

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2021 at the Village Municipal Building, 167 North Main Street, Liberty New York. Deputy Mayor Joan Stoddard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ronald Stabak (on audio call), Deputy Mayor/Trustee Joan Stoddard, Trustee Robert Mir and Trustee Ernest Feasel 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 Christina Bruno (We Care Travels)

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

### **REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 14, 2021**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Deputy Mayor Stoddard said the following correspondence has been received and anyone can request copies.

❖ Letter from DOH Re: Water Supply Emergency Update 10.13.21

Clerk/Treasurer Zurawski said the letter was forwarded to Delaware Engineering as well as the Water Department Working Supervisor.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Deputy Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to comments from the Public.

#### **Christina Bruno – Owner of We Care Travels**

Christina Bruno introduced herself as the owner of We Care Travels Taxi Service and said she is in the process of purchasing Sureway Taxi from Gary Putter who is planning on retiring. She said she is looking to transfer all his vehicles to her business around the beginning of 2022.

Christina said she will begin filling out the applications and working with the Village to complete the transfer.

The Board said the first meeting in January (2022) will be on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** Attorney Silver said in respect to the two tax certiorari proceedings, that he is signing a Stipulation to intervene in both proceedings.

With respect to Kosher Ice Cream Truck, the motion to hold Binyamin Yitzchakov and Kosher Ice Cream Trucks in contempt has been made and served on the defendants.

**TREAS. REPORT:** Treasurer Zurawski said her written report would be available at the next meeting. She said the Columbia Street Sewer BAN was successfully renewed at a rate of .6460%.

**TABLED BUSINESS:** **UPDATE ON 157 SOUTH MAIN STREET**

The Board said this item will remain tabled until the foreclosure process can take place.

**DISCUSSION OF SANITATION CODE – UPDATE/FLYER FOR RESIDENTS**

A flyer will be sent to every homeowner in the water bills over the next three months outlining our sanitation/recycling program so everyone is aware of it.

Mayor Stabak also mentioned that our code does need to be updated with the current recycling program.

The Board said they would get the information to Attorney Silver for the code update.

**CONSIDER MEMO FROM SULLIVAN COUNTY TREASURER NANCY BUCK RE: TAXES**

The Board said everything was resolved in 2016 regarding the Marc Baez property on West Lake Street.

The Board is not interested in selling the property on Grant Street at the current time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **CONSIDER LETTER FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT TO BE SENT TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

Mayor Stabak said the letter to businesses and residents that Dan Pollen, Code Enforcement Officer, wants to mail should first be discussed with Chief D'Agata. Once it is finalized it will be a targeted mailing to the streets involved in the Code.

**CONSIDER CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS (LIGHTS)**

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to purchase Christmas lights for fifteen wreaths (30 sets) from Downtown Decorations of Syracuse, New York at a cost of \$34.65 per set.

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

There were no comments from the public.

**TRUSTEE** Deputy Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to comments from the Board.  
**COMMENTS:**

Trustee Feasel said he met with Lynn Barry last Thursday and he discussed his concerns, some of which are:

- ❖ Increased Sanitation Collection
- ❖ Issues with older Garbage Trucks (breakdowns)
- ❖ Snow Removal - the lack of personnel interested in overtime
- ❖ Possible help from the Water Department with sanding

Mayor Stabak said he will discuss the snow removal with the Town of Liberty to see if we have any options with them.

Trustee Mir – No Comment

Trustee Stoddard discussed street light outages on the four lanes and the traffic circle. Chief D’Agata said police personnel submit their report of the outages every month.

Trustee Stoddard said the new Liberty Theater Marquee is up and looks wonderful.

Trustee Stoddard mentioned the state is also looking for snow plow drivers.

Mayor Stabak said Lynn Barry is trying to work with New York State Electric and Gas to get electric to Sullivan Avenue for Christmas lights.

**APPROVAL POST AUDIT VOUCHERS OF BILLS**

**FOR PYMT:** Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving Post Audit Voucher #1396 to Voucher #1408 in the amount of \$1,634,562.03

**PLANNING BOARD ESCROW BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving the following Planning Board Escrow Bills for payment:

**Delaware Engineering - \$1,162.50**  
-Frito Lay Site Plan Review

**Delaware Engineering - \$1,617.50**  
-Liberty Market Site Plan

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter in the Department of Public Works.

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

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

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:48 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**JUDY H. ZURAWSKI  
CLERK-TREASURER**

