

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 19, 2021, 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 Barr, Coordinator Bobbitt, Sergeant Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer VanBuren, Fire Chief Czaja, and Tom Seaman, attorney. Chief Swick was absent.

Deputy Mayor Conley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were a few residents in attendance as well.

Chairman of the Fire Board Dan Bragg addressed the Board about LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) for the four volunteer fire departments in the Town of Royalton. He would like to add this referendum to the November 2021 General Election so that the taxpayers can decide if they are willing to fund the program by adding a fire tax to the 2022 Town Tax bill. Attorney Seaman recommended that the Board get more information from the Town of Royalton's attorney before making a decision on this.

Mayor Westcott opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm regarding increasing the sewer rate to account for the debt service charge due to the NYSDEC state-mandated upgrades at the WWTP.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2021, March 15, 2021, and April 5, 2021, meetings. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve WWTP UV Disinfection Payment Request No. 3 in the amount of \$216,790 from STC Construction for the UV equipment, Weir Gate, and installation of concrete as approved by Wendel Engineering. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 11-20/21 in the amount of: General: \$90,279.76; Water: \$15,262.01; Sewer: \$42,972.48; Capital Improvement: \$220,563.71; Total: \$369,077.96. This figure also includes payrolls 21, 22, and 23. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to authorize the following budget transfers in the General Fund and the Water Fund:

TO	FROM	AMOUNT
A1325.12	A1325.1	\$.01
A1420.4	A3120.4	2,201.06
A1640.4	A5110.4	279.32
A3120.13	A3120.15	11,317.89
A7110.4	A7110.2	215.94
	TOTAL	\$14,014.22
F8320.4	F1420.4	500.00
F8320.4	F1990.4	2,500.00
F8320.4	F8340.2	5,813.60
F8340.4	F8340.2	92.75
	TOTAL	\$ 8,906.35
Carried, with all present voting aye.		

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize setting the due date for the May 2021 water/sewer bills to be June 1, 2021 since May 31, 2021 is Memorial Day and the Village Clerk's office will be closed. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize Mayor Westcott to execute the Agreement between the Village of Middleport and the Niagara County Water District for providing the supply of water to the Village. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Treasurer's report and the General Fund Cash Flow Forecast was submitted and accepted for March 2021.

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for March 2021.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for March 2021.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for March 2021.

Mayor Westcott closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 pm.

Correspondence

Clerk VanBuren told the Board that Arbor Day 2021 had been set for Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at Margaret Droman Park at 10 am.

A letter was read from Niagara County Center for Economic Development regarding the new Municipal Outreach Program they had instituted for 2021. They would like to come and do a short presentation to the Board about the various programs and resources that are available to the area businesses since they have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. They will be invited to a future Board meeting.

An email was read updating the Board about FMC's upcoming remedial activities within the Village. Mayor Westcott added that the attorney is still working with FMC on the site access agreement and the remediation of the Norco property.

Mayor Westcott informed the Board about the NYCOM webinar on the legalization of marijuana that he did on Thursday, April 15, 2021. He said that the law is very complex, and if the Village opts out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments to locate within the Village, the Village would not receive any revenue from the local cannabis sales tax.

Trustee McAvoy informed the Board that the Middleport Community Food Pantry will only be open on Thursdays from 10 am to 11:30 am effective May 1, 2021.

New Business

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize the relevy of the unpaid water and sewer billings from May 2020 - February 2021 to the 2021-2022 Village Tax Bills. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Barr, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of consultation with the Village's Attorney. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Executive Session opened at 8:51 pm.

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

General Session reconvened at 9:11 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. VanBuren

Clerk-Treasurer