

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 16, 2022, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Barr, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Fire Chief Czaja, Clerk-Treasurer VanBuren, and Tom Seaman, attorney.

Trustee Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were a few residents in attendance, as well.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve the minutes of the, July 18, 2022, meeting with an adjustment made to the General Fund amount. It was reduced to \$113,914.00 for a new Abstract 2-22/23 Total of \$160,883.09. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 3-22/23 in the amount of General: \$78,885.03; Water: \$33,949.09; and Sewer: \$12,618.38; for a Total of \$125,452.50. This figure includes Payroll No. 4 and 5. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to approve Payrolls no. 4 and 5 for periods ending July 16, 2022, and July 30, 2022. Carried, with all present voting aye.

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

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for July 2022. Coordinator Bobbitt told the Board that the DPW is hoping to pave Hammond Parkway, Butler Parkway, and William Street in September.

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

The fire report was submitted and accepted for July 2022.

Kathy Mullin submitted the 2022 Swim Program report. Trustee Barr added that she thought it was a very successful program this year.

Clerk VanBuren read Mike Klock's Code Enforcement report for the month. He also had an estimate to submit from Niagara Removal Services to cleanup and secure the premises at 28 Vernon Street (the old Iron Horse). The Board is going to have to decide if they want to just secure the property or possibly get a quote for demolition. Trustee Blumrick is going to look into securing a grant for this project to help offset the cost to the Village.

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

Water:	\$ 58,779.67
Meter Rental Charge:	\$ 1,552.50
Sewer:	\$ 59,488.20
Sewer Debt Service Charge:	\$ 8,062.50
TOTAL	\$127,882.87

This cycle billing is for 9,862,421 gallons.

Correspondence

The Board was informed that the Village had received the second and final tranche of the ARPA Funding in July.

An email from Dawn Timm, Niagara County Environmental Coordinator, was passed around to the Board members which they had received prior to the meeting by email. Niagara County Legislature David Godfrey has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 9:30 am to 11 am, for government officials only regarding the steps the county is taking to hold manufacturers of solar panels accountable for providing financial support to collect, transport, and recycle panels distributed within the county. There will be a brief discussion of the Local Law the county has drafted as well. Mayor Westcott said he is planning on attending.

The 2021 NYMIR Annual Report was distributed to the Board members.

Old Business

There was discussion about the School Resource Officer (SRO) agreement with the Royalton Hartland Central School District (RHCSA). Attorney Seaman informed the Board about the terms of the agreement as well as the negotiations he has had with the school's attorney.

Clerk VanBuren updated the Board on the latest figures from the Niagara County Water District from the month of July gallonage report.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize Mayor Westcott to enter into an agreement with the Royalton Hartland Central School District for providing a police officer(s) to act as School Resource Officer (SRO) for the 2022-2023 school year contingent upon attorney approval of the SRO Agreement. Carried, with all present voting aye.

New Business

Clerk VanBuren asked the Board to consider raising the rates that are currently in place for the hydrant irrigation. She would also like all remediation accounts to have specific rates for ease in billing. Mayor Westcott told the Board that this would be a good time to review the overall water rates the Village has in place because Niagara County is proposing a rate hike to be imposed over the next few years.

Governor Hochul signed into law a new requirement for New York State Sexual Harassment which requires all employers to update their sexual harassment policy. Under the new statute the Village must include the following:

- Information about the sexual harassment hotline to include the number should be included in materials employers provide to employees regarding sexual harassment.
- All Employee Handbooks and standalone policies should include the new hotline telephone number.
- All Sexual Harassment Prevention Training should include information about this new hotline.
- Workplace postings should display the new sexual harassment hotline number.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, 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 8:30 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 8:50 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. VanBuren

Clerk-Treasurer