

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUTEES ON MAY 11, 2021 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT ST., AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Durning, Price and Warner, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Dept. Chief Chris Zacharias, Pool Director Dan Strauss and Bridget Davis.

ABSENT: Trustee Brown

DCS Superintendent Denise Cook and Ethan Barry from the Central Business Office presented the Board with the proposed School Budget via zoom. Mayor Moore and the board thanked them for the presentation.

Mayor Moore went on to inform the board that Bone Creek Farm had reached out to him and wanted to know if the board was going to opt out of legalized marijuana. The hemp farm was very interested in growing and possibly getting a dispensary license, but only if the Village was not going to opt out. All the Trustees agreed that they were on board with bring business to the Village. They also stated that we would lose out on sales tax revenue if we opted out. Mayor Moore stated that Bone Creek was very excited and wanted to make sure they had Village Board support for this proposed venture.

MOTION#65/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Warner to waive the reading of the April 13<sup>th</sup> Regular and the April 27<sup>th</sup> Work Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#66/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Durning to accept for filing of the April 13<sup>th</sup> Regular and the April 27<sup>th</sup> Work Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#67/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Durning to accept for filing the monthly Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#68/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Price to not opt out of having marijuana retail in the Village in December. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore informed everyone that Blue Stone Wind will be attending the work session in regards to the road use agreement. They were supposed to attend tonight, but the lawyer need more time to go over the document and will have it ready for the 25<sup>th</sup>. It will include portions of Columbia Lake road and some of Second and Allen Streets. The contract would include \$5,000 for the community gardens and \$16,000 for the Deposit Theater. Trustee Price asked about the weight limits for the roads and video of the roads before and after. Trustee Durning asked if the donation for the community garden was along with what Cornell Co-operative Extension was giving. Mayor Moore said it was. Trustee Price asked if there was a specific pay out date. Mayor Moore assured him that all of that was addressed in the contract.

STREETS

DPW Supervisor Evans reported that the crew had been flushing hydrants and picking up brush. They have also been getting the community gardens ready.

Mr. Evans also informed the board that he had met with Broome County and the DEC about Oquaga Creek and the wash out of our water lines. It appears that this will now be fixed by the County. The project was slated for last year but had been tabled due to

Covid. It is now back on the table and this will solve our problems. They will remove the gravel bar and put in a J hook to keep the water in the center of the creek. Mayor Moore stated that what was not funded by Broome County would be funded by the FUDR project. This will remove a lot of the financial burden from the Village.

Steve stated he had a resident call him about donating a tree for Front Street. He will ask which business would like to have the tree. Trustee Durning asked if they would be the same kind of trees that are already there. Mayor Moore said yes, they would be dwarf, non fruit bearing trees and cost around \$40 each.

Steve said that the crew would be attending webinars for water licenses credits over 2 days. There would be 4, 1 hour courses.

Trustee Price asked about fire hydrants. Mayor Moore state that we have a complete list and that our Village water system is gravity fed. DPW Supervisor Evans stated that we meet PSI code for the hydrants. Mr. Evans went on to say that Keystone Engineers have our water maps and can calculate to see if pressure can be gained. Chris Zacharias stated that the DPW had to manually turn on all of the pumps for the fire on Allen Street. He also said that they fire department was working on color coding the fire hydrants for the responding crews. Since this fire was uphill the pressure was lower and the closest fire hydrant. Trustee Price thought that color coding the hydrants would be a good start.

#### SEWER

No business

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris Zacharias stated that they have 5 new members and 2 new applicants. He went on to report that the fire equipment is in good repair. He also said that ambulances were out for repair.

Mr. Zacharias said they were applying for a United Way grant for a new heart monitor.

#### PRESIDENT

Mayor Moore asked if the board wanted to proceed with the shared services agreement with Broome County for engineering services. He felt we could use them when needed but keep Keystone as our miscellaneous engineer. Supervisor Evans liked the idea.

Trustee asked if there would be money from the State for the shared Services agreement. Mayor Moor thought we might get some back if we did this. Trustee Price said he thought we should look into a shared services agreement with the School.

Mayor Moore said he would reach out to Ms. Cook and see what could be done.

#### MOTION#69/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Price to pursue the shared services agreement for engineering with the County. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore said that there had been a few issues with the Fire Department but they were all resolved now.

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#### TRUSTEES

Trustee Warner stated he was glad that the Fire Department had acquired 5 new members.

Trustee Durning asked about the community garden. Mayor Moore stated that he had met with the rep from Cornell Cooperative Extension and he had ordered lumber for the garden plots. There was funding coming for this. Trustee Durning asked if there were drawings for the garden plots and Mayor Moore said it was just a simple design. Trustee

Durning stated that he had concerns about the grade of the garden. Mayor Moore stated that there had to be 2 plots that were ADA leaving 6 that were not ADA. Mayor Moore said he would have the Cornell Cooperative Extension Rep email Jim and Dean. Trustee Durning asked for a moment in Executive Session for specific personnel.

Trustee Price asked about the water bills and if they were being paid. CT Budine said that most were. He then asked when and how we could shut people off for non-payment. CT Budine stated that the guidance was changing but there would be 180 days after the last day of the end of the grace period, but even then the guidance suggested we would have to send letters informing the customers they would have to pay or be shut off.

Mr. Price asked if he was on committees and if his contact information had been given to other committee members. CT Budine asked if he was getting his emails for the EDRLF Committee and he said he was. Mayor Moore stated that Mr. Price was on committees but that some of them did not meet until there was a problem.

Mr. Price went on to ask about the flag email. Mayor Moore stated that he was working on determining who actually owned the land on Monument Street, where the proposed flag would go.

Mr. Price stated that he had a complaint from a resident about the shed the Mayor had acquired. The resident wanted to know if it had been purchased and if the Village crew had moved it. Mayor Moore stated that he had purchased the shed from Wilson's Children's center and that he had Vandermark Construction move it. He also had all the receipts for this transaction.

Trustee Price then asked about the letter from the Lumberjack Committee and the request for the donation for fireworks. CT Budine explained that she had asked the lawyer if this could be done and had been advised that the Village could not make a donation. Mr. Price asked that the Lumberjack Committee be sent a letter stating this.

## FINANCE

### MOTION#70/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve for payment the Abstract of Audited #3 also audited vouchers as listed:

General Fund	\$ 35,706.41
Water Fund	\$ 2,430.28
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 3,583.04</u>
	\$41,719.73

Motion passed unanimously.

### MOTION#71/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Price to allow the Mayor's signature on the 2021-22 tax warrant. Motion passed unanimously.

### MOTION#72/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Durning to move \$21,116 from general fund, fund balance to the pool budget, to credit the Towns of Deposit and Sanford from last year's budget, because the pool was closed due to Covid. Motion passed unanimously.

### MOTION#73/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Warner to take \$4,000 from General Fund, Fund Balance to pay for the purchase of the Children's Center playground, for the community gardens. Motion passed unanimously.

### MOTION#74/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve the Deposit Foundations application to hold a BBQ on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#75/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Warner to sign a letter of support for the Downsville Fire Department to obtain a permanent Certificate of Need. Motion passed unanimously.

Pool Director Strauss asked for a moment in Executive Session for specific personnel.

MOTION#76/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Price to adjourn into Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#77/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Warner to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#78/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Durning to adjourn into at 8:11PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine  
Clerk Treasurer