

**VILLAGE OF COHOCTON
MONTHLY MEETING
August 21, 2019**

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The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm, in the Village Office, 17 South Main Street, Cohocton.

Present were: Mayor, Janice Sahrle. Trustees: Sandra Azzi, Wendell Freelove, Kathryn Gray and Nate Martin. Also present were: Village Clerk-Treasurer Katherine Wise, Attorney for the Village Elizabeth Oklevitch, Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Cagle, Maintenance Supervisor Paul Sabins, Town Councilman Ron Towner, Mike Schafron from Labella and Associates, Barb Johnson from Labella and Associates, Russ Gray and Jake Weiland.

Mayor Sahrle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Russ Gray led the pledge to the flag.

Mike Schafron and Barb Johnson from Labella and Associates were present and discussed the nitrate issue with well 4 and also discussed possible grant and funding opportunities. The first step is an engineering report that would provide two or three solutions for the nitrate problem. The report is expected to cost around \$25,000.

Trustee Azzi left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the July 17, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Reports

Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Cagle reviewed his monthly report with the Village Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Freelove, to sign a new retainer with Mullen and Associates for additional time needed to work on the Rosato property law suit. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Gray, to authorize the mowing of 5 Edgewood Drive and to levy the expense to the property owner's Village taxes. The motion carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed the Fire Department report.

Maintenance Supervisor Paul Sabins reviewed his Street and Water report with the Board.

The Board reviewed the Planning Board minutes.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the monthly reports as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence

A correspondence was received from the CDC regarding the Fall Foliage Festival.

A motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Freelove to allow the CDC use of the

Village Office, streets, greens and fire hall for the annual Fall Foliage Festival. The motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment

Jake Weiland was present and questioned the purpose of the fence that the Village is putting up.

Mayor Sahrle stated that she donated the fence and explained that erecting a fence has been discussed for a number of years but instances that occurred last year have made the fence necessary for the protection of Town and Village property as well as protection from potential liability issues.

Audit

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to pay the abstracts as audited, excluding voucher # 70:

General Fund: Vouchers 49-82 totaling \$22,155.34 Water Fund: Vouchers 16-25 totaling \$3,034.12

The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Frelove, seconded by Trustee Gray to approve the July 2019 books as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

The Board tabled taking over the Village Office building and the Town and Village fire contract until the September meeting as we await a response from the Town Board.

New Business

A discussion was held regarding the new NYS sexual harassment and harassment training.

A motion was made by Trustee Frelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to enter into executive session at 8:09 pm to discuss personnel issues and potential litigation. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Frelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to exit executive session and enter into regular session at 8:45 pm. The motion carried 4-0, with the following action taken:

A motion was made by Trustee Frelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to pay the invoice from Firehouse apparatus in the amount of \$3952.03. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin for the Clerk-Treasurer to write a letter to the Deputy Clerk outlining employee responsibilities. The motion carried 4-0.

Board Concerns

Trustee Frelove suggested using jersey barriers as a property line marker for the pump house property and is going to Auburn to visit a company that makes them.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Frelove, seconded by Trustee Gray, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm. The motion carried 4-0.