

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 18, 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, Sergeant Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer VanBuren, and Tom Seaman, attorney.

Deputy Mayor Conley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Angela Watson from Watson Enterprises Inc. and Andrew Pittman, the owner of 2 Watson Avenue, discussed the proposed plans for 2 Watson Avenue (the former Basket Factory Restaurant). Mr. Pittman and his wife would like to convert the restaurant into a residence. They do have plans to utilize the marina in the future for kayak and bike rentals. Attorney Seaman said he would need more time to review the plans.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve the minutes of the March 16, March 21, and April 4, 2022, meetings. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize a budget transfer in the General Fund of \$4,000 from A3120.2 to A3120.4 to cover expenditures for the remainder of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year due to the repair cost of the Ford F150 at Orleans Ford. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to authorize a budget transfer in the General Fund of \$10,000 from A3120.13 to A3120.15 to cover expenditures for the remainder of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize the budget transfer in the Water Fund for \$12,018.33 from F1990.4 to F8320.4 to cover the cost of the water supply expenditure to Niagara County. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to authorize Abstract 11-21/22 budget transfers in the Sewer Fund as follows:

TO	FROM	AMOUNT
G8120.1	G9010.8	\$2,281.66
G8130.4	G8130.2	5,000.00
G8130.4	G1990.4	2,718.34
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Carried, with all present voting aye</b>		

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize Abstract No. 11-21/22 budget transfers in the General Fund as follows:

TO	FROM	AMOUNT
A1420.4	A1990.4	\$1,700.00
A1490.4	A5110.4	400.00
A3620.4	A1990.4	500.00
A5182.4	A1990.4	3,200.00
A7110.4	A7110.2	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<b>Carried, with all present voting aye</b>		

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 11-21/22 in the amount of General: \$78,401.29; Water: \$56,170.34; and Sewer: \$27,628.20; for a Total of \$162,199.83. This figure also includes Payrolls No. 22 and 23. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve Payrolls No. 22 and 23 for weeks ending March 26, 2022, and April 9, 2022. Carried, with all present voting aye.

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

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

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for March 2022.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for March 2022.

**Correspondence**

This year's Arbor Day Celebration will be Friday, April 29, 2022, at 9:30 am at the Village Commons.

Clerk VanBuren read a letter from Julia Maedl and Janet Lyndaker who are stepping down from the Middleport Tourism Committee after many years of dedication to the Village. They gave a donation of \$3,000 to the Village for the purpose of holiday decorations.

**Old Business**

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize C & H PC to implement and provide documentation for Cyber Security as proposed at the April 4, 2022, meeting and as presented in Estimate No. 1494. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize C & H PC to install NAS off-site backup of data for the Police Department as presented in Estimate No. 1417. Carried, with all present voting aye.

**New Business**

Deputy Mayor Conley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the Village is required pursuant to NYS Village Law § 11-1118 to relevy any unpaid water/sewer rents onto the upcoming Village tax bill and

WHEREAS the County of Niagara now requires authorization to relevy any delinquent water/sewer bill greater than \$1,000,

NOW THEREFORE the Niagara County Real Property Department is authorized to relevy all delinquent water/sewer accounts, including those owing over \$1,000, onto 2022-2023 Village tax bills.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee McAvoy, and duly put to a vote on roll call.

AYES:	Richard J. Westcott
	Wayne B. Blumrick
	Dorothy J. Barr
	Thomas C. Conley
	Dennis J. McAvoy

NOES:	NONE
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The resolution was declared adopted.

Trustee Blumrick introduced the following proposed amendment to the Local Law.

**Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of the Year 2022  
Village of Middleport, County of Niagara**

**A local law requiring the inspection and removal of stormwater connections to the Village's wastewater collection system, at the time of sale or transfer of property.**

Be it enacted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Middleport as follows:

Section 150-20 of the Village of Middleport Code is hereby amended to include the following:

§ 150-20 C. The Village shall cause users' properties to be inspected, at the time of any sale or transfer of real property, and shall require permanent removal of any such private stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff or subsurface drainage connections to the Village of Middleport wastewater collection system.

This law shall be effective upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 16, 2022, to introduce the Inspection and Removal of Stormwater Connections Local Law. Carried, with all present voting aye.

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

Executive Session opened at 7:48 pm.

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

General Session reconvened at 8:17 pm.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to authorize the hiring of Alec Williams contingent on him passing the psyche exam and approval from NC Civil Service at the current rate of \$17.34 per hour. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, May 16, 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 8:28 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Lisa M. VanBuren*  
*Clerk-Treasurer*