

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2022

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting of November 3, 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, Trustee Ernest Feasel and Trustee Eveleese Lake. Also Present: Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer.

ABSENT: Trustee Robert Mir, Trustee Daniel Wright, and Attorney for the Village Gary Silver

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Steven D’Agata, Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Pollan, Motty Heimlich, Abraham Weberman and a few members of Liberty High School Government Class.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - OCTOBER 6, 2022

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the following minutes:

WORKSESSION MEETING - OCTOBER 20, 2022

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

Incoming

- ❖ NYCOM Advocacy Update 10.31 & 11.2

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

There were no comments from the Public

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Attorney Silver was not in attendance

TREAS. REPORT: Treasurer Zurawski’s written report is summarized below:

- ❖ List of Current Taxes and collections thru 10/31/22 of which there is \$392,716.03 outstanding. The current taxes are 90% collected.
- ❖ List of Delinquent Taxes, which as of 10/31/22 is \$378,160.73 uncollected.
- ❖ Starting and Ending Central Check Numbers for October 2022
- ❖ Starting October 2022 Central Check #17850

- ❖ Financial comparison of General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation

Treasurer Zurawski said she went to permanent financing on the Columbia Street Sewer Project, which will be paid over the next ten years on a Statutory Installment Loan to M & T Bank.

TABLED BUSINESS: CONSIDER CODE ENFORCEMENT FEES

Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Pollan discussed basing fees on square footage versus dollar value. He discussed surrounding municipalities and the fees they charge for new building, residential, mechanical and assessments.

The Board said they would review the information and determine fees that would be appropriate for the Village.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW – TRASH DISPOSAL

Mayor Stoddard said she would like to amend this proposed local law so it also includes the proper language regarding cans and bags for pickup.

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to hold a Public Hearing on Thursday January 5, 2023 at 6:55 p.m. to discuss proposed local law #1-2023 to amend Section 35-7.A of the Village Code to correct some language and confirm that garbage and items in Section 35-3.A may not be brought into the Village of Liberty.

NEW BUSINESS: CONSIDER REPURCHASE OF THREE PROPERTIES BEFORE COUNTY AUCTION

RES # 61-2022: Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving Resolution #61-2022

WHEREAS, three parcels that were in the Tax Foreclosure Action slated to be held on November 16th (2022) have been repurchased;

WHEREAS, these parcels are as follows:

- 107.-3-12/Rivera (\$5,985.96)
- 108-2-1.1/Lohas (\$9,385.63)
- 117.-2-7/Rauni (\$14,498.66)

WHEREAS, the repurchase includes five percent of the full market value, making the total repurchase on the three properties \$41,087.53 that will be due to the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees approves the repurchase of these properties.

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 discussed the following:

- + Said Kathy Johansen will attend the Board Meeting on December 15th and discuss with the Board her vision and listen to their ideas.
- + Said he continues to work on the EV Charging Station and the grant that NYSEG is offering, which reimburses communities up to 100% of the cost.

Trustee Lake – No Comment

Mayor Stoddard said she was going to discuss Revonah Lake and the surrounding area with the Fire Chief and Firemen.

APPROVAL POST AUDIT VOUCHERS OF BILLS

FOR PYMT: Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving Post Audit Voucher #2472 to Voucher #2485 in the amount of \$1,952,103.37.

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

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**JUDY H. ZURAWSKI
CLERK-TREASURER**

