

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, March 9, 2021** at the Village Office 4:08 pm.

Present: Mayor Richard Scholl; Trustees Eric Jarvis, Shaun Akin, Michael Bennett, Judy Mullady; Deputy Clerk, Kelli Bingel, Account Clerk, Virginia Powers

Mayor Scholl discussed the **grant documentation** received from the Clinton County Health Department for **Complete Streets**. Trustee Bennett introduced **Resolution 22-03-09-01** to allow the Mayor to sign the documentation for \$7,813.35 in grant funds; seconded by Trustee Mullady. Mayor-yes, Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mullady-yes. Resolution carried.

The board discussed the decision to **change the name of Cook Street to State Route 374** in their last regular meeting at the request of Clinton County EMS. The board members have received many comments and concerns regarding this decision. The Mayor contacted the NYCOM attorney and found that a public hearing, nor local law is required. The board decided a specific meeting should be set up for that purpose and will set a meeting on March 30/31. Kelly Donoghue will come back to present again, and the attorney sent a slide show that can be presented to residents/attendees. There are two sides to this issue – public health and Village history.

Trustee Bennett and Mayor Scholl met with the Clinton Correctional superintendent, Donita McIntosh, regarding the plot of **land across from the car wash** and other topics. She is required to have consent from Albany to attend local meetings since she is a resident. She requested copies of any documentation that can be provided. The patent letter originally issued had a time limit of two years; we will probably have to get another issued. May have to go to our local representative, Dan Stec and possibly request one with a longer term to get it accomplished. Trustee Akin to follow up. She also advised the state will fix the **hydrant by the skating rink**. She is unaware of any projects being done by the state on Flagg Street. Work on the Barker tunnel is not on her list of projects either. She confirmed that **North Emmons above Cook Street is owned by the State**. The Mayor and Tr. Bennett offered to maintain it but cannot pave it. She would like it to be paved, so there is discussion to work together and schedule this. Tr. Bennett asked if the Village could ticket cars on that portion of Emmons since it was owned by the state. Mayor Scholl confirmed that the Village can ticket any street within municipal boundaries. The superintendent also confirmed the dredging project will be accomplished working with OGS, but she would like to be informed of the progress.

Trustee Akin shared that the Village was able to get extra items from the grant – a **planter and garbage can** (valued at \$1,717.30) that match the other items received in the grant.

Mayor Scholl appointed **Lacey LaBombard as Recreation Supervisor**, effective immediately, at the salary of \$3,000 annually to be paid bi-monthly. Tr. Mullady made the motion, seconded by Trustee Akin. All were in favor; motion carried.

Trustee Akin informed the board that the **ice rink is now closed** for the season.

The board resumed discussion on the **upcoming budget**. The EMS supervisor is working on obtaining more information on local contracts and the fire district bill in the Senate was reviewed and EMS contracts discussed. EMS budget was again tabled until the EMS supervisor can meet

with the Deputy Clerk to answer some questions on the submitted budget. The board is concerned about the cost of gas/diesel due to the current political climate and discussed how to budget. Also discussed was keeping the current ambulance viable as a second call ambulance and what would be needed to do so.

The Mayor shared that the tax cap is in the legislature to be changed, but this information is unknown. It is not a true 2%. The Mayor and Clerk will keep the board updated as more information is available.

The **CDL course** was reviewed by Tr. Bennett, who indicated it was going to be \$3500 and 30 hours, done in one week. The board discussed paying for this for employees, as long as there was a contract in place to remain employed for one year after receiving the license or paying the money back if the employee left Village employment. This will be discussed during the upcoming policy review this year. The village would also have to pay the employee's time while in school. They also discussed how third-party vendors may be applicable to this process.

Discussion on employee base **pay rates** was resumed.

Trustee Akin made a motion at 6:45 pm to adjourn to executive session to discuss a specific employee, seconded by Tr. Bennett. Motion carried. Tr. Mullady made the motion to adjourn executive session at 6:55 pm; seconded by Tr. Jarvis. Motion carried. Coming out of executive session, Mayor Scholl stated that all Worker's Compensation medical evaluations would be reviewed by the Attorney.

Tr. Akin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tr. Bennett. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.