

## WORKSESSION MEETING

**JANUARY 28, 2021**

The Board of Trustees held the Worksession Meeting of January 28, 2021 at the Village Municipal Building, 167 North Main Street, Liberty New York. Deputy Mayor Robert Mir opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor/Trustee Robert Mir, Trustee Joan Stoddard, Trustee Daniel Wright and Trustee Victoria Ferguson Also Present: Gary Silver, Attorney for the Village and Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer.

**PRESENT ON AUDIO CALL:** Mayor Ronald Stabak

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Ferguson and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m to receive attorney advice on a legal matter. Ellen and Lou Petraglia were invited into the session.

Motion by Trustee Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Stoddard and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING - January 7, 2021

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Deputy Mayor Mir said the following correspondence has been received and anyone can request copies by calling or email.

Incoming

✚ E-Mail Advocacy Reports from NYCOM 1.20.21

**TABLED BUSINESS:** **CONSIDER PANDEMIC OPERATIONS PLAN**

Mayor Stabak (on audio call) said the plan must be in place during the month of April. He said it is recommended that it be sent to the unions as a draft for their review within the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Stabak said the one item he is still trying to research is a housing issue, whereby if the employee does not have a place to isolate the Village may be responsible for providing them housing. He said that once that is resolved the plan will come together.

**CONSIDER PANDEMIC PROCEDURES FOR WATER BILLING**

**RESOL.# 4-2021:** Motion by Trustee Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Stoddard and unanimously carried approving Resolution #4-2021.

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS  
MORATORIUM ON RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE TERMINATION**

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, Governor Cuomo signed into law amendments to the Public Service Law that prevent municipalities and public utilities from terminating water service to residential customers for non-payment of an overdue charge during the COVID-19 State of Emergency and;

WHEREAS, all water suppliers (i.e. Village of Liberty) must notify residential customers of the protections afforded under the law and;

WHEREAS, service termination is prohibited for an additional 180 days after the COVID -19 state of emergency expires for those residential customers who have experienced a change in financial circumstances due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and;

WHEREAS, Village of Liberty customers who have experienced a change in financial circumstances due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency must be given an opportunity to enter into a deferred payment agreement without the imposition of deposits, late fees or penalties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Liberty will mail notices to all water service customers during the month of February 2021 informing them of the opportunity to enter into a deferred payment plan.

**CONSIDER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION**

After a recent zoom meeting, the Village was notified that the FEMA BRIC application will not be funded so a resolution is not needed.

**NEW CONSIDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2021 CFA FUNDING  
BUSINESS:APPLICATION**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Wright and unanimously carried to hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public comments for the Village's Community Development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2021 program year.

Due to the current pandemic, social distancing and masks will be required.

**CONSIDER STIPULATION AND ORDER OF SETTLEMENT – LIBERTY COMMONS**

**RESOL. # 5-2021:** Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Ferguson and unanimously carried approving Resolution #5-2021.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Liberty approves the Stipulation and Order of Settlement on Liberty Commons Housing Development Fund Corp., known as tax map #119-1-9.

WHEREAS, this Stipulation dated November 30, 2020 includes the following years and settlements;

Year	Original	Settled	Reduction	Rate	Refund
2015	844,900	290,955	553,945	\$21.89	\$12,125.86
2016	844,900	583,500	261,400	\$21.89	\$ 5,722.05
2017	844,900	529,875	315,025	\$22.36	\$ 7,043.96
2018	844,900	450,000	394,900	\$22.67	\$ 8,952.38
2019	844,900	444,705	400,195	\$22.86	\$ 9,148.46
2020	844,900	407,000	437,900	\$23.00	\$10,071.70

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes Clerk-Treasurer Judy Zurawski to make payment in the amount of \$53,064.41 to Goldman Attorneys PLLC in accordance with this court document.

**CONSIDER GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DELAWARE ENGINEERING**

Motion by Trustee Stoddard, seconded by Trustee Ferguson and unanimously carried approving and authorizing Deputy Mayor Mir to endorse the 2021 General Services Contract with Delaware Engineering, DPC dated January 22, 2021 by David Ohman and January 28, 2021 by Deputy Mayor Mir.

**CONSIDER CDBG REPAYMENT – FLOYD AND BOBO MICRO ENTERPRISE LOAN/GRANT**

Motion by Trustee Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Stoddard and unanimously carried to agree to have Floyd and Bobo's pay back only \$1,166.85, which is the principal amount which would have been due and owing had there been no defaults, such that there would be no prior interest charged, no late fees and the \$10,000 grant would not be deemed a loan. Interest would run on the \$1,166.85 at the default rate in the Note (9%) from May 2016, the date of their last payment.

The condition is that if they default under the new Agreement the Village reserves its right to sue for everything due and owing under the Note based upon their prior defaults (default interest from her first default, late charges and the \$10,000 grant being deemed due and owing).

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

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**JUDY H. ZURAWSKI  
CLERK-TREASURER**