

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2022 at the Village Municipal Building, 167 North Main Street, Liberty New York. Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Joan Stoddard, Deputy Mayor/Trustee Robert Mir, Trustee Ernest Feasel and Trustee Eveleese Lake. Also Present: Attorney for the Village Gary Silver and Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer.

ABSENT: Trustee Daniel Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Steven D'Agata and Dr. Patrick Sullivan (Liberty Central School)

A moment of Silence was held in memory of Attorney Kirk Orseck. Kirk was a successive partner of Orseck Law Offices as well as a former Liberty Town Justice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the following minutes:

REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 18, 2022

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Stoddard said the Village has received the following correspondence.

Incoming

❖ Letter from Warren Switzler Re: Thanking the Mayor for her support

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to comments from the Public.

Dr. Patrick Sullivan – Liberty Central School

Dr. Sullivan gave an overview of the five year plan the Liberty Central School is implementing which includes:

- **A shared understanding of the school's purpose and work**
- **The values that impact how the school operates**
- **What students are taught**
- **How the school systematically supports the students' needs**

In addition, the curriculum has been updated.

He explained to support our changing times, security upgrades have been made, including new visitor procedures using School Gate Guardian, as well as installing an automatic lockdown system.

Dr. Sullivan also commented on the great relationship that is already established between the School and the Resource Officers and he hopes to expand on the relationships with the Village.

ATTORNEY Attorney Silver said his comments will be limited to agenda items
COMMENTS:

TREAS. REPORT: Treasurer Zurawski said she is in the process of closing out August so she will not have a report at the next meeting.

TABLED BUSINESS: **CONSIDER CLEANING SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Trustee Feasel said he has one person he will speak to that does a great job cleaning and will report back to the board.

CONSIDER 2022 AUCTION PARCELS

Treasurer Zurawski said she would correspond with County Treasurer Nancy Buck regarding parcels #112-7-15 & 114-3-5.1 and the Intermunicipal Agreement.

CONSIDER COVID SAMPLING/WWTP

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to allow the CDC to test for covid at our Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Trustee Mir said he had a couple of concerns he would address in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS: **CONSIDER RETAINER AGREEMENT YOUNG/SOMMER**

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving the retainer agreement dated August 23, 2022 from Young/Sommer LLC concerning the defense of a Navigation Law Action brought by New York State.

CONSIDER FALL CLEAN-UP

RESOL# 55-2022: Motion by Trustee Lake, Seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously carried carried approving Resolution#55-2022

**VILLAGE OF LIBERTY
2022 FALL CLEAN-UP**

**Friday, September 30th
Saturday, October 1st
Sunday, October 2nd**

All items for clean-up must be taken by Village Residents to the Village of Liberty Street Department garage at 46 Elm Street. No items will be accepted without a permit showing Village residency which can be obtained at the Village Clerk’s Office 167 North Main Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

METAL WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO large stumps or rocks. NO household garbage. NO batteries. NO tires. NO hazardous waste. NO yard debris. No Fuel Tanks, Oil Drums and Propane Tanks. NO Paint. NO Electronic Equipment

Village crews **will not** make pick-ups at individual residences and the Sanitation Department **will not** take items left out for clean-up.

Hours of Operation:

Friday, September 30th - 6:30 A.M - 2:30 P.M.

Saturday, October 1st - 8:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 2nd - 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

After the Villages allotment is used up, the gates will be closed.

This program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

CONSIDER ADOPT-A-ROAD-APPLICATION

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the adoption of Antoinette Avenue, Cora Avenue, Emma Street and the Section of Carrier Street between Antoinette and Emma for clean-up by Colleen Keaveney.

Colleen Keaveney has agreed to adopt the streets for the next 5 years.

CONSIDER LOCAL LAW #3-2022 – ADD PLACES OF WORSHIP IN THE DCC ZONE

Declare Village of Liberty as Lead Agency in the matter of Proposed Local Law #3-2022

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried declaring the Village of Liberty as Lead Agency in the matter of proposed Local Law #3-2022 amending the Principal Permitted Uses in the DCC Commercial Core Zoning District to allow places of worship, parish houses and parsonages.

Consider Negative Declaration – Proposed Local Law #3-2022

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried declaring a Negative Declaration for Local Law #3-2022 amending the

Principal Permitted Uses in the DCC Commercial Core Zoning District to allow places of worship, parish houses and parsonages.

Consider Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #3-2022

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to hold a Public Hearing on Thursday October 6, 2022 at 6:55 p.m. to take and hear comments on the matter of Proposed Local Law #3-2022 amending the Principal Permitted Uses in the DCC Commercial Core Zoning District to allow places of worship, parish houses and parsonages.

CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF LIBERTY AND THE LIBERTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

RESOL.# 56-2022: Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving Resolution #56-2022:

WHEREAS, The Village of Liberty and the Liberty Police Benevolent Association (hereinafter referred to as “The PBA”) have a Collective Bargaining Agreement covering the period of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2025 governing all of the terms and conditions of employment in the Liberty Police Department; and

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding will address and recognize the terms and ability to re-hire certain members who have previously serviced in the Liberty Police Department and have retired; and

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Agreement is dated September 1, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees approves said agreement and authorizes Mayor Stoddard to execute the document.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to comments from the Public
There were no comments from the Public.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to comments from the Board.
Trustee Feasel said he will discuss with Kathy Johansen (Art Teacher) what the school can do to work in conjunction with the Village.

Trustee Mir – No Comment

Trustee Lake – No Comment

Mayor Stoddard discussed the Griebel Park and if there is any possibility it could be a park again.

Trustee Mir said the dam is compromised so he did not think the area would be conducive to being a park again.

The Board discussed other uses, such as a community garden.

Trustee Lake said she would tour the area with Mayor Stoddard to see what condition the grounds were in.

**APPROVAL POST AUDIT VOUCHERS
OF BILLS**

FOR PYMT: Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving Post Audit Voucher #2285 to Voucher #2292 in the amount of \$416,174.07.

Flower Fund

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the following bill for payment:

Monticello Greenhouses - \$800.00

EXECUTIVE Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried
SESSION: go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to receive Attorney Advice, discuss contract negotiations and to discuss particular personnel.

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to Leave Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:34 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**JUDY H. ZURAWSKI
CLERK-TREASURER**

