

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Scholl; Trustee Jarvis; Trustee Akin; Trustee Bennett; Attorney Matthew Douthat; Deputy Clerk, Kelli Bingel; Chief WWTP Operator, Larry Carrow

Excused: Tr. Mullady; Clerk-Treasurer, Donna Taylor

Tr. Bennett made the motion, seconded by Tr. Jarvis, to accept the **minutes** of the previous meeting. All were in favor; motion carried.

Tr. Jarvis introduced **Resolution No. 22-02-02-01** to approve Mayor Scholl signing the **bond counsel contract for the ambulance purchase** up to \$7,950.00, with **Hodgson Russ, LLP**. Tr. Akin seconded upon roll call vote: Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes. Resolution carried.

Tr. Bennett offered **Resolution No. 22-02-02-02** to take out the bond for the purchase of the ambulance not to exceed the amount of \$260,000.00 from Vander Molen. Tr. Jarvis seconded upon roll call vote: Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes. Resolution carried. The public hearing will be advertised and held on February 23, 2022, at 4:00 pm at the Community Center.

The **Spectrum phone system** was discussed. Due to changing needs in the departments not in the Community Center, the project is on hold. We need to determine all requirements for each offsite department before the system is finalized to ensure everyone has what is needed. There is now a new Project Manager for Spectrum, so we need to make sure that person is caught up as well. The deputy clerk will follow up and keep everyone informed.

The deputy clerk provided a **map of the area requested by the snowmobile club** at last month's meeting to the attorney. Attorney Douthat requested clarification on the map of the location of the request. The discussion was tabled until the board is informed of the decisions of the other land owners who are involved.

Tr. Bennett made the motion to accept the mayor's appointment of **Dante Smith as Temporary On Call EMT/Driver** at \$14.25 per hour, seconded by Tr. Jarvis. All were in favor; motion carried.

Tr. Jarvis made the motion to accept the mayor's appointment of **Virginia Powers as Permanent Part-Time Account Clerk-Typist**, working 20 hours/week at \$15.00, seconded by Tr. Bennett. All were in favor; motion carried.

The board discussed the broken fire hydrant near the ice rink. Tr. Jarvis to contact Corrections to address.

Mayor Scholl made the motion to accept the **resignation of Lindsey Nolette** as Recreation Supervisor effective February 9. All were in favor; motion carried. Tr. Akin made the motion to **hire Kristina O'Neill** on a stipend for \$250/month to get us through the basketball/ice rink season and until a new Supervisor can be hired. Tr. Bennett made the motion, seconded by Tr. Jarvis; all were in favor; motion carried. Mayor Scholl said there is an interested party, but if that doesn't work out, we can advertise again. Tr. Akin also asked for consideration on paying the Recreation Supervisor bi-monthly, as it is a year-round position. The Deputy Clerk will follow up with Clinton County Personnel.

Budget meetings for the upcoming fiscal year were set on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm, as follows:

February 9 – will discuss Public Works and Waste Water Treatment Plant; February 16 – EMS and Fire Department; February 23 – will be held after public hearing. Employee evaluations should be completed by March 1, per the Mayor. The tentative budget is due by March 21.

Larry Carrow has submitted a request for a 0.50/hour raise for **Jeremy Garsow**, who has obtained his **water license** while completing his apprenticeship. This would bring him to \$17.00/hour. Tr. Jarvis made the motion and Tr. Bennett seconded; all were in favor; motion carried.

A request was received to abate the water/sewer bill for the property recently burned on Emmons Street. Discussion was held regarding when the building will be coming down and occupancy. The Mayor said he would have the Code Enforcement Officer reach out to the owner for this information. Requested tabled until then.

Tr. Akin provided a map with **crosswalk placement** for review. Discussion was held on cost, hiring an artist and potential additional locations. Tr. Akin responded that additional locations may not be covered in the grant. The grant will also provide for 4 dog waste stations for the Village parks. Tr. Akin also shared that he is speaking with the Town of Dannemora regarding a possible donation of Kanaly Park to the Village. He is following up with the fire department, as it was previously offered to them for a potential station location. The Mayor reminded everyone that it would have to be annexed by the Village. Discussion was held on whether this would create a tax issue. There must also be follow up with regard to the park being part of the Adirondack Park. Tr. Akin shared that the Beautification Committee would like to see this park utilized as a dog park, with solar lighting posts and a walking path.,

Tr. Bennett and Tr. Jarvis met with Bruce Barber regarding the **EMS/Fire Department building** needs. They have started the process of forming a committee with the fire department on a new building. They are growing out of the current building and need a new pumper. Makes sense to have the correct building to house the new equipment. They have taken the first step to forming the committee and would like 3 participants from the Board and from the Fire Department. Tr. Jarvis made the motion to appoint a **Fire Department Building Committee**. The board representatives will be Trustees Akin, Bennett and Jarvis. All were in favor; motion carried. Trustees will inform the fire department and get a determination on the fire department members to participate on the committee.

Discussion was also held regarding updating the **EMS contract with Saranac**. Tr. Bennett and Tr. Jarvis will review with the EMS Supervisor. Currently, it is the potential plan to temporarily house the EMS staff elsewhere and then move them into the current fire department building. Potential locations were discussed, including the old office/salon, community center, and Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Scholl requested a status update on the **Manley/Cook Street** situation with running water and ice. Larry said the pipes were frozen and they have been jetting them as they thaw. Discussion was held regarding the drain at the bottom of Manley being addressed as well.

Tr. Akin offered **Resolution No. 22-02-02-03** to pay the **bills** on Abstract No. 9 for a total of \$31,192.66. Tr. Bennett seconded upon roll call vote: Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mayor Scholl-yes. Resolution Carried.

Tr. Jarvis made the motion, seconded by Tr. Akin, to adjourn at 9:28 PM; all were in favor, motion carried.