

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2023

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting on October 5, 2023 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, Trustee Ernest Feasel, and Trustee Eveleese Lake Also Present: Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer.

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor/Trustee Robert Mir, Trustee Joe Aracci and Gary Silver, Attorney for the Village

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Steven D'Agata, Larry Kurtz, Irina Kurtz, David Burke, Lynn Barry, Abraham Weberman, Charles Nystrom, Bette Jean Gettel, Stefanie Kellam, Pat Kellam, John Manullo and Robert Leffler.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – September 21, 2023

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

WORKSESSION MEETING - September 21, 2023

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Stoddard said the Village had not received any correspondence in this time period.

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 at the meeting.

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

- ❖ List of Current Taxes and collections thru 09/30/23 of which there is \$454,804.68 outstanding. The current taxes are 90% collected.
- ❖ List of Delinquent Taxes, which as of 09/30/23 - \$317,899.04 is outstanding.
- ❖ Starting and Ending Central Check Numbers for September 2023
- ❖ Starting September 2023 Central Check #18725
- ❖ Financial comparison of General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation

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

Mayor Stoddard said that she hopes this matter will be wrapped up by the next meeting.

CONSIDER REQUEST – WATER CONNECTION/THOMAS AVENUE

Mayor Stoddard said there is no update on this matter and it will remain **tabled** at this time.

CONSIDER BID ON TAX MAP #121.-3-7.2

Due to the fact that there was not a full board present, the Board did not make any decisions on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS: CONSIDER NEW COPIER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to enter into a new lease agreement for a color copier RICOH IM C3010 for 63 months at a cost of \$179.38 per month.

The current lease, which is for a black and white copier, is at a cost of \$179.52 per month.

The copier will be leased from Electronic Business Products.

CONSIDER RATIFICATION VOTE FOR TAX MAP PROPERTY #102.-5-6

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to ratify the phone poll taken on Tuesday, September 26th to allow Regina Giordano to pay her 2023-24 taxes on S.B.L. #102.-5-6 without penalty due to the fact that the bill was mailed to the escrow company although her mortgage was paid off.

CONSIDER LEASE OF TRUCKS FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT – BUDGETD ITEM IN 2023-24 VILLAGE BUDGET

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the lease purchase of two (2) trucks for the water department as follows:

**2023 Ram 3500 Reg Cab 4 x 4 8 Foot Bed – Gas with Plow
Purchase Price Per Truck: \$73,743.34**

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

COMMENTS:

There were no comments from the Public.

TRUSTEE Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to comments from the Board.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Stoddard said she is working with NYSEG to get the lighting issue on Mill Street resolved.

Trustee Feasel - No Comment

Trustee Lake – No Comment

**APPROVAL POST AUDIT VOUCHERS
OF BILLS**

FOR PYMT: Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving Voucher #353 to Voucher 366 in the amount of \$681,574.42

FLOWER FUND

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the following payment from the flower fund:

Monticello Greenhouses - \$432.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter in the Code Enforcement Office.

Police Chief D’Agata, Charles Nystrom and Bette Jean Gettel were invited into Executive Session.

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF OFFICE PERSONNEL

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving the following individuals for employment with the Village of Liberty:

Denise Corbett - \$25.00 per hour
Holly Huebsch - \$21.00 per hour

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

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:35 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY H. ZURAWSKI, CLERK/TREASURER

