

**VILLAGE OF VICTORY
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MEETING MINUTES
~ FEBRUARY 21, 2024 ~
6:30pm

CALL MONTHLY MEETING TO ORDER: Attending: Mayor Pat Dewey, Trustees Tim Healy and Leslie Dennison. Also attending Clerk/Treasurer Maureen Lewsey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Minutes – Monthly Meeting – January 9, 2024. **A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of January 9, 2024 as submitted. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**
- Minutes – Special Meeting – February 6, 2024 pending.

VILLAGE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCES:

- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: No Meeting in February 2024
- Planning Meeting: Meeting held February 13, 2024 at 6:30pm
- Schuylerville/Victory Water Board Meeting: Rescheduled to February 26, 2024 in Victory at 6:00pm
- Saratoga County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Public Meetings scheduled for April 4th at 4pm or July 16th at 4pm held at 6012 County Farm Road, Ballston Spa.
- EFC accepting applications for *Critical* Water Infrastructure Projects ~ deadline June 14, 2024
- Banner Project honoring Hometown Veterans: Applications being accepted at village hall or on the village website.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

All reports are read as presented and highlighted as follows:

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

- CEO Larry Wolcott
- Update on 23 Herkimer Street: No communication from owner of the property. Advisement from Village Attorney Catalfimo to Wolcott for next steps. Mayor Dewey stated there will be an engineering meeting with CEO Wolcott on March 8, 2024

B. DPW/SEWER/WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Working Supervisor Ryan Campbell
- Replaced Cutting Edge on 10' Fisher Plow in house
- Replaced damaged parts on F-550 Salt unit in house
- Installation pending with National Grid on the new Light Posts for Hill Manor
- Attended Saratoga County Hazard Mitigation meeting

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chief Ryan Campbell provides written report
- Replaced headlights in house on ETA-612 apparatus
- Vulcan range has been installed in kitchen
- New Membership application – Tim Fort.
A motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve the new membership for Tim Fort. All in favor – aye, Motion passed.

D. **New Firetruck.** A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to send a letter of intent to purchase and make a formal offer to purchase the firetruck in the amount of \$45,000.00. All in favor – aye. Motion passed. This Saturday, Chief Campbell will look and inspect firetruck.

E. WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Draft Minutes from January 22, 2023 received and on file
- Hydrant Flushing
 - Victory April 17th – April 21st
 - Schuylerville April 24th – April 28th

F. VILLAGE TREASURER’S REPORT

- Monthly report ending January 31, 2024 was read.

G. PLANNING BOARD REPORT

- No meeting/no report

H. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

- No meeting/ no report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **RESOLUTION:** Budget Amendment

A motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the resolution dated February 22, 2024 to amend the General Fund Budget for FY23.24 to balance expenses. From A1990.4, Contingency for \$1,776.00 and A2389, Services, Other Governments in the amount of \$4,848.00 to: A1440.4, Engineer, Contractual for \$283.00, A1660.4 Central Stores, Contractual (Water Account Clerk) for \$4,848.00, A1910.4, Unallocated Insurance for \$1,081.00, A5142.4, Snow Removal, Contractual (salt) \$326.00 and A9055.8, Disability Insurance \$86.00. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

B. **CDPHP:** provides new rates for March 2024

- a. Current \$\$2,831.56 New \$3,198.43
- b. New Rates received – list provided

A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve the new CDPHP rate of \$3,198.43 beginning March 1, 2024. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

C. **Adirondack Technical Solutions LLC**

- a. Approve Microsoft Windows Server 2022 Standard 64-bit *License* \$889.67 (was not included as part of the server upgrade proposal)

A motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve the Microsoft Windows server 2022 standard 64-bit license in the amount of \$889.67. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

D. **Fire Protection Contract** between the Town of Saratoga and Victory \$14,426.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to approve the Fire Protection Contract between the Town of Saratoga and the Village of Victory. All in favor – aye. Motion passed. A second motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Trustee Dennison to have Mayor Dewey sign the Fire Protection Contract. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

E. **Village Website Quote** from JEG Designs

- a. Discuss Upgrades \$2,500.00 (optional items \$400/mo + \$500.00 annually for services). This website issue has been tabled.

F. Spring Clean Up

- a. Looking for approval to schedule the clean-up starting May 6th
- b. Registration fee remains the same as last year \$25.00 to participate

A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve the scheduling of Spring Clean Up beginning May 6th thru May 10th, with a registration fee of \$25.00. All items are to be out by May 6th. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

G. CDBG Grant Application Discussion.

- a. Michelle DeGarmo, Flatley Read is available to discuss the funding source, submitting an application and also provided the fee to submit the application if interested at the cost of \$2,500.00 and includes one resubmission. The grant would include costs for project administration, project delivery and any environmental compliances. This topic has been tabled to the March meeting.

- H. Review Senior Exemption Sliding Scale Income Limits for next year. Mayor Dewey suggested adding this item for discussion at the organizational meeting in April.

OPEN FLOOR: Linda Lloyd, Schuylerville resident stated she understands the mayor and attorney need to discuss the water capital project. She stated she would like that to happen to help the water board meet needs of the grant application for water capital project. Mayor Dewey stated he has concerns of increasing debt service. Would like to see “exit” ramp in any contract. Water board can’t afford debt, and he has concerns. Ms. Lloyd said the consumer can’t afford it either. The last conversation had the lawyers get together to discuss water project but VOS attorney called VOV attorney and wasn’t clear what to discuss. Mayor Dewey talked about layered grants (more than one funding source). He will reach out to VOS mayor again, but has problem with debt for water department. Ms. Lloyd noted the master plan (done by CT Male) asked if they could help with requirements. Money has to be available, keep in mind we have two old villages. Lloyd also mentioned new led service line mandate. Mayor Dewey said he hasn’t heard that the state is offering money to replace lead service lines. Ms. Lloyd said to encourage village boards to get together to work on getting financing. Mayor Dewey responded more people need to get involved to make it happen. Ms. Lloyd replied she is being sensitive to water board involvement. Trustee Dennison noted the water board fears they can’t incur debt right now.

AUDIT CLAIMS:

- Abstract # 9 ~ February 2024
 - General Fund \$ 39,156.96
 - Sewer Fund \$ 187.95

A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the audit claims for Abstract #9 – February 2024 as submitted. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS:

- Monthly Meeting ~ Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Bielkiewicz

Recording Secretary