

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 3, 2022

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting of March 3, 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: Police Chief Steven D’Agata

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

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRARY 17, 2022

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Stoddard said the Village has received the following correspondence.
❖ Memorandum: Sullivan County IDA Re: Amendments 2.17.22

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to comments from the Public.
There were no comments from the Public.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Attorney Silver commented on the ongoing matter of Binyamin Yitzchakov and the Kosher Ice Cream Trucks LLC business and the hearing scheduled for March 21st.

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

- ❖ List of Current Taxes and collections thru 02/28/22 of which there is \$257,828.43 outstanding. The current taxes are 94% collected.
- ❖ List of Delinquent Taxes, which as of 02/28/22 is \$387,679.48 not collected.
- ❖ Starting and Ending Central Check Numbers for February 2022
- ❖ Starting February 2022 Central Check #17216
- ❖ Financial comparison of General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation

Treasurer Zurawski discussed the flower program and weed control in the Village for the 2022 season.

TABLED UPDATE ON 157 SOUTH MAIN STREET BUSINESS:

The Board said this item will remain tabled until the foreclosure process can take place.

UPDATE OF SANITATION/RECYCLING CODE

The Board said they were still looking to add a few more items and changes to the code. They discussed the type of recycling bins that should be included in the code as well as glass and the fact that foil/iridescent/metallic wrapping paper cannot be recycled.

Attorney Silver said he would work on the changes for the Board to review.

UPDATE OF CODE 87-34/ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Trustee Feasel and Trustee Lake presented their changes to the Code for the Board to review.

Attorney Silver will begin the process of writing up the proposed local law.

CONSIDER EMPLOYEE MEETINGS – MVP INSURANCE

Clerk-Treasurer Zurawski said she would meet with MVP Representative David LaVoie and start the process of setting up meetings.

NEW CONSIDER BUDGET WORKSESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to schedule the following Budget Meetings:

- Budget Worksession - Tuesday, March 22, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Budget Public Hearing - Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 6:45 p.m.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF WORKING SUPERVISOR FOR WATER DEPARTMENT

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving the appointment of Fred Moore (Employee #548) to the position of Working Supervisor of the Water Department effective immediately.

This appointment comes with a salary increase from \$24.75 hourly to \$28.10 per hour.

Mayor Stoddard said she and Trustee Feasel interviewed Fred and he has no problems with 24 hour on-call and is willing to come out whenever he is needed.

DISCUSSION OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayor Stoddard said the Zoning Board is in need of members and if the Board Members know of anyone that would be interested to please let her know.

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

Police Chief D'Agata mentioned that as a new Police Chief he is learning the budget process and that Treasurer Zurawski has been invaluable to him, taking the time out of her busy schedule to work with him and answer his questions.

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

Trustee Feasel mentioned the Christmas wreaths and that he has been meeting with Working Supervisor Lynn Barry

Trustee Mir – No Comment

Trustee Lake said she participated in the Second Annual Sno&W Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, February 26th. She walked the entire three mile O & W Rail Trail.

Mayor Stoddard discussed a new outside sewer user (water supplied by the Town) that will be putting up a building near McDonalds.

Treasurer Zurawski said once they fill out the application to tap into our system the Town will provide the reading to the bill the sewer based on their metered water consumption.

Mayor Stoddard mentioned that Maureen Stabak will be our Rail Trail Alliance and thanked Trustee Feasel for being in contact with her.

Mayor Stoddard said that Heather Jacksy would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss the Rail Trail Program.

Mayor Stoddard said she would like to see the Board pass a resolution of support for Ukraine.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to have Clerk-Treasurer Zurawski draw up a Resolution of Support and once the Board reviews, it will be posted for public view.

**APPROVAL POST AUDIT VOUCHERS
OF BILLS**

FOR PYMT: Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving Post Audit Voucher #1752 to Voucher #1758 in the amount of \$394,823.12.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to receive Attorney Advice and to discuss the employment history of an employee in the Clerk's Office.

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

CONSIDER BI-LINGUAL STIPEND FOR ALICE GONZALEZ – EMPLOYEE #54

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving a \$350.00 Bi-Lingual yearly stipend for Alice Gonzalez.

The stipend will be paid at the next payroll.

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**JUDY H. ZURAWSKI
CLERK-TREASURER**

