

VILLAGE OF COHOCTON

MONTHLY MEETING

FEBRUARY 19TH 2020

The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 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 Deputy Clerk Judy Carey, Attorney for the Village Elizabeth Oklevitch, Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Cagle, Fire Chief Bill Waggoner, Ron Towner, Dave Pietrucha, Highway Superintendent Paul Sabins, Mark Sabins, Bonnie Burdin and Town Board member Jan Kastsberg.

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

David Pietrucha led the pledge to the Flag.

Minutes – Minutes from January 15th and the special meeting which was held February 11th were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Wendell Freelove to approve the minutes from the December as presented. These minutes had neglected to be approved at the January meeting. Seconded by Trustee Martin, motion carried. Motion was made by Wendell Freelove to approve the January 15th minutes, seconded by Trustee Martin, motion carried. Motion was made by Wendell Freelove to approve the special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Gray, motion carried.

Reports

Chuck Cagle gave an oral report plus had a written report. Discussion on the status of the Cottage Inn was brought up, the building will be on the tax sale with the County.

The Board reviewed the Fire Department report and the Planning Board minutes. The Fire department presented 2 applications, one for the Fire department, the other for the Fire department Auxiliary.

The Street/Water report was orally given by Paul Sabins. Mentioned were that the trucks are both down with various issues, parts being replace and repaired. Hopefully they will be back soon. Discussed were having Drivers License numbers on file in case of any incidents during work hours for Sprague Insurance, Paul is working on this. Need expiration and ID numbers.

Well 4 is still being a problem, discussed was going ahead with Moody's as far as having a camera be lowered into the well too see what problems are lurking down below.

Motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the Fire Department applications and all reports. Motion carried.

Old Business

Board of Ethics needs updating and both the Board of Ethics and ZBA member positions need to be advertised on the Line Open Facebook and the Village webpage once again.

Personnel Policy tabled.

Audit of the 2019 Justice books to be done by the March meeting.

Motion was made by Wendell Freelove to hire Geraldine Deusenbery and Lisa Parker as Election Inspectors for the March 18th election with the pay rate being minimum wage.

Seconded by Trustee Gray, motion carried.

New Business

The Personnel Policy was discussed, updating the Compensation Time section at this time.

Audit of the 2019 Justice Books has been tabled at this time.

Motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Wendell Freelove to approve Judge Snyder's letter to attend the annual Justice training, motion carried.

The PERMA 2019 payroll audit was discussed. The Board would like to see an independent person perform this in April.

Correspondence

A letter was received by Sandy Azzi regarding having her water meter moved to her home since it has been located in the neighbors' yard for many years. The issue was discussed with Paul Sabins who is aware of the problem.

An estimate was received from Moody's regarding the estimate for the well casing for Well 4. Motion was made by Wendell Freelove to go ahead with the project, seconded by Trustee Gray. Motion carried.

Wayland Area Revitalization had sent a letter to let the Village know that they are organizing once again.

Public Comment

Jan Kastsberg was interested in the status of the suit against the Village from when he was on the Village Board. No information at this time. Also inquired about a State investigation that was being done by the Village, no details on this subject from the Board.

Budget meeting to be held March 4th at 5:30 pm at the Village Office. The Village Attorney suggested contacting a Village Clerk from another office- per diem, to help with the Budget since the Deputy Clerk has no experience in this subject.

Audit

January line item transfers –

- \$176.00 from A1990.4 (cont. act) to A1325.46 (website)
- \$1261.00 from A3410.44 (FD Bldg Mtce) to A3410.2 (FD equip)
- Pd from wrong acct. \$740.00 from A3410.44 to A3620.2
- \$132.00 from A5110.43 to A5110.41
- \$341.00 from A5110.43 to A5132.2
- \$44.00 from A1990.4 to A8010.4 (zoning)
- \$320.00 from F1990.4 to F8330.400

Motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Wendell Freelove to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay the abstracts as audited. Motion carried.

Audit of the January 2019 Books and February Books to be done at the March meeting.

BOARD CONCERNS

Trustee Gray spoke of changing health insurance to the first day of hire.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Freelove to enter into executive session, part 1 at 8:15 pm to discuss personnel issues. Judy Carey, Paul Sabing, Mark Sabins and Elizabeth Oklevitch were invited to attend. The motion carried 5-0.

Executive session, part 2 consisted of the Board, Paul Sabins and Village Attorney Elizabeth Okleviecik, Judy Carey and Mark Sabins were excused. Minutes were continued by Trustee Gray.

Executive session part 3, the Board and Elizabeth O, Paul Sabins was excused.

Motion was made at 10:10 pm to come out of executive session by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to extend Mark Sabin's probation in order to give him additional time to train for his CDL license. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Gray to approve a voucher to reimburse Mark Sabins for lost CDL test fee of \$40.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin, meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes prepared by Judith Carey – Village Deputy Clerk