

**VILLAGE OF COHOCTON  
MONTHLY MEETING  
October 21, 2020**

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The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm, at the CDC building 71 Maple Avenue, Cohocton.

Present were: Mayor, Janice Sahrle. Trustees: Sandra Azzi, Nate Martin, Kathryn Gray and Mathew McCarthy. Also present were: Village Clerk-Treasurer Katherine Wise, Attorney for the Village Elizabeth Oklevitch, Maintenance Supervisor Bill Waggoner, Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Cagle, Terry Mehlenbacher, RJ Curry, Officer Hines, Gail Roberts, Damian Roberts, Josh Schumacher, Braxton Middleton, Richard Weber, Lorraine Weber, Vincent Vogt, Pam Vogt, Conway Slayton, Sharon Slayton, Jeff Cassim and Bill Sick.

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

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the September 23, 2020 annual organizational minutes and September 23, 2020 Board meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

**Reports**

Chuck Cagle reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer's report.

Bill Waggoner reviewed the Fire Department report for the last time as Fire Chief.

Bill Waggoner reviewed the Street Department report.

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Martin to forgive the NYS Department of Transportation's water bill and in return the DOT will clean the Village's drainage pipes. The motion carried 5-0.

Terry Mehlenbacher reviewed the Water Department report.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee McCarthy to make the necessary repairs to the pump house and change from three inch line to four inch lines. The motion carried 5-0.

The Board was in agreement to send Bill Waggoner to water training school in September 2021.

The board reviewed the planning board minutes.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin to accept the monthly reports as presented, the fire department officers (listed below) and to allow the Mayor to sign the fire department's red light letters. The motion carried 5-0.

2020-2021 Fire Department Officers:

Chief	RJ Curry
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief	Walt Feely
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief	Brad Feely
3 <sup>rd</sup> Asst. Chief	Josh Schumacher
Captain	Doug Magin

Lieutenant	Braxton Middleton
Lieutenant	Bruce Beach
President	Brent Bixby
Vice President	Ashley Schwingel
Treasurer	Jim Feely
Secretary	Tina Goodwin

Executive Board:

Heather Feely  
Ted Walker  
Stephanie Feely

### **Correspondence**

A thank you card was received from the family of Brian Kuhn.

A correspondence was received from Beverly Searls requesting an adjustment to her water bill. Her bill was high due to her water softener.

A motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Azzi to adjust Beverly Searls' water bill by averaging her last three water bills. The motion carried 5-0.

A letter of resignation was received from Mike Gilman Jr. from his Officer status.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee McCarthy allowing the Mayor to sign the William Law Book accounting support contract. The motion carried 5-0.

### **Old Business**

A discussion was held regarding Larrin Lane. The Code Enforcement Officer's report stated that there are no code or zoning violations on Larrin Lane, the conflict is outside the Village's jurisdiction and is on private property.

### **New Business**

The PESH hazard communication program was turned over to Trustee Martin and Trustee McCarthy to work on.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **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 100-120 totaling \$35,378.57  
Water fund: Vouchers 37-43 totaling \$1951.64

The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Gray to approve the following line item transfers to the 2020-2021 budget:

General Fund:

\$50 from A1990.4 to A1920.4  
\$237 from A3410.44 to A3410.46  
\$5146 from A5110.43 to A5112.2  
\$3409.47 from A5410.4 A5112.2

The motion carried 5-0.

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

Account # 0165 Schumacher overestimated adjusted to \$96  
Account # 0332 Wilkins remove billing, water was off.  
Account # 0110 Fogg remove billing just had final reading  
Account # 0177 Slover over estimated adjusted to \$126  
Account # 0149 Mathews meter was backwards, error calculating bill adjusted to \$96

The motion carried 5-0.

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

### **Board Concerns**

Trustee Gray thanked Bill Waggoner and Wendell Freelove for their years of service with the Village.

Trustee McCarthy had questions regarding the repair of the one ton. The Board discussed the repairs needed for both trucks.

The Board ordered no unnecessary spending for all Village Departments.

Trustee Martin received a quote from Superior Plus for propone for \$1.49 per gallon. The Board would like two more quotes.

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Martin to make the necessary repairs to the Village trucks not to exceed \$5000 for both trucks. The motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Martin discussed the removal of the sign the Village placed on Larrin Lane.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray seconded by Trustee Martin in the interest of public safety to place a temporary barricade at the end of Larrin Lane. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Gray to enter into executive session at 8:52 pm to discuss personnel issues. Elizabeth Oklevitch and Katherine Wise were invited to stay. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to exit executive session and enter into regular session at 9:15 pm with the following action taken. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to hire Mark Schwingel at \$16 per hour with a six month probation. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Martin, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm. The motion carried 5-0.

Katherine M Wise  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared: October 28, 2020