

**VILLAGE OF VICTORY
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

FEBRUARY 21, 2017 at 7:00pm

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Call Monthly Meeting to Order: All members of the board were in attendance. Meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes – January 9, 2018 – Monthly Meeting. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 regular meeting as submitted. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

Village Board Correspondence or Announcements:

- **ZBA Meeting:** No Meeting scheduled for February 2018
- **Planning Meeting:** No Meeting scheduled for February 2018
- **Schuylerville/Victory Water Board Meeting:** February 26, 2018 at 7:00pm in Victory
- **Town of Saratoga Home Improvement Program** – Applications will be accepted by all town residents under the HOME program and must be income eligible etc. Please inquire with the Town’s grant office at (518) 279-7662 for more information.
- **NYSDOT:** is soliciting projects for funding under the BRDGENY program. More information was provided in the letter request or can be obtained through the website: www.dot.ny.gov/bridgeny
- **NYSDEC:** Registration for 2018 ReLeaf Workshop and Oak Wilt Management is scheduled for March 13, 2018 with preregistration required.

Monthly Reports:

All reports are read as presented and are as follows;

A. DPW REPORT

- Working Supervisor Bill Lloyd provides written report
- 2017 Ford F550 was delivered to the village on February 15, 2018
 - Discuss hydraulic lines etc. The new truck was delivered with the hydraulic lines on the wrong side for sander use. Both DPW Supervisor Lloyd and Mayor Dewey have called on this. Mayor Dewey does not feel this should be a big deal and the problem should be resolved.
- Discussion of Surplus Equipment/2006 GMC Truck. Mayor Dewey would like to wait until next month at our budget meeting. Trustee Sullivan suggested getting the blue book price costs to get a good idea of what the vehicle is worth. Once we have determined what the vehicle is worth, it will need to be determined as surplus, and official resolution can be drawn up, then the entire process to surplus the vehicle can take place.

A quote was received for the 09 Chevy for replacement of a stoplight switch and trailer module in the amount of \$182.78. Mayor Dewey noted as this is under the procurement level, there is no need for board approval. Both Mayor Dewey and Trustee Sullivan said to proceed getting the work done.

B. SEWER DEPARTMENT:

- Included with DPW report

C. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

- Larry Wolcott - no report.

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Fire Department – no report from Chief Wolcott
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- 2018 Fire Protection Contract to be approved by the Village Board of Trustees. There is a 2% increase from last year's costs. This year the cost is \$12,862.00. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to approve the 2018 Fire Protection Contract in the amount of \$12,862.00. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**
 - ISO has submitted a final determination date January 22, 2018 on the fire department rating. There is new classifications in place. The village department has public protection classification of 05/5X and prior public classification of 04/4X. The final report was received and is on file and has an effective date of May 1, 2018. Trustee Sullivan asked if 05/5X was better or worse than 04/4X. It is felt that this rating is worse than prior reporting. If you actually look at the report it does show details of where we lost out on points. There may be areas where we could improve, but other areas we can't as it is out of our control. ISO is an independent company that does this reporting, and the large insurance companies no longer use ISO for determining their rates.
- E. WILTON EMERGENCY/GENERAL SCHUYLER EMS – No report submitted.
- F. WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT
- Draft minutes from January 2018 monthly meeting.
- G. VILLAGE TREASURER'S REPORT
- Monthly report ending January 31, 2018 was read.
 - Records disposal project is going on and should be completed within two weeks
- H. PLANNING BOARD REPORT
- No meeting/no report/attended conference
- I. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT
- No meeting/no report/attended conference

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Litigation: Ongoing Sewer Manhole/Encroachment & Flow Meter Issues with Village of Schuylerville**
- Proposed Agreement ~ Details of the sewer Agreement and settlement agreement have not yet been completed. The sewer agreement has been between legal counsels and is pending final changes. The settlement agreement has not yet been updated. Mayor Dewey stated this will be discussed in Executive Session later tonight.
- B. **Mill Redevelopment/Riverview Realty/Brookfield Power aka Consolidated Hydro**
- Building #8 demolition / 2nd inspection scheduled for March 1, 2018.
- C. **Draft Local Law on Fee Schedules**
- Still pending at the Village Attorney's office. Mayor Dewey noted that he has talked to Village Attorney Catalfimo and request the attorney will get on this right away.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **RESOLUTION: Budget Amendments**
- Transfer from Street Maintenance to Salt Contractual \$179.00
 - Transfer from Treasurer Contractual to Clerk Contractual \$59.00
 - Transfer from Contingency to Planning Contractual \$119.00
- A motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the resolution for a budget amendment to transfer funds as follows: from A5110.4 Street maintenance contractual to A5142.4 Snow Removal (bulk salt) contractual in the amount of \$179.00; funds from A1325.4 Treasurer Contractual to A1410.4 Clerk Contractual in the amount of \$59.00; and funds from A1990.4 Contingency to A8020.4 Planning Board contractual in the amount of \$119.00. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**
- B. **CDPHP/Health Insurance Premium Renewal Rates (renewal date of 3/1/2018)**
- CDPHP (single \$53.27/mo. & employee + 1 \$106.54/mo.) single \$777.33 & employee + 1 \$1554.66
 - MVP \$732.76 single & \$1465.52 employee +1 (monthly premium)
 - Blue Shield \$784.85 single & \$1569.70 employee + 1 (monthly premium)
 - Empire no response
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A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to remain with CDPHP Health Insurance for employee health insurance at the rates stated above. All in favor – aye.

- C. Rebuilding Together** ~ is placing an application for \$500,000 to provide critical health and safety repairs for 25 low income homeowners through the Affordable Housing Corporation's Affordable Housing Ownership Development program and looks for support letter for grant request. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to send a letter of support to Rebuilding Together.**

All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

D. Village Building Permit Fee Schedule correction

- A correction to the fee schedule listing is needed to clarify the fee for new installation of heating equipment. The description of the fee should be corrected to read it is in effect for all new and replacement heating units. A building permit and inspection is required and that has not changed. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to approve the correction to the fee schedule listing a fee for new installation of heating equipment. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

E. Tax Cap Local Law

- Discuss Budget, tax cap rate and rate of inflation at 2% this year
- Tentative Budget due March 20th ~ establish budget workshop meeting.

It was noted that with higher insurance costs and other expensed, it seems our hands are tied. This year's 2% and in the past it has been lower. As assessments go up, our rate per thousand goes down. As a result, we can't get other things done in the village, i.e. Sidewalks, capital improvements etc. Trustee Sullivan noted that the Tax Cap does not recognize the tax rate. Mayor Dewey stated the board has fought hard the last 3 years to keep within the tax cap. Mayor Dewey feels that this year we may not have any choice but to break the tax cap. Budget meeting to be scheduled before March 13th meeting. It was agreed the Board to meet Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:30pm to discuss this issue and establish a public hearing.

- F. Thank You. A motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Mayor Dewey to send a thank letter to resident Bob Burlingham for the donation of the American Flag that we have displayed in the Village Hall. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Sullivan questioned why there is not report from CEO Wolcott and wants to know what is going on with the permits. Trustee Healy stated he will reach out to CEO Wolcott. He also questioned the lack of report from the fire department. A suggestion was made that if he is unable to attend he can send another officer from the fire department to provide reporting.

OPEN FLOOR:

Leslie Dennison, 21 Pond Street, stated for the board's information, there was an issue with Water/Victory Water Treatment Plant, a pump burned out. Also, there was a problem with the lift station. Two insurance claims should be filed with National Grid. Apparently there was a schedule power outage but no one was informed.

Audit Claims:

- Abstract # 9 – FEBRUARY 2018
 - General Fund \$80,443.02
 - Sewer Fund \$ 2,288.23

A motion was made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Healy to approve the audit claims for Abstract #9 as submitted. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

Executive Session:

- Discuss Litigation. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to enter into Executive Session. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**
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A motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS:

- Next Monthly Meeting:
 - Park Committee meeting ~ **March 13, 2018 at 6:00pm** (this will include a presentation of the history of the site by Drew Alberti and a public meeting to follow with the LA Group for public input)
 - 2nd Tuesday, **MARCH 13, 2018 ~ 7:00pm, regular monthly village meeting.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Bielkiewicz

Recording secretary
