the final cost to the Village will be \$20,821.01. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Mayor Westcott gave an update on the remediation. Mayor Westcott asked Mr. Bobbitt to enquire if FMC is willing to do remedial work at old Norco Property when they meet next Wednesday.

Trustee McAvoy suggested to the Board that a tour of the Wastewater Treatment plant be organized so they can all see the upgrades that have been made during this \$2.9 million project.

Mr. Bobbitt asked that stone and pumps that are no longer needed at the plant be declared surplus so he can sell them. Veratti Farms wants the stone and Shelby Crushed Stone is interested in the pumps. Discussed.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Edwards, to declare 100 loads of stone and 6 pumps surplus equipment as they are no longer needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant due to the upgrades. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Mr. Bobbitt will research the value of these items to determine what the resale value is. The DEC has suggested that the Village rid themselves of these stone. Mr. Bobbitt instructed to get that recommendation in writing.

Chief Swick reported that another successful pharmaceutical pick was made by Niagara Count.

He also reported that he has been given \$1,100 by FMC to purchase equipment for the vehicles.

In addition, he reported that the Middleport PD was awarded \$1,893 from the Niagara County Law Enforcement Foundation grant for safe/storage box in the pack of Unit 30, the Village's primary patrol unit. The Niagara County Sheriff's Office also applied for state grant money for protective equipment, and we were awarded funds for rifles, vests, and helmets. We will now have 4 rifles, which will help with qualifying each year.

A recall notice was received on the Ford, and it will be checked at the next checkup. Discussed the possibility of turbo problems.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Blumrick, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions with the Village's attorney. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Executive session opened at 7:58 p.m.

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

General session reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

Discussed Request for Proposal offer made by Yaze Properties for the purchase of 31 Main Street.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to reject any and all Request for Proposals submitted on 31 Main Street. Carried, with all present voting aye.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer