

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on February 6, 2023– Zoom meeting

Present: Mayor Trish Bergan

Trustees: Amanda Fernandez, Timothy Knight, Robert Tinker, Sheryl Adams via Zoom

Also present: Clerk Laraway, DPW Dunscombe, Code Officer Stannard, David Jeremenko, Steven Meyers, Fred Risse, Kevin Young, Fred Manhs, Danielle Berger, Times Journal Patsy Nicosia, The Mountain Eagle David Avitabile

Mayor Bergan called meeting to order at 7:00 PM with Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Knight to approve Board minutes for December 28, 2022 and January 13, 2023. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Bergan update Coffee w/Mayor: No

Mayor Bergan gave update Crosswalk by Middleburgh Library: Engineering plans have been done. Now the Village can look for funds to complete project.

Board revisited discussion on proposed Local Law #1 2023: New law authorizing property tax exemption to volunteer firefighter and ambulance workers. Trustee Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to hold Public Hearing on Local Law #1 2023 A Local Law to Enact a Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-a of Real Property Tax Law on March 6, 2023 at 7:15pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Danielle Berger was present to give presentation on new Village website. Danielle went through all the different part of website and then official turned on the website for the public. Board thanked Danielle for doing a great job and the donation of the Village logo.

Discussion on Ethics Committee appointment was left open for more discussion at March meeting.

Trustee Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to pass Resolution #2 2023: Authorizing Attendance at Village Board Meetings by Videoconferencing as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Bergan opened discussion on proposed Municipal Building Handicap Lift: The Village has receive on estimate and Mayor is waiting on two more. Board tabled to the March meeting.

Middleburgh Ladies Auxiliary Betty Wayman was unable to attend meeting. The Board was given a tour of the new fire house kitchen before the meeting. A lot of work was done and the kitchen is beautiful.

Fred Risse was present to discuss a possible new housing development on Upper Main Street. Parcel is six acres and is zoned PDD. As Fred is the Chairman of the Planning Board and his niece Denise Lloyd is Deputy Chairman. Fred inquired about which ethics committee he would need to go in front of the Village of the Town to ask about if he would need to recuse himself and Denise Lloyd. Mayor Bergan stated that it would just be ethical to recuse himself. It was the consensus of the Board he would need to ask the Town because they oversee the Planning Board. Fred asked if the Village has the decision on whether they would take over the road if build to Village specs. The Board reserves the right to make that dissension. Code Officer Stannard stated that the PDD would have to come to the Village first and the Planning Board.

Chief Gregory Fire Department monthly report: Was unable to attend meeting.

Code Officer Lloyd Stannard monthly report: Middleburgh Meadow is moving forward with four new houses; House on Main Street has sold; Working on fire inspections. Presented the Board with two estimated for new codes computer program. Cloud Permit # \$3,300 and yearly fee of \$2,800 locked in for five year and SCube at cost of \$93,525 and yearly fee of \$15,193. It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a webinar on Cloud Permits program and work on getting one more estimate. After approval of new program Board approved purchase of computer tablet to go with program.

DPW Superintendent Nick Dunscombe monthly report:

Streets: Ordered and installing new parking meters

Water: Water main break on Baker Ave. crew worked from 8pm to 1am to fix; Read water meters for billing

Sewer: WWTP Project is almost complete, just working on punch list; will get quotes on spring to paint building; Kip is working on painting inside of building;

Mayor Bergan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Knight to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$94,901.57 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$3,312.36 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$14,048.44 were audited and ordered paid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Bergan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Knight to enter into executive session at 7:40pm to discuss personnel. Upon roll call vote, this motion unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to enter back into regular session at 8:16pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the hiring of two codes officers Fredrick Fink and Sophia Gonzales for 7.5 hours per person per week at \$20.00 per hour. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Correspondence: 12/2/22 & 12/16/22 letter Charter Comm. re: channels; 12/7/22 letter Aaron's Electric re: Donation to Fire Department; 12/8/22 letter Town Middleburgh re: MABA done well; 12/19/22 letter Certificate Liability – UPS & Edward Nadeau & Sons.

Trustee Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to adjourn at 8:19pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melanie Laraway - Clerk