

**VILLAGE OF COHOCTON  
MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 27, 2020**

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The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm, in the CDC building, 71 Maple Avenue, Cohocton.

Present were: Mayor, Janice Sahrle. Trustees: Wendell Freelove, Sandra Azzi, Nate Martin and Kathryn Gray. Also present were: Village Clerk-Treasurer Katherine Wise, Attorney for the Village Elizabeth Oklevitch, Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Cagle, Mat McCarthy, Terry Mehlenbacher, Rebecca Canfield, Jonas Canfield, Greg Mehlenbacher and Town Supervisor Judy Hall.

Present via video conferencing were: Ethan Bodnaruk from Labella and Associates, Barbara Johnston from Labella and Associates, Clement Chung from Labella and Associates, Sandra Saxton, Josh Schumacher, Lorraine Sanderson, Geraldine Deussenbery, Martha Hall, Elissa Martin and Bill Waggoner.

Mayor Sahrle called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Terry Mehlenbacher led the pledge to the flag.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the April 15, 2020 Budget Hearing minutes, April 15, 2020 Board Meeting minutes and April 17, 2020 Board Meeting continuance minutes. The motion carried 5-0.

**Reports**

The Board reviewed the Code Enforcement Officers report.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Freelove to have the "Cottage Inn" property, located at 2 North Main Street mowed and to levy the cost to the Village tax bill. The motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the Fire Department report.

The Board reviewed the Street report made by Mark Sabins.

The Board reviewed the water report made by Terry Mehlenbacher

There were no planning board minutes.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Gray to accept the monthly reports as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

**New Business**

Ethan Bodnaruk from Labella and Associates presented the preliminary engineering report that was prepared to help address the ongoing high nitrate issue with well 4. He presented three scenarios. Ion exchange, reverse osmosis and connection to the North Cohocton water district. The ion exchange and reverse osmosis were less for capital costs, but had high annual operation and maintenance costs. Connection with North Cohocton water district had higher initial capital cost, but lower annual operation and maintenance costs and would require cooperation and inter-municipal agreements with the Town.

Barbara Johnston from Labella and Associates discussed possible grant funding and timelines needed to meet the funding deadlines.

Town Supervisor Judy Hall was present and was willing to explore the option of connecting the Town and Village water districts, she was going to organize a joint Town and Village meeting with the Mayor.

The NYMIR cyber guide was tabled. Trustee Azzi and Trustee Gray were going to look into it.

The Board reviewed the Williamson Law Book payroll software proposal.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Gray allowing the Mayor to sign the Williamson Law Book payroll software proposal. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Martin allowing the Mayor to sign the Williamson Law Book annual support contract for water billing software. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Freelove to postpone the water shut off date until July 6 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The motion carried 5-0.

### **Old Business**

The Board of Ethics was tabled.

The new ZBA member was tabled.

The personnel policy was tabled.

### **Correspondence**

An email was received from Kim Crosby requesting her late fee be waived because of Covid-19.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to waive the late fee for Kim Crosby's water bill. The motion carried 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

Greg Mehlenbacher was present and requested that something be done about all the dust created by Spallina's gravel pit. The Mayor was going to write a letter to Spallina requesting they use water to better control the dust. The Code Enforcement Officer was going to also check with the DEC about it as well.

Jonas Canfield was present and had a complaint regarding a traffic incident with the Code Enforcement Officer.

### **Audit**

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to pay the abstracts as audited:

General Fund: Vouchers 263-288 totaling \$54,417.06      Water Fund: Vouchers 90-104 totaling \$99,295.85

The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the following line item transfers to the 2019-2020 budget:

General Fund:

\$150 from A1450.4 to A1410.1	\$400 from A5110.43 to A5110.41
\$813 from A5110.43 to A5142.4	\$434 from A5110.43 to A5110.2
\$14,344.94 from A878 to A3410.2	\$2648 from A3410.44 to A3410.43
\$67 from A3410.44 to A3410.41	\$62 from A3410.44 to A3410.47
\$149.72 from A5132.44 to A1910.4	\$4912 from A1990.4 to A1420.1
\$100 from A1110.4 to A1670.4	

Water Fund:

\$600 from F1990.400 to F9060.800	\$3000 from F1910.400 to F8330.400
\$2000 from F1990.400 to F8330.400	

The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the following water bill adjustments:

Account #0263 remove penalty, was paid on time. Account #0060 remove penalty due to Covid-19

The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Frelove, seconded by Trustee Azzi to approve the April 2020 books  
The motion carried 5-0.

**Board Concerns**

Trustee Frelove had received complaints about vehicles going too fast and suggested putting up children at play signs.

Mayor Sahrle suggested putting up a plexi-glass barrier on the Clerk's window.

Trustee Azzi discussed a Village credit card, DOT permit for the fire hall apron and a new stop sign on Church and Larowe Street.

A motion was made by Trustee Frelove, seconded by Trustee Azzi to enter executive session at 9:04 pm to discuss personnel issues. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made Trustee Frelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to exit executive session and enter into regular session at 9:50 pm. The motion carried 5-0. With the following action taken:

A motion was made by Trustee Frelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to offer the Maintenance Supervisor position to Bill Waggoner at a rate of pay of \$21 per hour with a six month probationary period. Mayor Sahrle abstained from voting. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm. The motion carried 5-0.