

THE WORK SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUTEES ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT ST., AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Warner and Strauss, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Evans, CEO Pete Hathaway, Shaun Rynearson and Chris Zacharias FD and Bridget Davis.

ABSENT: Trustee Durning and O'Connor

FINANCE

MOTION#275/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve for payment the Abstract #12 of Also Audited Vouchers as listed:

General Fund	\$ 31,855.68
Water Fund	\$ 7,414.83
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 430.24</u>
	\$ 39,700.75

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#276/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to accept the \$50,000 EPG grant to do a sewer survey of the Village. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the signature on the NY PFAS Complex litigation contract. Motion passed unanimously

CT Budine stated the Tax Grievance day will be Wednesday, February 28th from 1-5PM. She reminded everyone that we need a quorum for this.

MOTION#277/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to send a letter of Support for Headwaters Emergency Medical Services to obtain a permanent Certificate of Need to operate their ambulance service with the service primary operating territory being the Towns of Stamford, Kortright and Harpersfield municipal boundaries. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#278/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner at accept the Mayor's recommendation to select the RFQ from Keystone Associates to conduct the Water & Sewer System Evaluation Project. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#279/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to allow DPW Supervisor Evans to proceed with repairs to the WWTP sludge return pump for \$6,642. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#280/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to allow the DPW crew to attend the Hard Hat Show on 3/20/24. Motion passed unanimously.

CEO Hathaway informed the Board that the 19 Allen Street garage apartment is hooked up to the Village Sewer system, however the apartment is illegal. He informed the owner that they would have to apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Hathaway reported that an Order to remedy was sent to 23 Front St., for garbage and 35 Front St has had garbage removed and will be billed out. 122-124 Front St has been sold. They are going to tear down the building and leave the basement. The new owner has been informed them that they would have to fence in and post and sign a document with a time frame. Mr. Hathaway went on to say that he has been working with 91 Laurel Bank Ave in regards to some issues there.

MOTION#281/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve the February Code report. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#282/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve the December Planning Board minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

STREETS, WATER, SEWER

DPW Supervisor Evans wanted to thank the Town of Sanford for the use of their Court room for UDig training. There was a very good turnout. The sweeper is back from being repaired. The Crew has been busy with 2 water digs, installing no parking signs and finishing up the brush cleanup at the WWTP.

Supervisor Evans said that with the warm weather the Village will be opening our dump spot for residential yard debris during the week from 6 AM - 2:30PM and on the weekends from 8AM - 3PM. He will also start residential yard debris and brush pick up on the first and third Tuesday. Mr. Evans wants to remind everyone that they must use biodegradable bags.

Supervisor Evans reported that the DPW garage roof had a leak and need to be fixed. He believes this could be done in house and cost around \$3-4,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rynearson reported that the Mini pumper is coming along and hopefully will be delivered March 11, 2024.

MOTION#283/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Strauss to approve the applications of Joshua Axtell and Jeremiah Rodriguez as Firefighters and Mallory Mooney and Indira Ramos as Junior Firefighters. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Zacharias reported that EBS had 86 calls with 81 being responded to. The 2022 Chevy and the fly car are back in service.

TRUSTEES

PRESIDENT

Mayor Moore stated that he had received a letter from Brian Riter, requesting that since the Fire Department does not get billed for water, that the Community Park should also be granted an exemption. Mr. Moore stated that the Village is a utility and if bills are forgiven for someone, it just means someone else as to pick up that expense. He went on to state that the Board had voted to have a meter installed at Firemen's Field this spring. There have been a few issues to be resolved in that matter. Mayor Moore went

on to explain that if you give to one not for profit group you have to give to them all and that just shifts the burden to the ones that do pay a water/sewer bill.

GUESTS

MOTION#284/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Mayor Moore to adjourn at 5:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine

Clerk Treasurer