

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 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, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer VanBuren, and Dan Seaman, attorney.

Trustee McAvoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were a few residents in attendance, as well.

Josh Schmidbauer and Nick DiChiaro discussed their new Grapevine App with the Board. They explained how it could benefit the Village residents to get notifications immediately. The app would be free to all users who download the app. The Board will let them know their decision at a later date.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize the following budget transfers in the General Fund and Sewer Fund on Abstract No. 9-21/22:

TO	FROM	AMOUNT
A1325.12	A1325.4	\$ 18.60
A3620.4	A1990.4	81.74
A7110.4	A1990.4	91.17
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 191.51</b>
G8110.4	G1990.4	\$2,020.32
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,020.32</b>
<b>Carried, with all present voting aye</b>		

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract 9-21/22 in the amount of General: \$117,664.36; Water: \$25,810.26; Sewer: \$15,132.01; and Capital Improvement: \$125; for a Total of \$158,731.63. This figure also includes the Town of Hartland Fire Contract and Payrolls No. 17, 18, and 19. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A Motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve Payrolls No. 17, 18, and 19 for weeks ending January 15, 2022, January 29, 2022, and February 12, 2022, respectively. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Treasurer's report and the General Fund Cash Flow Forecast was submitted and accepted for January 2022.

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for January 2022.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for January 2022 with Chief Swick reading the highlights.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for January 2022 with 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Sara Burgess reading the monthly and year-to-date calls they have responded to.

Water and Sewer Billing for the quarter billed on February 1, 2022, is as follows:

Water:	\$ 50,957.69
Meter Rental Charge:	\$ 1,562.50
Sewer:	\$ 52,097.67
Sewer Debt Service Charge:	\$ 8,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$112,717.86</b>

This cycle billing is for 8,053,000 gallons.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Blumrick, who moved its adoption, and was seconded by Trustee Barr.

RESOLVED, that the forthcoming General Village Election will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. noon until 9:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, Middleport, New York. The following candidates were nominated for the office and term set forth before each name:

**POSITIVE ACTION PARTY**

Trustee: Two-year term

Dennis J. McAvoy

10 Church Street

Middleport, NY 14105

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE PARTY**

Trustee: Two-year term

Thomas C. Conley

61 State Street

Middleport, NY 14105

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Village of Middleport as soon as possible, but no later than March 5, 2022.

The vote on the above resolution was: Ayes: Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Barr, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Blumrick, and Mayor Westcott. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. The resolution was duly adopted.

***Correspondence***

The Gasport Lions Club sent a letter thanking the community for the generous support they received for their annual Community Christmas Event. They were able to help 53 families in 2021.

Mayor Westcott informed the Board that Brian Belson submitted his resignation letter. His last day will be Saturday, March 26, 2022. The Board accepted with regrets.

***Old Business***

Chief Swick asked for permission to order a new police vehicle. Per the NYSOSG mini-bid he requested, he received the following bids:

1	DELACY FORD LLC	2022	Ford	POLICE INTERCEPTOR	1	\$40,999.40
2	Nye Automotive Group	2022	Ford	Utility Police Interceptor Explorer	1	\$41,349.00
3	Beyer Ford LLC	2022	FORD	INTERCEPTOR UTILITY	1	\$41,647.96
4	GENESEE VALLEY FORD LLC AVON	2022	FORD	POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY	1	\$41,650.00

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize Chief Swick to order a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle at the low bid cost of \$40,999.40 from Delacy Ford LLC. Carried, with all present voting aye.

*New Business*

Mayor Westcott set the first Budget meeting for Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 4 pm.

Russell and Kelly Bloom from 7 Terry Street addressed the Board about the school bus not driving down Terry Street to pick up their children because of cars parked on both sides of the road. The Board is going to study the parking situation to see how this issue can be resolved.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, 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 8:07 pm.

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

General Session reconvened at 8:35 pm.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to increase all non-bargaining unit employees Health Care contribution rate from 10% to 20% effective immediately for all new full-time employees. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to promote Officer Wolcott from part-time police officer to full-time police officer at an hourly rate of \$19.77, pending Niagara County Civil Service approval. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Lisa M. VanBuren*  
*Clerk-Treasurer*