

The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm, at the CDC building 71 Maple Avenue, Cohocton.

Present were: Deputy Mayor, Mathew McCarthy. Trustees: Sandra Azzi, Nate Martin and Kathryn Gray. Mayor Janice Sahrle was absent. Also present were: Village Clerk-Treasurer Katherine Wise, Attorney for the Village Elizabeth Oklevitch, Maintenance Supervisor Bill Waggoner, Fire Chief RJ Curry, Terry Mehlenbacher, Mark Schwingel, Wendell Freelove, Dave Pietrucha, Brent Bixby, Ethan Bodnaruk from Labella and Barbara Johnson from Labella.

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

Everyone led the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Gray, to approve the November 18, 2020 Board meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Ethan Bodnaruk and Barb Johnson from Labella was present and discussed applying for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund a new well next to well 3. If approved for funding, the grant could potentially cover all the cost. They also discussed new well locations and hooking into the North Cohocton Water District.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The following resolution was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded Trustee Martin:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Village of Cohocton to submit applications for the 2021 New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and

WHEREAS, the process for CDBG applications involves holding one public hearing prior to submission of any 2021 CDBG grant applications to provide residents with information about the CDBG program and to discuss community development needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, residents are invited to attend the hearing to assist the Village in defining community development priorities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Cohocton will hold a Public Hearing on the CDBG program at the CDC Building, 71 Maple Avenue, Cohocton, NY, 14826 at 6:30 pm on February 2, 2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk publish or cause to be published a Public Hearing notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said Public Hearing.

The voting was as follows:

Deputy Mayor McCarthy
Trustee Azzi

Aye
Aye

Trustee Gray	Aye
Trustee Martin	Aye
Mayor Sahrle	Absent

The motion carried 4-0.

Reports

The Board reviewed the December Code Enforcement Officer report, the January report was not received.

The Board reviewed the December and January Fire Department report.

The Board reviewed the December and January Street report.

The Board reviewed the December and January Water report.

The Board reviewed the Planning Board minutes.

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Azzi to accept the reports as presented, appoint Ray Schrader to a two year term to the Planning Board and to advertise and begin to accept letters of interest for the opening of Village Alternate Planning Board member. The motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence

December correspondences were received from the Presbyterian Church and Donegan Inc.

An email was received from the NYS Department of Transportation was received regarding shared services.

A motion was made Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Martin to ratify the shared services agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation. The motion carried 4-0.

A letter was received from Steuben County Soil and Water regarding the cleanup of the Cohocton River.

A letter was received from Wendell Freelove concerning a conflict of interest with Trustee McCarthy and his working for and drawing salaries from both the Village and the North Cohocton Water District. The Attorney for the Village was going to look into the matter further.

Old Business

The PESH hazard communication program was tabled.

The Personnel Policy was reviewed and tabled.

New Business

Trustee McCarthy and Trustee Azzi are going to work on the NYS Public Health Emergency Plan.

Justice Anger's Court Clerk request was denied at this time, as it was not budgeted for. He is welcome to include it in his 2021-2022 budget proposal.

Trustee Azzi and Trustee Gray are to begin working on the annual audit of the Justice books.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Gray to appoint Geraldine Deussenbery and Blair Hall as election inspectors for the March 16, 2021 Village election at a rate of pay at \$130 each per day. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion as made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Azzi to approve the American Legion's games of chance license. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Azzi, seconded by Trustee Martin to hold the Village Election on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the CDC building, 71 Maple Avenue, from noon until 9:00 pm. The motion carried 4-0.

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:

December 2020 General Fund: Vouchers 141- 160 totaling \$38,921.33
 Water fund: Vouchers 52-57 totaling \$1130.97

January 2021 General Fund: Vouchers 161-185 totaling \$13,591.13
 Water Fund: Vouchers 58-67 totaling \$8429.93

The motion carried 4-0.

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

General Fund: \$10 from A8540.4 to A5110.43
 \$45 from A8540.4 to A5110.47
 \$2572 from A3410.44 to A3410.2
 \$2000 from A5110.42 to A5110.41
 \$2177 from A9010.8 to A5110.41

Water Fund: \$1435 from F1990.4 to F8340.400

The motion carried 4-0

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Azzi to approve the December 2020 and January 2021 books. The motion carried 4-0.

Board Concerns

There were no Board Concerns.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Azzi, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm. The motion carried 4-0.