

# September 21, 2015

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 21, 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 Brian Seaman, attorney. Mayor Westcott led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a resident in attendance, as well. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 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. 04-15/16 in the amount of: General: \$36,274.06; Water: \$1,413.19; Sewer: \$4,886.68; for a Total of \$42,573.93. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve payrolls no. 7 and 8 for weeks ending August 22 and September 5, 2015. Carried, with all present voting aye. The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for August 2015. The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for August 2015. The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for August 2015, with Chief Swick reading the highlights. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to set the Halloween trick-or-treating hours for 5 pm to 7 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Carried, with all present voting aye. The Fire Department plans to have their annual children's party that day. Correspondence was read: • Received information from Buffalo Niagara Enterprise regarding the NY-Sun Initiative for solar power. Clerk Schweigert will get more information on this for the Board. Could possibly change to solar power for several of the Village's building. Mr. Bobbitt said there is a move towards solar power for wastewater treatment plants due to the amount of electricity they consume. • Received a letter from RoseMary Warren commending the rescue of a duck in the canal. • Received notice that a security breach may have compromised the medical information of Village employees. No employee has received notification to date regarding the breach, which indicates the Village's information was not compromised. • Received notice that the Dublin Road dump has been downgraded by the NYSDEC from a Class II to a Class IV dump. Resident John Keirn thanked the DPW for paving Mill St. Discussed the proposed increase in sewer rates as projected by Clerk Schweigert. Trustee McAvoy expressed the opinion that it may be easier for property owners to accept an increase if it is an increase to both the water and sewer funds at the same time. Discussed the possible increases. Settled on a 15 percent increase to both water rates and sewer rates. Mr. Seaman will continue to update the Village code regarding this. The sewer rates will need to be increased again in a few years when the Village borrows funds to make necessary updates to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Discussed the Wendel proposal for an engineering model for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. These plans are required to be completed by January 2016 for our SDES renewal. We will need these plans to secure funding for necessary repairs and upgrades to the facility, as well. We have applied for a grant to cover the costs, but we must move quickly to get these plans in place. Should we be awarded the grant, the costs are reimbursable. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to accept the proposal from Wendel Engineering for the SPDES Permit Required Engineering Report Professional Services Proposal at a maximum cost of \$17,000. Carried, with all present voting aye. Mr. Bobbitt advised the Board that he has been contacted by representatives from

E&E (the firm doing the remediation in the Village at the present time). They would like the bond amount set. They offered \$38,000. NYSDEC has offered to cover the cost of any damage in lieu of a bond, but they have not put that in writing. Discussed the issue. It is the Village's stance that either a \$400,000 bond is issued or the State guarantees covering the cost of any damage. At present E&E will be videotaping the sewer pipes in the area before and after the project; they will also be videotaping the foundations of the buildings. Mr. Seaman suggested they require that foundations of all buildings in which trucks will pass be videotaped prior to the start of the project as they could be subject to damage, as well. Trustee McAvoy asked if there was a possibility that "crosswalk" signs could be permanently put on the sidewalks in front of the school as the existing signs must be moved in the winter. Mr. Bobbitt will contact the County about that as State Street is a county road and they would be responsible for that. Trustee McAvoy asked about the wiring issue along the canal bank for the boaters. Discussed fixing and possibly upgrading. Perhaps the Village could look for a grant for that. Discussed that it could qualify for the County's Greenway Grant. Trustee McAvoy will contact Legislator Mike Hill for guidance on applying for this grant. Mr. Bobbitt advised the Board that he has reviewed the applications submitted for the current opening in the Public Works Department and has narrowed the choices to three. He will contact the three for interviews by the Board of Trustees. With Mayor Westcott's permission, Connor Baker has been kept on as seasonal help until the hiring is complete. A motion was made by Trustee Hinkson, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve extending Connor Baker's seasonal employment until the new hire is in place. Carried, with all present voting aye. A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to set a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 6 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing job applicants for the opening in the DPW. Carried, with all present voting aye. The newspaper will be notified. Mr. Bobbitt will advise the applicants of their appointments. Chief Swick advised the Board that he would like to send Officer Bobbie Holmes to training offered by Glock in Ithaca on November 12, 2015. The cost will be \$250 for the class plus the cost of lodging and meals. He feels it will be approximately \$400 or so for this training. Board approved. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Monday, November 19, 2015, at 7 pm in the Village Hall. There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Hinkson, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca A. Schweigert Clerk-Treasurer