

REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022, at the Village office at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Scholl, Trustees Akin, Bennett, Jarvis, and Mullady, Attorney Douthat, Kelli Bingel, Deputy Clerk

Guests: Nick Pain, Fire Chief, Marc Woodward, Assistant Fire Chief, Larry Carrow, Chief WWTP Operator, Corey Akin

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

An update on the **EMS building** was given by Mayor Scholl. Norm Dandurand went back to the engineer for new drawings are being made to include the addition of 10 feet to the building for two additional offices. He had also spoken with the Town of Ellenburg who purchased materials and built the building. Norm and Eric will be attending a meeting on 9/13 at 6:00 pm at Ellenburg Depot for more information. This information will be discussed at the October meeting.

Updates to budgeted costs and dates need to be made to the Town of Dannemora Fire contracts. When this is complete, a copy should also go to the Dannemora Fire Department for their approval. Trustee Mullady introduced **Resolution 22-09-07-01 to allow the Mayor to sign the Town of Dannemora Fire and EMS contracts**, seconded by Trustee Bennett. Roll call vote: Mayor-yes, Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mullady-yes. Resolution carried.

Kelli Bingel advised the board that the insurance premium for the dog park would be \$25.00, based on the information provided by Trustee Akin. No other information is available on mowing. It is currently being done by the Town of Dannemora. There has been a bid of \$240 to mow the dog park from a local vendor, per Trustee Akin. The board decided to hold off on fencing until October. Trustee Bennett feels volunteers can be found. Trustee Bennett introduced **Resolution 22-09-07-02 to allow the Mayor to sign the lease for the dog park with the Town of Dannemora**. Trustee Akin seconded. Roll call vote: Mayor-yes, Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mullady-yes. Resolution carried.

Building leases for tenants were discussed, per the budget that was set. All leases will be renewed with the date of September 1 through August 31 going forward as they expire. The Treehouse (12 months) and Saranac Nursery School (10 months) will each receive an increase of \$25/month. JCEO will remain at \$100/month. Trustee Akin introduced **Resolution 22-09-07-03 to make updates and allow the Mayor to sign leases for The Treehouse After-Care, Saranac Nursery School and JCEO**, seconded by Trustee Jarvis. Roll call vote: Mayor-yes, Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mullady-yes. Resolution carried.

Repairs to the Manley Street water leak and two fire hydrant replacements were discussed with Larry Carrow. Fuller, Garrow & Sons and Robbie Tripp were all contacted for bids. We will use our materials and people as flaggers. The prior two are overbooked for this year and have not returned calls. Needs to be winterized by the end of September. Trustee Jarvis introduced **Resolution 22-09-07-04 to accept the bid from Robbie Tripp for the water line repair on Manley Street and fire hydrant replacement**.

Nancy Bernstein runs the **Clean Energy program** out of Saranac Lake that we worked with on getting the LED lights. \$5,000 energy grant available by changing lights in the Village buildings. LED lights were only completed on half the Village. Nancy is following up with NYSEG to complete. Still need to complete from Smith down.

There are 4 steps to be complete to receive the grant. We have completed two of the four:

1 – Changing out the street lights.

2 – Tracy goes to energy training class (she went to Watertown a couple of months ago).

3 – Adopt NYS Unified Solar Permit (residents get NYS energy credit for solar panels); list as participant in the program

4 – Benchmarking – 4 buildings greater than 1,000 SF. Nancy will come look at current NYSEG bills and see what we are currently paying for electric and natural gas. This would be posted on the website so the public can see. As improvements are completed, the savings can be seen. Same for natural gas if we replace the boiler. She will set it up and we would need to post it annually to show the changes in costs. Four buildings are Community Center, Firehouse, Public Works and WWTP. Skating rink, playground, and train station not eligible.

Trustee Akin introduced **Resolution 22-09-07-05 to adopt the NYS Unified Solar Permit to our current process.** There will be no change in fee. We handle it locally and submit the paperwork to Albany. Seconded by Trustee Jarvis. Roll call vote: Mayor-yes, Akin-yes. Bennett-yes, Mullady-yes. Resolution carried.

Trustee Akin introduced **Resolution 22-09-07-06 to establish benchmarking for municipal buildings in the Village.** seconded by Trustee Bennett. Roll call vote: Mayor-yes, Akin-yes. Bennett-yes, Mullady-yes. Resolution carried. Mayor Scholl will follow up with Nancy and work with her. He will also inform Tracy. There are three vendors in Plattsburgh we can use, provided by Nancy. Our new PW Supervisor starts next week and has the skills to enable us to handle internally.

Mayor Scholl **appointed Kody Thomson and Kayla Dandurand as Advanced EMT/paramedics.** Trustee Bennett accepted and Trustee Jarvis seconded. Motion carried.

First quarter **budget reviews** will be done in the month of September. Fire department was done earlier, and supervisors should be sitting down to go over the results of the first quarter. Trustee Liaison and Supervisor should be involved to keep everyone on the same page as to where we are regarding the budget. Hold off on public works until new supervisor starts.

Kelli would like to have an **annual calendar of events** that lists all recurring annual events from year to year. A proposal has been prepared considering the activities from the last 3-4 years. She will email it to the board for review. This will enable these events to always remain on the calendar so people can schedule around them.

Mayor Scholl addressed a **request from Bluebird Realty** to have 7 months of water and sewer to be abated. There were five apartments that were burned. Need to clarify the address that burned and make sure the correct address is credited. The adjustment was made to the current year's bill, but they are looking for credit last year. Need to get clarification from Tracy on the date of the demolition of the building. The previous codes officer also issued a permit for two other units.

Will ask her to update that permit status as well. Tabled until verified and find out what is happening with the condemned building. North side has water; south side does not. Trustee Jarvis indicated that the only way you cannot charge people is to have the pipe disconnected/cut from the line. Mayor Scholl to follow up with the code enforcement officer.

Second request for water/sewer abatement from Paula Hegedus, who owns 42 Smith Street. Larry said the water was shut off a couple of years ago. Property is for sale and nothing on it. Pipe is shut off at the curb but is not cut. Trustee Akin asks who would cut. Larry said not just anyone can turn it on. Discussion on what is appropriate for this type of situation was held. Property must be demolished and is not fixable. Trustee Akin feels if it is not cut, it should not be abated. Trustee Jarvis feels it should be cut in the basement. A letter will be sent by the Mayor to request the owner to contact the Public Works supervisor to accomplish this.

Mayor made a motion to accept the resignation of Debra Winter. Seconded by Trustee Bennett. All in favor; motion carried.

Mayor Scholl read the Fire, Overtime, gasoline, and diesel reports.

Concrete blocks along the sidewalk wall are starting to deteriorate and should be looked at near the fire department. Need to be resurfaced.

Trustee Akin would like to fence the dog park in October for \$16,601. Will bring it to next meeting.

Trustee Akin wanted a budget of \$1,500 approved for PumpkinFest supplies since there will be no meeting prior to the event. Trustee Mullady offered Resolution 22-09-07-07 to allow the Beautification Committee to spend up to \$1500 on PumpkinFest, seconded by Trustee Bennett. Roll Call vote: Mayor-yes, Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mullady-yes. Resolution carried.

Trustee Bennett discussed the water leak on Emmons Street. Larry will have to dig it up to figure it out because the shutoff is in the sidewalk, and it will have to be pulled to figure out whose issue it is. Also received from Larry some quotes on the tow behind lift. We should consider this in the spring, as we could use it on a regular basis.

Trustee Jarvis and Norm Dandurand put the numbers on the new ambulance last week. Stretcher has arrived and been inspected and is on the rig. Waiting for DOH paperwork which was received yesterday. Must take pictures and return. New numbers are 451 for new ambulance and 452 for old 195.

Trustee Mullady wanted to make sure the cameras were hooked up at Public Works on the outside. Mayor Scholl indicated we need a subscription to record for playback because the cameras do not have internal SD cards. Around \$180 per year for four cameras. Trustee Akin offered Resolution 22-09-07-08 to subscribe to the Wyze plan for storage on security cameras, seconded by Trustee Mullady. Roll Call vote: Mayor-yes, Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mullady-yes. Resolution carried. Mayor to start the subscription.

Larry brought up that the **demo saw** that they have been using to cut concrete and asphalt while doing the sidewalks is nine years old. \$550 including gaskets to repair. Priced new ones and they are around \$2000. Trustee Akin wanted to see three quotes prior to approval. Larry to get quotes.

Larry advised of a **DEC inspection** on Friday morning.

Marc Woodward advised the board the fire department would be setting up a **landing zone in the Community Center field** for the helicopter that will be here for the EMS event on Saturday. They will be moving soccer nets for the helicopter landing (9:30-10:30) and then putting them back for a 11:30 game.

Corey Akin said they are working in the old **Town Hall building** and running into some plumbing and sewer issues. He asked for permission to have Larry dig out the plumbing and sewer so Corey can tie into it. Fire department and business both tie into line on the parking lot sign. Same as where they dug up the water line. Board approved.

Trustee Bennett asked about the County Planning Waivers that Donna sent to the board. Mayor Scholl said he believes we already have the waivers because the Planning Board only sends items that are on 374. We don't send items down for issues. Donna had suggested doing the waivers to get it on record. Tr. Bennett offered **Resolution 22-09-07-09 to let the Mayor sign the five Clinton County Planning Waivers**, seconded by Trustee Mullady. Roll Call vote: Mayor-yes, Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mullady-yes. Resolution carried.

Attorney Douthat would like to discuss a former employee in **executive session**. Trustee Mullady made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Trustee Akin at 7:50 pm. Trustee Bennett made a motion to close executive session, seconded by Trustee Mullady at 8:18 pm.

Board will set up a meeting with the **Saranac Fire Commissioners** to set up a meeting to discuss the next **EMS contract** and moving the EMS crew down to the Saranac fire station for the winter. Mayor will email Nancy Clancy and get back to everyone on a time and date. The Mayor will also email a former employee to request that he stop using the Village email he used as a personal email.

Trustee Akin offered **Resolution 22-09-07-10** to pay the bill on Abstract 004 for \$179,230.48. Seconded by Trustee Mullady. Roll Call vote: Mayor-yes, Akin-yes, Bennett-yes, Jarvis-yes, Mullady-yes. Resolution carried.

Mayor Scholl made a motion to appoint **Keegan Ambrosio-Eick as Temporary On Call EMT/Driver**, Accepted by Trustee Jarvis, seconded by Trustee Mullady. Motion carried.

Trustee Mullady made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Akin. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.