

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 2, 2022**

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting of June 2, 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, Deputy Mayor/Trustee Robert Mir, Trustee Ernest Feasel and Trustee Eveleese Lake. Also Present: Attorney for the Village Gary Silver and Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Daniel Wright

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sal Crescitelli

**The Mayor asked for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of the victims in mass shootings in Buffalo, New York; Uvalde, Texas and Tulsa, Oklahoma**

**Deputy Mayor Mir also mentioned Dispatcher Jeffrey Ashdown and Sergeant Sauer that saved a baby in the Village. The Board thanked them for their heroism.**

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

**WORKSESSION MEETING - MAY 19, 2022**

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

**Incoming**

❖ E-Mail from Sullivan Renaissance Re: Talking Trash 6.1.22

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

Sal Crescitelli (Green Lake) discussed Code Enforcement in the Village and the need for the Code Enforcement Officer to observe all the garbage around the Village.

Attorney Silver mentioned that he is also the Building Inspector so his time is taken up by both jobs.

Mayor Stoddard said she will be requesting that Code Enforcement take one-half day a week to ride around to monitor the Village and keep track of offenders.

Sal Crescitelli also discussed the Hebrew School located on Chestnut Street and said the children that are playing often run into the streets causing constant

horn blowing by the cars that travel on the street and the possibility of a tragedy. He said he has called the Police regarding the situation and suggested they play behind the school.

**ATTORNEY** Attorney Silver said his comments will be limited to agenda items  
**COMMENTS:**

**TREAS. REPORT:** Treasurer Zurawski said she is in the process of closing out the 2021-22 so she will not have a report for a couple of weeks.

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

The Board said this item will remain tabled until the foreclosure process can take place. The tax sale is scheduled for August 31, 2022.

**CONSIDER VOTE ON LOCAL LAW #2-2022 – AMENDMENT OF CODE SECTION 87-34/ANIMALS IN THE VILLAGE**

**Consider Negative Declaration – Proposed Local Law #2-2022**

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried declaring a Negative Declaration for Local Law #2-2022 amending Chapter 87-34 of the Village Code to update animals allowing in the Village of Liberty.

**Consider Vote on Local Law #2-2022 – Amendment of Code – Section 87-34 Animals**

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving Local Law #2-2022 to amend Section 87-34 of the Code of the Village of Liberty entitled Animals in the Village

This local law was put to a vote which resulted as follows:

MAYOR JOAN STODDARD -	YES	
TRUSTEE ROBERT MIR -	YES	LOCAL LAW#
TRUSTEE EVELEESE LAKE -	YES	2-2022
TRUSTEE ERNEST FEASEL -	YES	ADOPTED
TRUSTEE DANIEL WRIGHT -	ABSENT	

**CONSIDER CLEANING SERVICES**

Mayor Stoddard said she would review the agreement and draw up a letter to our current cleaners regarding the proposed new contract.

**CONSIDER FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - CMA**

Attorney Silver said he will review the contract.

**CONSIDER ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM**

Mayor Stoddard said the adopted street will have to be cleaned a minimum of four times per year, the adoptee can put the garbage with their regular garbage and the Village will provide the adopted street sign on one end of the street.

**NEW CONSIDER MEDICAL/TAXI PERMITS**

**BUSINESS:**

**RESOL.#** Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously  
**45-2022:** carried approving Resolution #45-2022:

**WHEREAS**, the applications for taxicab licenses (also known as Taxicab permits, such terms being intended to describe the license or permit described as a taxicab permit in the definitions provision in Article 1, Section 75-1 of Chapter 75 of the Village Code), having been submitted by the attached taxi company’s pursuant to the Village Code, such as Sections 75-1 75-1.1, and 75-2 of the Village of Liberty Village Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Code provides that the existing taxicab permits expire annually on May 31; and

**WHEREAS**, all permits for taxicab licenses are due to expire June 1, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, one medical taxi license and sixteen regular licenses has been reviewed by the Village of Liberty Police and is now pending before the Village Board; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Liberty hereby issues one medical taxicab permit (also known as a Medical Taxicab license) and sixteen regular licenses for the annexed applicant (said taxicab license not to be confused with the taxicab driver’s license issued under Article II of Chapter 75 of the Village Code); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, those for reference purposes, the license/permits are for:

- AmeriCare Transportation** - **1 Medical Permits**
- Sul-Med Transportation** - **Permits 3, 6, 8, 9, 15, 21, 23**
- Brit dba We Care** - **Permits 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13**

**CONSIDER EVENT PERMIT – SOAP BOX DERBY 6.4.22**

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving the **Event Permit** for the **Soap Box Derby** scheduled for **June 4, 2022**. This is an all-day event and sponsored by Sullivan County Soap Derby.

The proper insurance certificate was filed with the Village.

## **CONSIDER EVENT PERMIT – JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FIREWORKS**

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the **Event Permit** for the **Fireworks** scheduled for **July 4, 2022 (Raindate July 5, 2022)**. This event will begin approximately 9:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the Town and Village of Liberty.

The Board waived the fee due to the fact that they are co-sponsoring the event.

The proper insurance certificate has been filed with the Village.

**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 mentioned the recycling seems to be behind this week due to the holiday.

Trustee Mir – No Comment

Trustee Lake – No Comment

Mayor Stoddard discussed the following:

- ❖ Said she had received a message from a Village resident about the location of target practice for the Liberty Police Department. He questioned why it had been moved from Fireman’s Park to Revonah Hill.

Trustee Mir said the move was made for several reasons:

- The road is extremely damaged
- They are now shooting away from a water source
- At the park numerous ATV’s were driving thru which made it a safety issue.

- ❖ Mentioned the Police Litter pluck is Sunday, which hopefully will receive some help from outside organizations. She also said the County Cleanup date is June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- ❖ Said Dennis Farrell, who has recently purchased some Main Street properties, has been doing a nice job getting them cleaned up.

The Board mentioned they will write a letter to him thanking him for the improvements.

- ❖ Said she did a walk thru the Village with Sullivan Renaissance as well as other individuals, including some from the Town. She said Sullivan Renaissance is eager to help with a cleanup project in the Village and they

decided on the Mini Park and open culvert area behind the town pavilion. Mayor Stoddard said it is a very pretty area but also very messy and dirty. They discussed some possible murals and improvements for the area.

- ❖ Mentioned they are also looking at the relocation of some of the outdoor the garbage cans as well as painting them.

**APPROVAL POST AUDIT VOUCHERS OF BILLS**

**FOR PYMT:** Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving Post Audit Voucher #2011 to Voucher #2016 in the amount of \$334,887.59

**Lily Pond Watermain Relocation**

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the following bills for payment for the materials needed to start the process of the Watermain relocation:

Core and Main	-	\$5,604.00
Vari-Tech LLC	-	\$2,648.40
Sherburne Steel Sales	-	\$8,425.00

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

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**JUDY H. ZURAWSKI  
CLERK-TREASURER**



