

**VILLAGE OF COHOCTON
MONTHLY MEETING
December 3, 2019**

The special meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm, in the Village Office, 17 South Main Street, 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, Maintenance Supervisor Paul Sabins, Fire Chief Bill Waggoner, Bonnie Burdin, Francis Feely, Mike Gilman Jr., Matt McCarthy, Josh Schumacher, Eden Schumacher, Jean Wise and Larry Wise.

Mayor Sahrle called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Bill Waggoner led the pledge to the flag.

Mayor Sahrle received an apology letter from Francis Feely as required for his reinstatement into the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Azzi, to reinstate Francis Feely into the Fire Department. Just the apology letter is sufficient, the anger management is no longer required. He will be subject to Fire Department approval as well as a six month probationary period. The motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the position of the Maintenance Supervisor and whether it is an appointed position or a non-competitive employee position.

Bonnie Burdin addressed the Board regarding the Maintenance Supervisor position and disagreed with the non-competitive classification. Her brother was in the position for 32 years and has gone through this with every new Mayor and now her nephew is going through it.

Paul Sabins stated if he is an employee Supervisor he has a right to join the union.

Elizabeth stated that the position can be either appointed or employee and she will research it.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to enter into executive session at 6:10 pm to discuss personnel issues. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to exit executive session, and enter into regular session at 7:24 pm, with following action taken:

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Azzi to investigate and recommend mediation. The motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Azzi asked when the jersey barriers will be going up around the well house property. They will be going up in the spring.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Gray to hire Moody to investigate the casing of well 4. The motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Azzi requested that the maintenance department take down the flags and put the Christmas banners up.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Freelove, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm. The motion carried 5-0.

Katherine M Wise
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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