

THE WORK SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 23, 2023 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT ST., AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustee Durning, Strauss, Warner and O'Connor, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans, CEO Pete Hathaway, Chris Zacharias, tenants of 4-16 Church Street and 9 Main St., and Bridget Davis.

CEO Hathaway presented the Board with his monthly report. Mr. Hathaway said that an order to remedy has been given to 4 Oak Street. 4 building permits have been issued. Grass violations are still being issued. CEO Hathaway also visited 35 Front Street and gave them an order to remedy, which takes 30 days, for the camper in their yard. Mayor Moore closed the water/sewer bill hearing at 5:11PM.

MOTION#131/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee O'Connor and seconded by Trustee Warner to accept for filing the August Code Enforcement Report. Motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor opened the water/sewer hearing for 9 Main Street and 4-16 Church Street. The tenants requested direction for seeking assistance with help paying their water/sewer bill. The Board gave suggestions and stated that this was a tenant landlord issue. The Board took no action.

There were no July Planning Board minutes.

STREETS, WATER, SEWER

Supervisor Evans reported that the crew has been mowing, cutting brush, cleaning catch basins, blacktopping and cleaning up scrap. They have also ditched the road up to the Mill Street water tank and washed the water tank. Trustee Warner asked when the WWTP retaining wall will be done. Mayor Moore said it is being held up because we need an agreement signed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1st Asst Chief Zacharias reported that he sent the Med team report to the Mayor. Mayor Moore confirmed and stated he made copies for everyone. Mr. Zacharias wanted to clarify the fire department equipment bill, this was for replacement for half this year and half next year, and was for smaller bottles. He went on to say the pump testing was being scheduled and that they were getting ready for the school year.

Mr. Zacharias stated that they had several EMS calls and Eastern Broome ambulance service had been very busy. Trustee O'Connor asked when the monthly report was coming. 1st Asst. Chief Zacharias stated it would be soon. Mayor Moore said that he had received several complaints about Firemen's Park and Pine Grove Cemetery not being mowed. The complainants felt it was unfair that other people received bills for mowing but these places were allowed to have their grass grow over a foot high.

TRUSTEES

Trustee O'Connor stated that the minutes quoting him on the puppy mill penalties was wrong and what he said was "that the advice of a judge was to add jail time to the fine, of 15 days, if the fine was not paid".

PRESIDENT

Mayor Moore asked how many dogs should be allowed. It was decided that 3 dogs would be the limit and no breeding for profit within Village limits would be allowed. All

dogs exceeding this amount, before the code goes into effect, will be grandfathered in. This would become part of our zoning law. Mayor Moore will instruct the lawyer.

FINANCE

MOTION#132/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Durning to approve for payment the Abstract #6 of Also Audited Vouchers as listed:

General Fund	\$ 20,214.28
Water Fund	\$ 1,896.99
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 45,037.93</u>
	\$ 67,149.20

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#133/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee O'Connor to approve the move \$20,753.60 from Fire Department Reserves to pay for air bottles. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#134/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Durning to approve the facilities use application for a football draft. Motion passed unanimously.

CT Budine asked for the Board to pick a meeting day and time for the Fire Department oversight meetings. It was decided that the fourth Wednesday at 5 would be good for everyone.

GUESTS

Bridget Davis asked about the parking on Front Street. She also asked if the flower beds on Front Street could be weeded. Ms. Davis asked if having a local law to prevent perpetual lawn sales would be possible.

MOTION#135/23-24

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Strauss to adjourn at 5:44 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine
Clerk Treasurer