

VILLAGE OF VICTORY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES **JULY 12, 2016 7:00pm**

Call Meeting to Order. Meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Mayor Healy.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes – June 14, 2016 - Monthly Meeting
A motion was made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the Monthly Minutes of June 14th as submitted. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

Village Board Correspondence or Announcements:

- **ZBA Meeting:** 3rd Monday/July meeting not yet scheduled
- **Planning Meeting:** 3rd Tuesday/July meeting not yet scheduled
- **Schuylerville/Victory Water Board Meeting:** 3rd Monday/July 18, 2016 at 7:00pm in Victory

Monthly Reports:

All reports are read as presented and are as follows;

A. DPW REPORT

- Working Supervisor Bill Lloyd provides written report
- PAVE NY allotment of \$3,820.11 to be used for resurfacing, widening and realignment construction of turning lanes at intersections and new road drainage on reimbursement bases.

B. SEWER DEPARTMENT:

- Included with DPW report

C. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

- CEO Report from Larry Wolcott

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Fire Department Report from Chief Wolcott
- 2015 I-Codes will take effect 10/3/2016 in NYS
 - Approve Fire Department Application for Dillan Lewis (age 16). **A motion to approve the Fire Department Application for Scott Salls was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Sullivan. All in favor – aye. Motion passed. was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Sullivan for the cost not to exceed \$500.00. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

E. WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- May 16, 2016 Draft Minutes were not read but are on file.

F. VILLAGE TREASURER’S REPORT

- Monthly report ending May 31, 2016 was read and will remain on file.

G. PLANNING BOARD REPORT

- Chairman Pete Healy-no meeting/no report

H. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

- Chairperson Jaime O’Neill-no meeting/no report

I. HOME/CDBG Grant:

- Jim Thatcher, CT Male submits report through May 2016. HOME Grant update - extension was granted until 4/30/2016 to allow for completion of two locations. Final disbursement will be done by
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5/31/2016. CDBG update - extension was granted until 8/1/2016 to allow completion of one location and projects eligible will be sent out for bidding by June 1st and June 3rd. Final disbursement will be done by 8/31/2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Litigation: Sewer Manhole and Flow Meter Issues**

➤ Court Date: Friday, May 13, 2016. The lawyers are continuing to do their work.

B. **Public Health Officer Appointment**

➤ No Leads at this time. Mayor Dewey stated he would contact the Town on this.

C. **Mill Redevelopment/Riverview Realty.** We have no current information to date.

D. **Salt Shed/Grant with Town of Saratoga.** Again, there is no current information to date.

New BUSINESS:

A. **Turning Point Parade**

a. Response Form/Participation/Float will be sent in.

b. Response required by 7/15/2016. The availability of a pull truck is yet to be determined.

B. **Planning Board Residency**

a. Inquiry from Trustee Sullivan regarding a present member of the Planning Board does not have a vested interest in the Village. Village Clerk Lewsey stated she had sent an inquiry to Village Attorney Catalfimo but have not heard back from him. She also stated she checked NYS law and found nothing on residency. The only thing she did find on removal was only if the individual does not attend meetings or the required 4 hours of training. We need to make concerted efforts to get village residents on these boards. Mayor Dewey stated he doesn't share his view on this topic. Clerk Lewsey asked Trustee Sullivan if there was any additional information he would like her to look into. Trustee Sullivan then compared his feelings to the last village meeting when the Saratoga County Zoning Board Chairman spoke on behalf of the Drumm family which he felt was a strong conflict of interest and we are not getting good decisions made.

C. **Tree Removal Invoice from Residents Mr. & Mrs. Harold Pechette**

a. Bill received from the Pechette's for hiring contractor to remove tree in the right of way. There was a brief discussion regarding this. **After this discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Sullivan to deny the request from Mr. and Mrs. Pechette for reimbursement of the cost of tree removal. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

D. **Sidewalk Project**

a. Discuss location, details and estimated cost of sidewalk replacement. Mayor Dewey stated we should continue on Gates Avenue from where we left off last year, but is not sure if we will be able to go as far as Mitchell's. We can use the same specs as last year. The Board will walk out and measure the area. Trustee Sullivan stated he was concerned with the problem of Mitchell's burying the sidewalk and after a year nothing has still been done about it. There is 3' of fill for approximately 20'. This is similar to Haskell needing to get permission from DOT to put a driveway in. Mayor Dewey responded we will get to it, and talk to the owners. We will definitely have to look into the sidewalk project and walk and measure. We will meet on Saturday, 6/25/2016 at 9:00am to check and measure the location for this years' project.

E. **DPW Truck**

a. Discuss planning for replacement of GMC Truck. Mayor Dewey stated that the Village needs to "ditch" this vehicle before it costs the Village more money in repairs as the vehicle is 10 years old. He also proposes to start to look around and get pricing now as we do have time to look into this. Trustee Sullivan asked if we need one as big as the one we have now. Mayor Dewey stated there is not a big difference in pricing between the sizes of trucks and we do need one capable of carrying the

sander/salter and be able to pull the leaf vac. Trustee Sullivan asked how the village will be paying for the new truck. For the time being, we can use it and start budgeting each year. (We may need to put a new frame on the present truck.) Mayor Dewey said Chris from the Town stated the chassis is falling apart. Trustee Sullivan responded the chassis is rusty not rotted. What will we do with the old truck? Mayor Dewey suggested getting specs together and get costs. Another item we will need is 'PTO' (power take off). A discussion on financial packaging will take place a next month's meeting. Trustee Sullivan suggested we sell the truck now and put the money aside for the future purchase. Mayor Dewey state there will be no decision this month and we can share our thoughts on specs via email and possibly make some sort of decision next month on how to proceed.

F. Neighborhood Watch

- a. Discuss recent concerns and possible creation of a neighborhood watch group. Mayor Dewey stated there are possible illegal activities, has received no response from authorities and will request a written report. We need to pull together information with police on how to establish this neighborhood watch. Leslie Dennison said for 15 years the village has had a good response. The way the world is today, you need to go through social media such as Facebook. The VOS has 4-5 events regarding their neighborhood watch. We need to allow the neighbors to use social media as this has worked before. Mayor Dewey stated we would need help with setting up a Facebook page and Leslie said she would do this if the Board thinks this would work. Mayor Dewey and Trustee Healy think this is worth pursuing but Trustee Sullivan commented he feels this is a waste of time.

G. Payment Drop Box/Pedestal Style

- a. Convenience Bill-paying (would request to split between tax/sewer and water)
- b. Quotes provided:
 - i. Global Industrial \$599. + shipping (est. \$150.00) = \$749.00
 - ii. US Mail Supply \$600.00 (shipping cost n/a)
 - iii. American Security Cabinets \$1189.00 (shipping cost n/a)

It was decided to look into a drop box with the slot through the door and the cost would be split between the Village and Sewer accounts.

H. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Hours Clarification

- a. Hours are 9-12 currently
- b. What about when Village Clerk/Treasurer is out of the office? Can we approve 9-2:30 as before? It was agreed that the current hours would remain from 9-12 daily or longer if necessary. When the Clerk is out on vacation, the Deputy Clerk's hours would be 9-2:30. If the Village Clerk needs to be out on sick time, it would depend on the availability of the Deputy Clerk if she could stay until 2:30 due to the short notice. It was also mentioned that if the Board pushed for a 9-5 schedule, the Village would probably be looking for a new Deputy Clerk. No further comments were made.

Open Floor:

1. David Cherven to discuss water leak at Schuyler Heights Mobile Home Park. Mr. Cherven stated that when he bought his property 30 years ago, there was a plastic waterline on his property when they put in the public sewers they abused the water line. He paid Morning Star \$411.95 to fix the damaged line as it was leaking and he felt it was his responsibility. It was found when they dug down they abused the water line and made it leak. He paid the cost the first time, came to a meeting and complained and the Village would not do anything about it. Now they came and dug through and placed a crack in the pipe. This is the actual pipe (wearing around his neck) he has kept for the past six years. His feeling is that it is in the Village easement (actually it is a sewer easement) and we have equipment to fix the water line. Mayor Dewey stated it is the resident's responsibility to take care of this. Trustee Sullivan said this happened over 20 years ago and you're saying we are now responsible. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Sullivan that due to this not being a village responsibility, and the Water Board has put Mr. Cherven on notice to fix, (and the village will adhere to the policy of the Water Board), your request to have the Village take care of**
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this water problem is denied. We will send the draft minutes of this meeting to the Water Board. All in favor – aye. Motion passed. Mr. Cherven then requested a copy of those minutes being sent to the Water Board. Mayor Dewey noted that when he receives the draft minutes being sent to the Water Board he will send them to Mr. Cherven also.

2. Resident Leslie Dennison questioned the ongoing mowing issues. Would it help if the Village got a law enacted regarding this? She has been driving around the village and finds problems everywhere. This year she has noticed problems with rabbits and snakes and never did before. Seems ridiculous to have to file a complaint twice a year regarding the same individuals. Mayor Dewey responded with two options for enforcement issues, either filing a criminal complaint, which we don't get reimbursed for, or a civil complaint which can take up to six months to resolve. She then asked how other villages handle this. Trustee Sullivan commented that we can't enforce this and we would have to bring these individuals to court or setup a village justice system.

Audit Claims:

- Abstract # 1 – JUNE 2016
 - General Fund \$ 15,597.34
 - Sewer Fund \$ 28,530.78

A motion was made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Mayor Dewey to accept the Audit Claims for Abstract #1 for June 2016. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

Executive Session: None

UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS:

- Monthly Meeting
 - July 5, 2016 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Mayor Dewey to adjourn the Village Meeting. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Bielkiewicz

Recording Secretary
