

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Police Chief Steven D'Agata, Supervisor Frank DeMayo, Motty Heimlich and Abraham Weberman.

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

### **EMERGENCY MEETING – October 18, 2023**

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING - October 19, 2023**

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

### **WORKSESSION MEETING - October 19, 2023**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Stoddard said the Village has received the following correspondence in this time period.

- ❖ Letter/Notification from Strange Clouds Re: Retail Dispensary 10.26.23
- ❖ Notice from Town of Liberty Re: Public Hearing Alstyne/Johnstone 10.30.23

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to comments from the Public. Supervisor DeMayo mentioned Code Enforcement requirements and recent legislation.

Supervisor DeMayo asked about the progress of the street light repairs on Mill Street.

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

**TREAS. REPORT:** Treasurer Zurawski said she will have a written report at the next meeting.

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

Mayor Stoddard said this item will remain tabled.

**CONSIDER REQUEST - WATER CONNECTION/THOMAS AVENUE**

**RESOL. # 51-2023:** Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving Resolution #51-2023.

**WHEREAS,** Troy and Kassondra Johnstone are planning on constructing a single-family dwelling on Thomas Avenue/tax map #18.-1-49.1 and;

**WHEREAS,** they are seeking approval to connect to the existing Village water system as an outside user and;

**WHEREAS,** the Village Board is in agreement to allow the connection of this service;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** Attorney Silver shall prepare the appropriate agreement for an outside user will be executed between the Village and Troy and Kassondra Johnstone.

**NEW BUSINESS:** CONSIDER QUOTE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT SOFTWARE/SCANNER

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving the purchase of the following software/hardware:

- BEAST BARCODED EVIDENCE SOFTWARE
- BEAST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LICENSE
- LI4278 CORDLESS BARCODE SCANNER
- ZD421 THERMAL TRANSFER DESKTOP PRINTER
- WHITE BARCODE LABELS
- RIBBON

**TOTAL COST IS \$10,242.09 WHICH ALSO INCLUDES TRAVEL EXPENSES, INSTALLATION AND TRAINING AND ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT**

This purchase is made possible by a grant of \$10,000 given by member money from Assemblywomen Gunther.

### **DISCUSS OXIDATION DITCH CLEANING**

Mayor Stoddard said this is not a budgeted item and the sewer fund is very short on funds. She said it will be discussed with the Engineers to see if the project can wait until spring.

### **DISCUSSION OF AN OPINION TO CANNABIS BOARD**

The Board discussed the pending Retail Dispensary (to be located on tax map 104.-11-18/323 North Main Street) and if they, as a Board, would want to submit a formal opinion to the cannabis board.

Trustee Mir discussed the revenue that would be paid to the Village and the Town.

After a brief discussion the Board decided to let the thirty (30) day approval period play out rather than submit an opinion.

### **CONSIDER BINGO LICENSE – LIBERTY ELKS LODGE 1545**

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Aracci and unanimously carried approving the **Bingo License for Liberty Elks Lodge 1545**.

This bingo license is for the time period of January 7, 2024 until December 29, 2024.

### **CONSIDER DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE**

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to cancel the Worksession Meeting in December and to have one Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 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.

Mayor Stoddard said there has been a storm drain collapse on Weirk Avenue that Phoenix Enterprises has given a quote of \$60,000 to fix. Dave Burke and Lynn Barry are going to try and secure it for the winter and address it in the spring.

Trustee Feasel - No Comment

Trustee Lake – No Comment

Trustee Mir – No Comment

Trustee Aracci – No Comment

**APPROVAL POST AUDIT VOUCHERS  
OF BILLS**

**FOR PYMT:** Motion by Trustee Aracci, seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously carried approving Voucher #442 to Voucher 455 in the amount of \$1,007,249.66

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss a possible contract with the Town of Liberty.

Town of Liberty Supervisor Frank DeMayo and Police Chief D’Agata were invited into the Executive Session.

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

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

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:59 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**JUDY H. ZURAWSKI, CLERK/TREASURER**



