

**VILLAGE OF COHOCTON
MONTHLY MEETING
September 18, 2019**

The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm, in the Village Office, 17 South Main Street, Cohocton.

Present were: Deputy Mayor, Wendell Freelove. Trustees: Sandra Azzi and Nate Martin. Trustee, Kathryn Gray arrived at 7:08 pm. Mayor, Janice Sahrle was absent. Also present were: Village Clerk-Treasurer Katherine Wise, Deputy Clerk Judy Carey, Attorney for the Village Elizabeth Oklevitch, Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Cagle, Maintenance Supervisor Paul Sabins, Town Councilman Ron Towner, Dan Miller from Sprague Insurance, Mike Schafron from Labella and Associates, Ethan Bodnaruk from Labella and Associates, Mike Gilman Jr., RJ Curry and Josh Schumacher.

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

Chuck Cagle led the pledge to the flag.

Trustee Gray arrived at 7:08 pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the August 21, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Reports

Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Cagle reviewed his monthly report with the Village Board.

Fire Chief Bill Waggoner reviewed his monthly report with the Village Board. A discussion was held about why the invoice repair was denied at last month's meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin to pay the invoice for the repair of the Fire Department's ATV. The motion carried 4-0.

Street and Water Supervisor Paul Sabins gave an oral monthly report.

The Board reviewed the Planning Board minutes.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Gray to approve the monthly reports as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

New Business

Dan Miller from Sprague Insurance presented a high deductible health insurance plan that would be combined with a Village funded HSA account. Trustee Azzi and Trustee Gray are going to review the plans and report back to the Board at the October meeting.

Mike Schafron from Labella and Associates presented a funding applications proposal.

Ethan Bodnaruk from Labella and Associates presented a nitrate feasibility and cost analysis proposal.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the fall 2019 newsletter. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Gray to set December 5, 2019 as the water shut off date for the October 2019 water billing. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Gray allowing the Deputy Mayor to sign the propane price agreement with Superior energy. The motion carried 3-0. Trustee Martin recused himself.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to advertise for two members for the Village Ethics Board. The Board will consist of two Village residents and one Village Trustee. The motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Freelove appointed Trustee Azzi and Trustee Gray to the personnel committee to review the Personnel Policy.

Old Business

The Board tabled taking over the Village Office building and the Town and Village fire contract.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin to enter into executive session at 8:01 pm to discuss personnel issues and potential litigation. Judy Carey and Chuck Cagle were invited to stay for their portions of the sessions. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Azzi to exit executive session and enter into regular session at 9:01 pm. The motion carried 4-0, with the following action taken:

A motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Azzi to postpone litigation in Steuben County Court of Joseph Rosato, the property owner of 2 North Main Street, and to pursue the property violations in Village of Cohocton Court. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin to grant Andrew Sick a personnel day. The motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Audit

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

General Fund: Vouchers 83-106 totaling \$57,751.03 Water Fund: Vouchers 26-34 totaling \$22,290.92

The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Gray to approve the following line item transfers to the 2019-2020 budget:

General Fund: \$24 from A3410.44 to A34.10.43 \$141 from A1990.4 to A3620.4
Water Fund: \$390 from F1990.4 to F9730.7

The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the August 2019 books. The motion carried 4-0.

Board Concerns

Deputy Mayor Freelove and Trustee Azzi attended a meeting with Assembly woman Marjorie Barnes regarding wind and solar farms. He also visited with Wayland Chief of Police Kerry Pebbles and discussed the speed signs at the school as well as side by side ATVs.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Freelove, seconded by Trustee Gray, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. The motion carried 4-0.

Katherine M Wise
Village Clerk-Treasurer

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