

## WORKSESSION MEETING

**NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

The Board of Trustees held the Worksession Meeting on November 21, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in 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 Jayneen Mills. Also Present: Gary Silver, Attorney for the Village of Liberty and Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Eveleese Lake, Trustee Ernest Feasel and Denise Corbett, Secretary to the Board

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robert Morse, Police Sergeant; David Burke, Director of Public Works; Nick Prague, Margaret Bachman, David Bunce and J.I.Patel

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

- ❖ **REGULAR MEETING – November 7, 2024**
- ❖ **WORKSESSION MEETING – October 17, 2024 – As Amended**

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

- ❖ Memo from Liberty PD Re: NYSEG Report – October 2024
- ❖ Thank You Card from Denise Corbett

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

Margaret Bachman / Nick Prague (Lily Pond Road)

Margaret Bachman discussed the recent flushing of the Village water system and the challenges they faced during the flushing. She expressed her concern about the possibility of someday being told they would not have water from the Village as they are an outside consumer.

Mayor Stoddard assured her it is not the Village's intention to deny them water, only that the state issued supply permit states they do not have to provide them water.

Mayor Stoddard apologized for the inconveniences caused, explained this flushing was to bring the Village into compliance and suggested to everyone that they go on the Village website to sign up for "Text My Gov" to receive text notices about all the events and issues in the Village.

Nick Prague discussed the water flushing and that his only grievance was that he went twenty-four hours without water.

**TABLED Delaware Engineering Update**  
**BUSINESS:**

Delaware Engineering could not be in attendance at the meeting. They sent the attached report – See Exhibit A.

Discussion on moving Bus Stop

Trustee Mir said he did not have any new information to report. He said this item can be removed from the agenda until spring.

**UPDATE ON SUB-COMMITTEES**

Peddler's Permits

The Public Hearing was held and will be continued on December 12<sup>th</sup>. A few amendments will be made to the Local Law.

Speed Reduction

The sub-committee of Mayor Stoddard, Trustee Lake and Police Chief D'Agata have been researching the issue and found that nothing can move forward without an Engineering Report. They have been given a name of a firm that completes such a study and will be in contact with them to find out the cost.

Parking

The sub-committee of Mayor Stoddard, Trustee Lake and Police Chief D'Agata are reviewing the Code to make recommended changes.

Noise Ordinance

The sub-committee of Trustee Mills and Trustee Feasel finished their review and recommends on this ordinance. Police Chief D'Agata will begin his review.

HONK

Mayor Stoddard, Trustee Lake and Police Chief D'Agata are reviewing this matter and will report back to the Board.

**DISCUSSION OF WATER RATES**

David Bunce said he has not been able to get the required information from Water Supervisor David Harman to complete his cost analysis.

David Burke said he will try to reach out to obtain the proper paperwork.

**UPDATE ON TAX PARCEL 120-1-3 & 121.-3-7.2**

The Board is waiting to hear from the County regarding these two parcels.

Parcel 120.-1-3 is used by our Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Parcel 121.-3-7.2 the Village can make a decision if they wish to sell it as surplus.

**NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION – AMEND VILLGE CODE RE: MAILING NOTICES/PB AND ZBA PUBLIC HEAINGS**

Attorney Silver will draft a proposed Local Law regarding notices to property owners within three hundred feet of the proposed change or construction.

**APPOINT A SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE FROM VILLAGE FOR WORK COMP (PERMA)**

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Mills and unanimously carried approving **Marisol Torrens** as the **Safety Representative** from the Village of Liberty for Risk Management – Sullivan County/PERMA.

**CDBG PROJECT NO. 642PR120-23 – CONSIDER AMENDMENT NO. 1 – ADDITIONAL SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Mills and unanimously carried authorizing Mayor Stoddard to execute **Amendment No. 1 – Additional Sanitary Sewer Replacement to the Professional Services Agreement** dated December 2023 with **Delaware Engineering D.P.C.** for the Rail Trail Culvert Replacement Project OCR CDBG Project No. 642PR120-23, in the total amount of \$82,800.

**BILLS FOR** Bills for Payment

**PAYMENT:** Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Mills and unanimously carried approving the payment Voucher #452 to Voucher #530 in the amount of \$249,003.20.

**CDBG RAIL TRAIL PROJECT #642PR120-23**

Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously carried approving the following bill for payment:

CDBG Rail Trail Project - #642PR120-23 – Delaware Engineering - \$8,210.75

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Mills and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss a contract issue in

Judy Zurawski was invited into the Executive Session.

Motion made by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Mir to come out of the Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

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

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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