

**VILLAGE OF COHOCTON
MONTHLY MEETING
September 23, 2020**

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The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7:13 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, Ron Towner, Wendell Frelove, Conway Slayton, Sharon Slayton, Jeff Wise, Doug Landis, Paul Wolcott, Gail Roberts, Damian Roberts, Pam Vogt, Vince Vogt, Suzy Kesel and Craig Phelps.

Mayor Sahrle called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the August 19, 2020 minutes. The motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Chuck Cagle reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer's report. The Cottage Inn is not going to be on the tax auction for unpaid taxes as the building is in too poor condition. The County however can sell it to the Village.

The Board reviewed the Fire Department report.

The Board reviewed the Street report. Bill Waggoner wanted to thank Spallina, and the Towns of Cohocton, South Bristol and Wayland.

Trustee McCarthy read the water report, the tank inspection report and discussed possible well sites.

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 and the fire department application. The motion carried 5-0.

New Business

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Azzi to keep the current health insurance policy and to change the Village's health insurance broker to Sprague Insurance. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to wave the yard sale permit requirement from October 2 to October 4, 2020. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the fall 2020 newsletter as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

Trustee McCarthy and Trustee Martin are going to review the annual Town and Village fire contract.

Discussion regarding bond counsel was tabled.

The open ZBA and Ethic's Board positions are to continue to be posted.

The personnel policy was tabled.

The credit card policy was tabled.

Correspondence

The Village Clerk read the correspondence received from The Robert's family and the Vogt family regarding truck traffic from Cohocton Valley Mills on Larrin Lane.

Public Comment

Conway Slayton and Bill Sick thanked Bill Waggoner for the great job he is doing in the Village and discussed with the Board what they are trying to do at Cohocton Valley Mills. They are trying to bring back the Mill and are upgrading it to compete in today's market. They have been using Larrin Lane as an alternative to the trucks blocking Mill Street for loading and unloading.

The Vogt and Roberts families were present and discussed their concerns regarding their property being trespassed on, and safety concerns with the use of Larrin Lane as a truck route.

Paul Wolcott spoke regarding the importance of agriculture in our community and was concerned about the Village setting a precedent about road use within the Village.

Doug Landis is in support of farming and stated that we need to be able to access with current commercial traffic and the mill needs to adapt to try and sustain themselves.

Craig Phelps is a partner with Conway Slayton and Bill Sick and wants to be a good community member and work together and be safe.

Gayle Roberts stated that her home will be destroyed if Larrin Lane is used for a truck route and wants the mill to use other options.

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 76-99 totaling \$49,343.98
Water fund: Vouchers 26-36 totaling \$7150.70

The motion carried 5-0.

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

General Fund:

\$50 from A1990.4 to A1920.4

The motion carried 5-0.

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

Board Concerns

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to enter into executive session at 8:38 pm to discuss potential litigation. Elizabeth Oklevitch and Katherine Wise were invited to stay. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee McCarthy to exit executive session and enter into regular session at 9:11 pm. It was reiterated that the executive session was for legal advice. There was no action taken. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Martin, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm. The motion carried 5-0.

Katherine M Wise
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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