

The annual reorganization meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in the Village Hall. Mayor Dodge opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Barr, Chief Swick, Coordinator Bobbitt, and Clerk-Treasurer VanBuren.

Trustee Barr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dodge opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 pm regarding the 2023-2024 Budget.

Mayor Dodge offered the following appointments:

- Deputy Mayor: Trustee Conley
- Sewer & Sanitation Department: Trustee McAvoy
- Street Department: Trustee Blumrick
- Water Department: Trustee Barr
- Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 member (3-year term): Barbara Albone
- Planning Board - 1 member (5-year term): Jerry Allen
- Ethics Committee - 4 members (1-year term): Peggy Thomas, Rebecca Schweigert, Elizabeth Storch, and Trustee Blumrick

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the preceding appointments. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to reappoint Lisa VanBuren to a two-year term as Clerk-Treasurer. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to reappoint historian Christa Lutz, and Deputy Clerk Sarah Quackenbush to one-year terms. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to designate Tompkins Community Bank, Medina branch, as the Bank Depository. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize the purchase of materials for street, water, and sewer departments at New York State and/or Niagara County bid prices. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to deposit excess funds from all accounts in Time Open Agreements at Tompkins Community Bank, KeyBank, Five Star Bank, Generations Bank, and M & T Bank. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to authorize the renewal of the Investment Policy as adopted by the Village Board on April 4, 1994, to include the following banks: Tompkins Community Bank, KeyBank, Five Star Bank, Generations Bank, and M & T Bank. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to authorize mileage reimbursement at the IRS standard mileage rate at the time reimbursement is requested for officers and employees who use their personal automobiles while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village. (The 2023 rate is currently 65.5 cents per mile) Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to submit payment in advance of audit of claims for Public Utilities Services and postage prior to the monthly Board Meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to attend the monthly meetings of the Niagara County Municipal Clerks Association and her deputy to attend meetings of same as deemed necessary by the Clerk-Treasurer; authorize the Police Chief to attend the monthly Niagara County Police Chiefs meeting and the WNY quarterly Chiefs of Police meetings; and authorize the Village Coordinator to attend the monthly meetings of the Western New York Water Works Association and WNY Village Superintendents Association. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to authorize Department Heads to approve necessary training at their discretion for members of their departments, including themselves, as it becomes available during the year. Should the cost be

more than \$2,000, Board Approval is necessary. This is an increase of \$1,000 and contingent upon attorney review of the Village's Procurement Policy. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to authorize Coordinator Bobbitt to bid on equipment through online auction sites from other municipalities using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to replace outdated Village equipment. The maximum amount he is allowed to bid is increased to \$70,000 from the \$50,000 that was previously approved at last year's reorganization meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to set the fee for all returned checks to be \$25. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Mayor Dodge closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to authorize regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meetings to be held the third Monday of each Month at 7:00 p.m., with the following exceptions: due to Federal holidays, the June 2023 meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 21, 2023**, the September 2023 meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**, and the January and February 2024 meetings will be held on the **Wednesday** following the holiday. The 2024 Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 2024. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Conley, to designate the Union Sun & Journal as the official newspaper. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget for \$1,997,610.76 with the tax rate as follows: *full value tax rate* will be set at \$9.16 per thousand, with the actual tax rate at \$12.55 per thousand due to the 73 percent equalization rate for both the Town of Royalton and the Town of Hartland. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize Mayor Dodge to execute the Fire Protection Contract with Middleport Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, for the period April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, in the amount of \$104,000. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm, in the Village Hall.

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 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. VanBuren
Clerk-Treasurer