

**VILLAGE OF COHOCTON**  
**MONTHLY**  
**April 14, 2021**

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The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2021 at 6:45 pm, at the CDC building 71 Maple Avenue, Cohocton.

Present were: Mayor: Sandra Azzi. Trustees: Nate Martin, Mathew McCarthy, Wendell Freelove, Kathryn Gray. Also present were: Clerk Treasurer Katherine Wise, Attorney for the Village Elizabeth Oklevitch, Maintenance Supervisor Bill Waggoner, Terry Mehlenbacher, Brad Feely, Ray Schrader, Dave Pietrucha, Jim VanWormer and RJ Curry.

Mayor Azzi called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion carried 5-0.

**Reports**

No Code Enforcement Officer report was received.

The Board reviewed the Fire Department report.

The Board reviewed the Street report and discussed installing natural gas at the Village Barns and the purchase of a 2021 Chevy 6500.

The Board reviewed the Water report.

No Planning Board minutes were received.

The Board reviewed the annual Historian's report.

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

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Martin to move forward with the purchase of a 2021 Chevy 6500 4x4, with ten foot western plow, eleven foot box and stainless steel sander for \$94,949. The motion carried 5-0.

**Correspondence**

A correspondence was received from Richard Weber requesting his water bill be adjusted due to a water leak.

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Freelove to adjust Richard Weber's water bill by averaging the last three water bills. The new bill is \$96. The motion carried 5-0.

**Old Business**

The Justice books were tabled until the April meeting.

The water committee is going to review the water rates and report back to the Board.

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Freelove to adopt the 2021-2022 budget and wage scale. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee McCarthy to levy the 2021-2022 taxes and maintenance charges to the 2021-2022 tax roll. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin allowing the Mayor to execute the 2021-2022 tax warrant. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to adopt Steuben County's hazard mitigation plan. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Martin to add Mayor Sandra Azzi and Katherine Wise as signatories to the Village bank accounts. The motion carried 5-0.

Dave Pietrucha and Ray Schrader discussed proposed changes to the Zoning Law that would make it easier to rebuild on lots that would now be considered undersized.

A discussion was held regarding an easement needed to install natural gas to the Village Barn.

## **Public Comment**

Elizabeth Oklevitch discussed the old cottage inn building.

## **Audit**

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

General Fund: Vouchers 20236-254 totaling \$24,603.43  
Water fund: Vouchers 83-91 totaling \$90,622.78

The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Gray to approve the following line item transfers:

General Fund:	\$232 from A1620.4 to A1110.4
	\$150 from A3410.44 to A3410.41
	\$1416.03 from A9060.8 to A5110.41
	\$163 from A5132.43 to A5132.44
	\$90 from A5132.43 to A5132.45
Water Fund:	\$239 from F1990.4 to F8340.400
	\$15 from F1990.4 to F9055.8

The motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Freelove to approve the April 2021 books. The motion carried 5-0.

## **Board Concerns**

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Gray to enter into executive session regarding employment matters at 8:19 pm. Elizabeth Oklevitch, Katherine Wise and RJ Curry were invited to stay for the session. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Freelove, seconded by Trustee Martin to exit executive session and enter regular session at 9:14 pm. With the following action taken: The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin to table the fire department election results until the May meeting to gather additional information. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee McCarthy, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm. The motion carried 5-0.

Katherine M. Wise  
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared: April 20, 2021