

REGULAR MEETING

April 4, 2024

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting on April 4, 2024 at the Village Municipal Building, 167 North Main Street, Liberty New York.

Mayor Joan Stoddard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Ernest Feasel

ALSO PRESENT: David Burke (Director of D.P.W.), Police Sergeant Robert Morse, Motty Heimlich, Bruce Davidson, Elton Harris, Town of Liberty Supervisor Frank DeMayo, Larry Kurtz, Irina Kurtz and Brandon Sterling.

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

WORK SESSION MEETING - MARCH 21, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Stoddard said the Village received the following correspondence during this time frame.

❖ Letter from Yaun Avenue Residents Re: Recycling

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

ELTON HARRIS – HARRIS FUNERAL HOME

Elton Harris addressed the Board over the recent sewer backup into his place of business. He said he has been to his insurance company as well as ours and is not getting any positive results. At this point, Mr. Harris said the flooring must be paid for, which has cost \$31,624.47 and his insurance is only willing to pick up \$10,000.

Elton continued his conversation by disputing the Prior Notice Rule. He said he understands the importance of it for roads, etc. but no one can predict a sewer backup.

Mayor Stoddard said they would reach out to our insurance company again to try to get it resolved.

Lawrence Kurtz (Dwyer Avenue) discussed the following:

- ❖ Stated that behind the residence of 67 Dwyer Avenue and Highview Avenue is full of garbage and debris and they are cutting down trees that are blocking the stream. He also said there is a deer that has a plastic ring around its mouth causing his mouth to be endangered.
- ❖ Said 26 Delaware has a mountain of white garbage bags on the side of the house facing Liberty Street which is very unsightly and a possible code violation.
- ❖ Discussed the stepped up enforcement by the Village Police Department of speeders around the Village and said he was grateful to see it.

Sergeant Morse informed the Board of the small grants they receive to help with this action and that they recently ran the enforcement on West Lake Street and gave out 18 summonses.

ATTORNEY Attorney Silver did not have any comments.

COMMENTS:

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

- ❖ List of Current Taxes and collections thru 03/21/24 of which there is \$254,326.73 outstanding. The current taxes are 94% collected.
- ❖ List of Delinquent Taxes, which as of 03/31/24 - \$204,317.89 is outstanding.
- ❖ Starting and Ending Central Check Numbers for March 2024
- ❖ Starting March Central Check #19203
- ❖ Financial comparison of General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation

TABLED BUSINESS: UPDATE ON INTERMUNCIPAL AGREEMENT RE: SEWER DISTRICT 26-1-59

Attorney Silver said he will be in touch with Town of Liberty attorney Ken Klein to work on this matter.

CONSIDER BUS STOP FOR OUR BUS

Sergeant Morse said he has been researching this request and finds nothing in our ordinances that would prohibit OurBus from stopping. He said the owner, Kevin Klein, said he would be running six days a week and the stops would be ten (10) minutes. They are full size coach buses.

Sergeant Morse said he would work with them to set up a schedule so all the different buses (Coach, Move Sullivan) are not there at the same time.

DISCUSS OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BILL – LIBERTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Stoddard said she has emailed the fire district to review the charge but has not received a date to discuss the matter yet.

NEW BUSINESS: **CONSIDER EVENT PERMIT – CINCO DEMAYO FESTIVAL**

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Mills and unanimously carried approving the Event Permit for the Cinco de Mayo Street Fair to be held May 4, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This festival is sponsored by the Town of Liberty.

CONSIDER CARUS CORP AS A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Mills and unanimously carried approving **CARUS LLC** as a **sole source provider** for **CALIQUEST liquid water treatment chemical**.

Carus LLC is the leading supplier of phosphate-based Corrosion Control programs for municipal water systems, servicing over 2000 potable water systems and carries over 75 unique formulations and brand.

Based on the current market conditions, our annual contract price will be \$1.56/lb. delivered. This price will be reviewed annually.

CONSIDER GOING OUT FOR RFP'S – VILLAGE INSURANCE

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to go out for Request for Proposals for the Village's Insurance.

The proposals will be due by June 20, 2024 so they can be reviewed at the Village Worksession Meeting.

CONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024-25 BUDGET

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously carried approving April 18th at 6:45 p.m. to take and hear comments at the Public Hearing for the proposed 2024-25 Village budget.

DISCUSSION OF 239-M REVIEW – TOWN OF LIBERTY ZONING LAW

The County sent a 239 referral from the Town of Liberty, which is for a proposed Local Law to amend the Zoning Code. The parcels included border the Village and asked the Village Board to advise them if there are any comments.

Each Board member will review the form and report any comments before the hearing that is scheduled for the 15th of April.

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

David Burke informed the Board that the CDBG Pre-Construction Meeting was held for the Sewer project needed on the Rail Trail. He said the meeting was well attended, which will hopefully bring good results.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Mayor Stoddard opened up the meeting to comments from the Board.

Trustee Mir discussed the request to build a year round school by Sunset Lake. He said our Inter-Municipal Agreement is being reviewed to see if we have the capacity to bring such a school on line (approximately 32,500 gallons a day)

Trustee Lake – No Comment

Trustee Mills – No Comment

Mayor Stoddard commented on the following:

- ❖ The parcel of land in the Livingston Manor School district used for our water supply and trying to get tax exempt status.
- ❖ The Police Department is spear-heading a Litterpluck on April 14th.
- ❖ Asked about the computer program for the Code Enforcement Officer

**APPROVAL POST AUDIT VOUCHERS
OF BILLS**

FOR PYMT: Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving Voucher #917 to Voucher #925 in the amount of \$672,068.68.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to go into Executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss a Waste Water Treatment Plant contract and to receive attorney advice.

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session at 8:23 p.m.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE OFFICIAL TO REPRESENT THE VILLAGE IN THE MATTER OF NICHOLAS PASTORINO

Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried appointing Director of D.P.W. David Burke as the representative of the Village of Liberty in the Town of Liberty Justice Court Small Claims matter brought by Nicholas Pastorino against the Village of Liberty.

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

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY H. ZURAWSKI, CLERK/TREASURER