

A SPECIAL SSESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUTEES ON FEBRUARY 2, 2023 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT ST., AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustee Warner, Strauss and Price, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans, CEO Pete Hathaway, Kermit Mott, Deb Stever, John O'Connor Bridget Davis.

ABSENT: Trustees Durning

Mayor Moore opened the meeting to discuss an unsafe building violation, for tax map #187-19-3-10. The building has suffered a partial collapse of the roof, floor and back wall. The water meter has been removed and the sewer line capped. The electric has also been removed. Mayor Moore stated that he has spoken with Gina Middleton from Coughlin & Gerhart the Village Attorneys. They would like us to make application to the NYS Supreme court for an order determining the building to be a public nuisance and directing that it be demolished. Mr. Moore stated that it would take around 60-90 days to receive a decision. Mr. Moore went on to say that Mike Decker from BC Real Property stated that as this plays out, if the property owner does not pay their taxes and if the building goes into foreclosure the county would wipe away all liens filed against the property. During this period the County will make the Village whole on our Village re-levy warrant amount including the unpaid demolition cost. By following this timeline, this will spread the burden across the whole County instead of just the Village tax payers. This is a long process to see it to the end. For now the Village will have to pay for the upfront costs and wait for the process to play out before we recoup any losses. We are not eligible for BC Land bank funds because we don't own the property.

DPW Supervisor has 3 quotes for demolition:

LCP Group Inc	\$104,000.00
Gorick	\$ 62,000.00
Tweedie Construction	\$ 54,900.00

And a quote for Project/Air monitoring & PCM Analysis

Atlantic Environment Consulting	\$1895.00
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Mayor Moore is waiting to hear if a State of Emergency is required. The Street will have to be closed during demolition, which may take 3 days.

A letter is being sent to the property owner to advise them of the situation.

Mr. Moore stated that the biggest problem is where we are going to get the money from there are 3 options Fund Balance, Shared Services money or EDRLF Committee.

Deb Stever asked if there was any way to avoid getting to the point where the Village has to pay take a building down. CEO Hathaway stated the he has to have permission to enter onto a property. When the conditions come to the attention of the CEO then letters are sent, but if the property owner is unwilling to respond we end up having to take them to court in an emergency situation. Kermit Mott asked if anyone has reached out to State Officials to seek financial relief

for this. Mayor Moore stated that he has. Mr. Mott felt it was time to start prodding elected officials into action. Mayor Moore stated that this whole thing will be a process and we just have to let it play out. There are no easy answers and every community is going thru similar situations.

DPW Supervisor stated that he had one unrelated item to discuss. Mr. Evans went on the explain that the Freightliner truck was in need of repairs. It is currently at Orall's garage.

MOTION#273/22-23

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to allow \$4000 to be taken from each fund expense line items to pay for the repairs. Motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Warner to adjourn at 6:41 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine
Clerk Treasurer