

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on September 11, 2023 at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Deputy Mayor Timothy Knight Trustees: Amanda Fernandez, Robert Tinker, Sheryl Adams  
Also present: Clerk Laraway, DPW Keyser, Codes Rick Fink Attorney Fred Mauhs, (The Mountain Eagle) David Avitabile, (Times Journal) Patsy Nicosia, Stephanie Tinker, MFD Donald Guest, Fred Risse, ZBA John Wingfield, David Jeremenko, Tony Anderson

Deputy Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve Board minutes for August 7, 2023 & August 21, 2023. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Continued public hearing on Fred Risse PPD: Mr. Risse presented the Board with an updated narrative and sketch plan. He stated working on engineering plans and working on incorporating commercial lot into PDD. Deputy Mayor Knight stated the Board has the narrative and sketch plan, this satisfies the requirement for now. No other comments on the project. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to close public hearing. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. Mr. Risse stated the next step would be long form SEQR and another public hearing. Board will revisit next month.

Fire Department Monthly Report: Donald Guest was present to update the Board. Town of Fulton, Town of Middleburgh, Village of Middleburgh and Fire Department met last month to discuss an increase in Fire Contracts. It was discussed that the Fire Department has seen major increases in services and State mandates on equipment. If things continue the Fire Department will be underfunded in the next few years. Village ISO rating is V-6.0, Town Middleburgh rating is 6-U and Town of Fulton is 8-B. Fire Department is looking for two year contracts with increases for each year.

Deputy Mayor Knight presented **RESOLUTION #5 2023**: Approving Village Fire Contract with Middleburgh Fire Department for 2024-2025. **Whereas**, the Village of Middleburgh Board of Trustees, following good-faith contractual negotiations with the Executive Board of the Middleburgh Fire Department, has come to an agreement for providing increased municipal funding for the community's fire services: and **Whereas**, the Village of Middleburgh Board of Trustees, recognizing the financial hardships posed by inflation, supply chain issues, and state/federal regulations on the fire service, has committed itself to ensuring the department's financial security for the length of this contract. Therefore, **Be it Resolved** that the Village of Middleburgh Board of Trustees approves the following two year budgetary increases for the Middleburgh Fire Department: 2024: \$90,037.72 (\$5,000 increase over 2023); 2025: \$94,537.72 (\$4,500 increase over 2024); And a commitment to provide \$3,200 in additional funding from the Village of Middleburgh Board of Trustees towards the purchase of a new flammable storage system (\$2,200) and a new computer station for Safety Data Sheets (\$1,000). Deputy Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to pass resolution as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Deputy Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Working on fire inspections; things are slow. Took codes training course and passed, now certified.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to amend 2023 Reorganizational Appointment list to state: Building inspector Frederick Fink and Deputy Building Inspector Lloyd Stannard. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Preville Technology quote in the amount of \$2,559.11 for new workstation for Code Enforcement. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

DPW Superintendent Keyser monthly report:

**Streets:** Finished paving; Finished catch basin in Railroad Ave.; Renting roller this week to do potholes; Flowers taken down, mums will go up next week; Cemetery: Put ad in paper, cleaning September 18-30<sup>th</sup> and list of cemetery rules; Trustee Tinker discussed Old Cemetery needs some attention where water has washed the road. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Stahl Sales & Service quote in the amount of \$2,873 for plow frame for new truck. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

**Water:** Waiting on parts for Sheldon Ave. water main repairs. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Valley Contractors quote in the amount of \$2,850 for Sheldon Ave. water line replacement work. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

**Sewer:** Working on getting the grant punch list done. Only a few small things left to do. Working on getting drying beds; New EQ pump installed

**Cemetery:** Board discussed rules and regulations for the cemetery. A lot of stuff that is not allowable in the cemetery, needs to be removed and cleaned up. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise cemetery cleanup starting September 18th through the end of month and advertise the cemetery regulations.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to set budget workshop dates for October 9, 2023 at 7pm at Library and October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Fire House. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to transfer \$5,000.00 from A1990.0 Contingent to A1420.4 Attorney for Attorney fees for Stewart's Lawsuit. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Public Comment: David Jeremenko stated handicap parking space on Railroad Ave. didn't get painted and asked where the Village was about putting a crosswalk by the Library. Another resident asked about looking into zero percent financing on waste water treatment bonds.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to enter Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation at approximately 7:33pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to exit Executive Session at approximately 8:14. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to publish an ad for Village Laborer for two weeks. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve JRD estimate for installation of two new oil tanks in Municipal basement \$6,576.00. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$85,636.86 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$6,396.41 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of

\$7,830.47 were audited and ordered paid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. Clerk Laraway included a Balance Sheet for the Board.

**Correspondence:** 8/1/23 letter Charter Comm re: Channels; 8/2/23 letter National Grid re: Pool; 8/9/23 FOIL Gary Hayes re: Broome Youth letter; 8/11/23 Williamson Law re: Rate increase; 8/11/23 Schoharie Youth Bureau re: award; 8/18/23 DOT re: permit; 8/23/23 IDT Corp re: gross tax; 8/24/23 NYS OTDA re: Water program; 8/25/23 Adirondack-Appalachian re: Emergency Medical Services;

Deputy Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to adjourn at 8:19pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Melanie Laraway - Clerk.