

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUTEES ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT STREET, DEPOSIT NY AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Brown, Durning, Smith and Warner, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans, CEO Hathaway and Bridget Davis.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CEO Pete Hathaway informed the board orders to remedy had gone out and the 30 days were done on Thursday and Friday. He stated that return receipts had not been signed from Dean Street and he would have to go and personally speak with them. Mr. Hathaway stated that he was documenting 5 or 6 unsafe buildings and would speak with Nathan VanWhy about these properties. Mr. Hathaway stated that grass violations had gone out and soon we would be in snow violation season.

MOTION#142/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Durning to accept for filing the monthly Code Enforcement report. Motion passed unanimously.

STREETS

DPW Supervisor Evans stated that the crew had been working hard on sidewalks and the last one would be poured Wednesday. He stated that the guys had done so many that they were getting very good at it.

Mr. Evans informed the board that a water main had been exposed in Oquaga Creek. He was working with the DEC to get an emergency authorization permit to get in the creek and build up gravel to prevent erosion. He went on to say that another main was exposed further down the creek. Mr. Evans said we need to get gravel in to stabilize the creek bed. Once this was done it would protect both locations for 8-10 years. He has a price coming from Steven Dienhardt for the work. The DEC will be here Friday and will walk the area with Mr. Evans. He stated that the whole creek was a mess and at one time FUDR was going to build a fishing access and do some bank stabilization. Trustee Durning said he would check on the status of this. Mayor Moore stated that the creek involves the Town of Sanford too and at one time projects were discussed. Trustee Durning said he would check with Shelly Johnson-Bennett about all this

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Moore told the board he had a quote to redo the cables on the Quint for \$8485. He said that they had \$3,000 in their inspection dinner line which would not be spent due to Covid and the balance \$5845 could be taken from Equipment & Repairs.

MOTION#143/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve the payment from those budget lines. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

Mayor Moore informed everyone that the new guidance on water/sewer bills was that people with Covid related financial hardships could make arraignments for a deferred payment plan. He wanted to stress that this was not forgiveness and that the bills would have to be paid. Those applying for the payment plan would have to sign a self certified statement of hardship.

Mayor Moore also wanted to thank the DPW crew for all their hard work on the sidewalks.

Mr. Moore informed the board that Keystone Engineers informed him that the work at the Oquaga Creek camping park did not require DEC permits for work to proceed. He would get quotes to provide electricity and water to the park. The camp trailers would have to have their sewage pumped out and would have to remove the trailers for the winter. He wanted the board to think about what the lot rent would be and the name of the park.

Mayor Moore stated that he will speak with Shelly Johnson-Bennett about the Willis Smith Memorial park and keep that project moving forward. He said we had exceeded our Pro Bono limit with the engineers and had received a bill for \$5,500 for the balance due.

Supervisor Evans stated that the sign was up for the park and also public parking signs have been installed. Trustee Durning asked about the status of the kiosk. Mayor Moore stated that we have to come up with a design for it and that he had reached out to Mike Zandt for a price. Trustee Durning showed the board a design of a place had he visited, that had pictures of some historical sites in the town. Mayor Moore agreed that that was what he was thinking.

Mayor Moore stated that he felt the Village was getting all the things done that they wanted and things were coming together.

Mayor Moore spoke with the board about the need to approach the EDRLF committee about funding for the Streetscapes project. He said that we do not know how much the DOT will reimburse for the sidewalks. Samples have been taken and analyzed and we are just waiting to hear back from DOT. Mr. Moore stated that the bond for the Streetscapes was due next month and we have to pay it. He felt that it would not be right to take out a loan to pay this and leave the taxpayers on the hook for the interest of that loan. He was going to the EDRLF committee on the 30th and need to be able to tell them how the board felt.

MOTION #144/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Smith to have Mayor Moore ask the EDRLF for the money.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Warner asked about the status of the stop signs. DPW Supervisor Evans said they were ordered and he would check to see where they were at.

Trustee Durning stated that the DPW was doing a great job.

Trustee Smith said that Trustee Warner had gotten the answers to her question.

FINANCE

MOTION#145/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve for payment the Abstract of Audited #7 audited vouchers as listed:

General Fund	\$ 28,502.40
Water Fund	\$ 2,202.81
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 2,319.69</u>
	\$ 33,024.90

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#146/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Warner to allow the Mayor's signature on an in rem agreement for tax map 349.17-5-9. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#147/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Warner to take \$3,500 from general fund fund balance to pay the balance of the Keystone Engineers bill for the design of the Willis Smith Memorial Park. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#148/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Warner to adjourn at 7:42 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine
Clerk Treasurer