

**VILLAGE OF COHOCTON
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm, at the Village Office, 17 South Main Street, Cohocton.

Present were: Mayor: Sandra Azzi, Trustees: Kathy Gray, Mat McCarthy, Josh Schumacher and Al Lewis. Also present were: Maintenance Supervisor Bill Waggoner, Chuck Cagle, Ronald Towner, Wendell Freelove, Dave Pietrucha, Kim Eiffert, Doug Crooker, Dave Fleet and Ed Bezant.

Mayor Azzi opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Schumacher led the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee McCarthy, to approve the August 14, 2024 Special meeting minutes. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

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Reports:

Code Enforcement: Chuck presented.

Went into public comment from here:

Doug Crooker expressed that he feels the code officer is a liability to the Village.

Dave Fleet who owns multiple properties in surrounding towns/villages talked about his experiences with Chuck Cagle and feels that in the end Chuck is only doing what is expected by the Village as their code enforcement officer. They don't always see eye to eye but he has never been harassed by him.

Doug Crooker would like a definition of debris. Claims items on Kim Eiffert's property are not debris.

Trustee McCarthy brought up the motel property being a possible fire hazard. Brooker said as an ex fireman it is all accessible if there ever was a fire.

Mayor Azzi asked Eiffert if she would allow the Board to walk her property to see for themselves. Eiffert did not commit to a date. Azzi said she would discuss with her Board.

Fleet spoke again to say Chuck's demands on a property have more to do with just the property. He doesn't target businesses. His job is to be sure properties are in order per the board properties. For instance, putting up a fence so the street cannot see the dumpster.

Cagle brought up that he had received a complaint from the church next to the motel and have complained about debris in the yard. Cagle will be addressing this issue soon.

Back to Reports:

Street and Water Department: Bill presented.

Planning Board: Report was provided, Board reviewed.

Historian: No report was given.

The motion was made by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lewis to approve the monthly reports as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

The Board discussed the Comprehensive Plan updates. After the Planning Board has their meeting the Village will then set a date for a Public Hearing.

The Board discussed the firefighter/ambulance exemption update. The Board agreed to rewrite it and have it ready for the next meeting to create a new local law for it.

New Business:

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to allow the annual Fall Foliage Festival to use the grounds again this year October 5th & 6th. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee McCarthy to allow the ambulance to use the village office during the festival. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence:

Mayor Azzi received an email from the Mayor of Avoca asking for shared services for water department. Board discussed and Azzi will be responding that we will NOT be the responsible operator in charge.

Public Comment:

Previously noted.

Audit Abstract/Line Item Transfer/Adjustment Report:

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Schumacher authorized the clerk to pay the abstracts as audited:

Abstract 4	General Fund:	Vouchers 51-7	Totaling	\$24,737.58
	Water Fund:	Vouchers 25-33	Totaling	\$2,826.71

Line Item Transfer/Adjustments:
None at this time

Motion carried 5-0.

Audit:

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the audit books for August 2024. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Concerns:

Board discussed adding rules about what can and cannot be dumped at the village shop to the next newsletter that goes out with water bills. Looking into if we need a local law created for brush drop off.

A motion was made by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lewis to waive the building permit fee for the timber frame the school will be putting up at the Cohocton Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee McCarthy to adjourn the monthly board meeting at 8:21 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Kathy Gray (written)
Ashley Adams (typed)
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared September 19, 2024