

VILLAGE OF VICTORY
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
~ October 8, 2024 ~
6:30pm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes – Monthly Meeting – September 10, 2024
- Minutes – Special Meeting – September 23, 2024
- Minutes - Special Meeting – September 26, 2024

A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the minutes as submitted for the September 10, 2024 regular monthly meeting and the September 23, 2024 and September 26, 2024 special meetings. All in favor 2-0. Motion passed.

VILLAGE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCES:

- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: September 2024 at 6:30pm ~ TBD
- Planning Meeting: September 2024 at 6:30pm ~ TBD
- Schuylerville/Victory Water Board Monthly Meeting and Capital Project Discussion ~ October 21, 2024 in Victory at 6:00pm. Mayor Dewey asked if there was anything new on the capital project. Trustee Dennison replied not yet.

MONTHLY REPORTS

All reports are read as presented and highlighted as follows:

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

- CEO Larry Wolcott gave verbal report. Shed permit issued to J.J. Mulvihill. Inspections were conducted on Cemetery Road for prebuilt home and received report of certification meeting NYS code. The Alaskan slab (typically modular homes are certified by the states.) was done.
- Public Nuisance Local Law – Mayor Dewey stated logistics of enforcement, for example mowing and removal of junk. Village would hire someone to do work, do inventory and paperwork. Trustee Dennison noted this should be spelled out so homeowner knows when this will happen. Mayor Dewey said this should be understood and be in place. The law will allow services to be billed and could levy and then made whole with the county if not paid. Have to wait for the following April to receive delinquent taxes paid to be paid to village. Trustee Dennison note the OTR timeframe is 7-10 days and it takes time for local law to take effect. She also said maybe village board could extend the 7–10-day period if contacted before that would happen. Mayor Dewey said to get to the village attorney and schedule public hearing. We need to get the mechanics down in the law.

B. DPW/SEWER/WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- MEO Logan Steele
 - 2017 Ford F550 brakes replaced
 - Ventrac Mower control module was replaced by was defective (replacement on B/O)
 - 2019 Ford F350 brakes replaced
 - Leaf Vac hydraulic lines replaced
 - Hydrant Flushing in the village – week of October 14, 2024
 - Sewer lateral – 153 Cemetery Rd connected
 - Several Water repairs/upgrades
 - 115 Broad St (preventative maintenance)
 - 76 Gates Ave (water main break)
 - 153 Cemetery Rd (new connection) Mayor Dewey stated the issue on Cemetery Road, with the water break, the contractors should be billed.
 - 91 Broad St (service line repair)
 - 153 Cemetery Rd (water main break)
 - North Broad St (water main break)
 - Cohen’s Salvage to offer \$8.00/each for grinder pump disposal.
- Discuss prior Quote approved to remove trees from storm damage in village Cemetery
 - Rescind approval for Dinos Tree Service \$800.00 as they are not available
 - Approve Sams Quote \$800.00 to remove four trees

A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to rescind the previous approval for Dino’s Tree Service in the amount of \$800.00 and approve the quote from Sam’s Tree quote in the amount of \$800.00. All in favor 2-0. Motion passed.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chief Ryan Campbell provided written report
- Fire Department Bylaws and Status. The Chief stated they have Final Bylaws for the Board.
- Firehouse Project: received 90% drawings from Barton & Loguidice on September 26, 2024
- Minutes from September 9, 2024 received, provided by Secretary Tim Healy.
- Mayor Dewey asked what is the update on the firetruck getting or listing on the Auction Site. Campbell asked if the village wants to know when its listed and does the Board want to offer the approval to accept offer or bid. Response was yes, we will hold a special meeting. Auction International – usually 2 weeks the Fire Dept will let the Board know the offers. Mayor Dewey asked how much truck weighs for scrap before ad is up and running as it has a steel tank. The weight is not known.

D. WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Draft minutes from monthly meeting on September 16, 2024
- Draft Emergency Procedures for Water Main Breaks received for review and comment. This will be discussed at the water meeting scheduled for October 21, 2024
- Discuss North Broad Street water line/future projects, and services to outside users in Town of Saratoga.

Ryan Campbell noted there are two options:

- Ductile Iron – dig it
- 6” plastic – bore with Tracer and bore lateral for new lines. Must be aware of gas line and Nat’l Grid. Have to file a highway work permit and consider installing auto flusher for the dead-end line vs hydrant.

E. VILLAGE TREASURER’S REPORT

- Monthly report ending September 30, 2024 was read.

F. PLANNING BOARD REPORT

- No meeting/no report

G. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

- Meeting was held on September 24, 2024: Meeting was held to approve minutes from May 21, 2024 and June 25, 2024. Also review of the zba bylaws amended the position of the Chairperson. Draft changes allow for the zba members to alternate chairing the meeting and allows for equal participation. The draft changes will be sent to the ZBA for review in consideration of adoption at the next zba meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discuss Local Law for Property Nuisance Local Law. Discussed earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Quote: Tri County on gas valve for Ansul System \$676.36 from February 2023. Repair is still review needed before they can resume inspections. A plumber needs to install the valve. We will need to get a new quote. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve up to \$850.00 for the gas valve. All in favor 2-0. Motion passed.**
- B. Resolution: Budget Amendment. **A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the resolution dated October 9, 2024 to amend the general fund budget to balance expenses. From A2831, Fund Balance to 1440.4 Engineer, Contractual in the amount of \$20,714.00 and From A1990.4 Contingency the amount of \$8,330.00 to A1325.4 Treasurer, Contractual in the amount of \$1,200.00 and A8510.4 Community Beautification, Contractual in the amount of \$7,130.00. All in favor 2-0. Motion passed.**
- C. NYCLASS Signatories. **A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to remove the current Deputy Village Clerk from being a signatory and adding the Village Mayor as the current signatory. All in favor 2-0. Motion passed.**

D. A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to compensate JoAnn Bielkiewicz \$25.00/hr. if she returns to assist the village during transition. All in favor 2-0. Motion passed.

OPEN FLOOR

AUDIT CLAIMS

- Abstract # 5 FY 24.25 ~ October 2024
 - General Fund \$11,400.97
 - Sewer Fund \$73,839.80

A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the Audit Claims Abstract #5 for October 2024 as submitted. All in favor 2-0. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Discussion of Litigation/23 Herkimer Street.

A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation of 23 Herkimer Street. All in favor 2-0. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to exit Executive Session. All in favor 2-0. Motion passed.

1. Order and Judgment to remedy condition and provide village a plan and will expire on 10/13/24.
2. Next step is for the village to decide what action to take.
3. Decision was to go out for quotes for demolition.

Mayor Dewey – asbestos abatement. The Village can be awarded legal fees.

UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

- Tuesday – November 12, 2024: Monthly Meeting ~ 6:30pm

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to adjourn the meeting. All in favor -2-0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Bielkiewicz

Recording Secretary