

**VILLAGE OF VICTORY  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

~ January 11, 2022 ~

7:00pm

**CALL MONTHLY MEETING TO ORDER:** Attending the meeting was: Mayor Pat Dewey, Trustee Leslie Dennison and Clerk/Treasurer Maureen Lewsey. Absent due to illness: Trustee Tim Healy.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Minutes – Monthly Meeting – December 14, 2021. **A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of November 18, 2021 and also the regular monthly meeting December 14, 2021 as submitted. All in favor – 2 ayes, 1 absentee. Motion passed.**

**VILLAGE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCES:**

- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: No meeting scheduled in January 2022
- Planning Meeting: January 18, 2022 at 6:30pm, if necessary
- Schuylerville/Victory Water Board Meeting: January 24, 2022 at 7:00pm in Victory
- Village Grievance Night: February 15, 2022 6:30pm-8:00pm

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

All reports are read as presented and highlighted as follows:

**A. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

- CEO Larry Wolcott provided his report. Mayor Dewey noted that he had spoken to the Village Attorney about two properties and was told he is waiting for a court date.
- Trustee Dennison brought up the red couch (mentioned in the report) at 50 Gates Avenue is still there.
- Mayor Dewey noted to follow up on the property issue across from the Fire Dept.

**B. DPW/SEWER/WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- Provisional Working Supervisor Ryan Campbell provided report.
- Campbell reported that the hydraulic leak on the Kubota has been repaired. Salem Farm Equipment stated due to its poor design. Installed, but there is still a hydraulic leak, so needs to be taken care of. Mayor Dewey asked how many operating hours due to 100 hours warranty. Campbell replied he has been fixing it, but the warranty is running out so he requested an extended warranty, but has not received it yet. He said he is not using it much at this time
- Timothy Drive catch basins. All are an issue due to heavy trucks in the development. Campbell has it coned off for now or will place a plate over grate if needed. Will take care of repairs in spring.

- Garage water Heater. Propane 40 gal. heater is 30 years old. The cost of a new one is between \$800.00 and \$1,000.00, which can be done in-house. Trustee Dennison said to get quotes for the next meeting and Mayor Dewey agreed. Campbell said he would check with Webb, as they were cheaper on the furnace last month.
- Sewer Report – presently have 8 from the 10 ordered still coming from GLLP sometime in February. Installed a new pump at 7 Herkimer Street and have 1 new one pump left. There is an issue at Monument Drive where he had installed a rebuilt pump before.

#### C. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chief Ryan Campbell provides report.
- Campbell reported 97 calls compared to 60+ last year.
- The chicken BBQ will be February 13, 2022, tickets will be \$20.00.
- Fire Dept Bylaws Update. Articles 3-6 and Articles 7-10, Campbell sent out an email stating these articles have been approved by the Fire Dept. Mayor Dewey stated these will have to be reviewed by the Village Attorney and need to be submitted as a whole by the Fire Dept. and the Village Board. Mayor Dewey requested the financial report and treasurer's report for the February meeting. He also stated this should be done on a semi-annual basis.
- Membership Application. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve a new membership application from J. Martindale. All in favor – 2 ayes. Motion passed.**
- AFG Grant Update. The truck grant application was approved for \$1200.00 at the Fire Dept meeting. Mr. Dennison is working on it. Awarded late fall/early winter. Mayor Dewey talked to a representative from Elise Stefanik's office and followed up with Daphne Jordan's office and will work with Carrie Woener's office on the firehouse building and potential funding opportunity.

#### D. WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Draft minutes from the December 20, 2021 monthly meeting pending. There was a discussion with purchasing and determined there should no purchase of a backhoe. Trustee Dennison stated there is no employee to run it and they don't have the manpower or trained employee to run it. Mayor Dewey discussed last time backhoe was used on Ranger Road and it was about 1 year ago. The Village of Schuylerville used it for a sewer job and asked if the VOS ever reimbursed water for the work. Trustee Dennison did not know. Campbell noted that VOS runs into more water issues with outdated water lines. Mayor Dewey talked about the CT Male report identifying upgrades, listing items on priority. Campbell noted that the backhoe sitting in the elements didn't help. Campbell stated that VOS DPW Supervisor stated that they do maintenance on it yearly. Between backhoe estimates would be higher than excavator estimates.
- Trustee Dennison asked about the sewer budget and if the Consumer Price Index had come out yet. It should be this week. She was concerned a 6% increase could be shared 3%/3% between villages.

- Mill Impact. Hoping to see movement with the project. This would help with sewer units, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The last step would be FSA, housekeeping with Village Planning Board. Litigation is ongoing for the unsafe structure.

E. VILLAGE TREASURER'S REPORT. was read and will remain on file.

- Monthly report ending December 31, 2021

F. PLANNING BOARD REPORT

- Meeting on December 21, 2021 where an informational meeting was held with an interested developer of 12.38-acre parcel on Gates Avenue Extension. Future application for a Planned Development District is pending. There was a discussion on the PDD application process.

G. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

- No meeting/no report

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Retaining Wall Project

- a. Draft Design and standard Block design to review. The choice will impact the project budget. Mayor Dewey hasn't called Chris Shaver of CT Male yet. He will call on estimated price. The Board reviewed the drawings. Mayor Dewey will ask about fence design, etc. on the drawing.
- b. Temporary Easement to be sent from Village Attorney to get documents approved and signed from property owners. This will be for the work site.
- c. Permanent Easement – The village to accept ownership and maintain the wall.

B. RESOLUTION: Budget Amendment. **A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the Resolution dated January 11, 2022 for the FY21.22 budget needs to be amended to balance the budget in the general fund between the following appropriations: From A9010.8 State Retirement in the amount of \$3,319.50 to A1620.4 Building Contractual in the amount of \$3,000.00, A9055.8 Disability Insurance in the amount of \$132.00 and A9189.8 Clothing Allowance in the amount of \$187.50. The Board authorizes the village budget to be amended as outlined and stated above. All in favor – 2 ayes. Motion passed.**

C. CDPHP: Health Insurance New Rates

- a. Increase of \$276.38 per month. It was determined that the Gold Level vs Platinum Level would be checked into.

D. RESOLUTION: Establish Polling Place and time for Village Election March 15, 2022. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve the Resolution for Polling Place/District 4/Village Election held on March 15, 2022 whereas according to Election Law section 15-104(1)(b) and 15-104 (3)(b) a resolution must be adopted at least 60 days prior to an election to state the polling place will be located at the Village Hall aka the Community Center, 23 Pine Street, Victory Mills and the polls will be open from 12:00pm – 9:00pm and that the Board**

of Trustees does hereby approve this resolution establishing the polling place and time of the village election. All in favor – 2 ayes. Motion passed.

- E. RESOLUTION: Close HOME checking account. A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the resolution dated January 11, 2022 stating a checking account title HOME SHARS ID 20123014 for the Village of Victory was created for the HOME rehabilitation program and the checking account is no longer needed or in use and has a balance of \$.38 that will be closed. The treasurer requests to close the account and transfer the balance in to the general fund. The Village Board of Trustees authorizes the village treasurer to follow through on closing the HOME checking account. All in favor – 2 ayes. Motion passed.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

**AUDIT CLAIMS:**

- Abstract # 8 – January 2022
  - General Fund \$ 32,193.76
  - Sewer Fund \$ 765.98
  - Land Use Escrow Account \$ -0-

A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the Audit Claims for January 2022. All in favor – 2 ayes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS:**

- Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00pm Monthly Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor – 2 ayes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*JoAnn Biellkiewicz*

Recording Secretary