

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on November 6, 2023 at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Deputy Mayor Timothy Knight Trustees: Amanda Fernandez, Sheryl Adams, Robert Tinker, Also present: Clerk Laraway, Code Officer Fink, David Avitabile of the Mountain Eagle, Patsy Nicosia of the Times Journal, Michael and Annie Breglia, and Kevin Young. Present on Zoom: David Jeremenko.

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

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve Board minutes for October 4, 2023; October 9, 2023; and October 16, 2023. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to open Public Hearing on 2024 Village Budget. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. No public comments at this time.

Fire Department Monthly Report: Was unable to attend. Deputy Mayor gave an update: Installation dinner was a great success; Fire Department very pleased with new members.

Deputy Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Most open permits now have C/O's; No new permits; Working on getting fire inspections scheduled; Trustee Tinker inquired about building permit for a resident on Clauverwie. Code Officer Fink said waiting on final plans, everything is moving forward. Trustee Adams inquired who would be required to get fire inspections. Code Officer Fink stated businesses, apartments, and they have a binder of who needs to be done.

DPW Superintendent Keyser monthly report: Was unable to attend due to taking a sewer course at Morrisville College. The Deputy Mayor read his report.

Streets: Plow frame getting installed on new truck; Winter equipment getting serviced and ready for trucks; Lawn mowers and summer equipment getting serviced and put away for winter; Drain on corner of Well's Ave and Cliff Street are on list for repair.

Water: Did meter readings for billing; 25 new electronic meters installed this month; have ordered parts to replace water main.

Sewer: DPW Keyser is at Morrisville College for two weeks working on sewer license; met with USDA to do walk through sewer so grant can start getting wrapped up; finally got approval to haul sludge to Cobleskill.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve Rotary putting candy canes on parking meters from November 24, 2023 to January 6, 2024. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Unpaid Tax Warrant to Schoharie County in the amount of \$53,045.62. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve Unpaid Water Relevy to Schoharie County in the amount of \$25,889.26 and Relevy Sewer Rents in the amount of \$23,159.95. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Water Rents in the amount of \$51,698.35 and Sewer Rents in the amount of \$ 56,432.18. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Knight opened the floor for comments: Resident Michael Breglia inquired about what the relevy amounts were for. Clerk Laraway gave a breakdown for the above motions.

Deputy Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to take a recess from 7:15 pm to 7:31 pm to leave public hearing on budget open for half hour. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to reconvene back into regular session at 7:31 pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to close Public Hearing on 2024 Village Budget with no comments at 7:32pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to adopt the 2024 Village Budget as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve 2024 payroll as presented.

Melanie Laraway	Clerk -	\$42,567.36
Cole Keyser	DPW -	\$63,648.00
Jean Cain	Youth Director	\$6,600.00
Mark Czyszczon	Deputy DPW	\$22.44
Kip Pangman	Laborer	\$20.00 (School Crossing) \$19.38 (Laborer)
Rebecca Kelley	Deputy Clerk	\$19.38
Jennifer Townes	Crossing & Laborer	\$17.00
Lloyd Stannard	Deputy Codes	\$1,200.00 for year
Rick Fink	Code Officer	\$20.40
Bryan Graham	Laborer	\$17.83
Seasonal	Laborer	\$16.83
Mayor		\$6,000.00
Trustee's		\$2,250.00
Attorney		\$6120.00

Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Clerk Laraway presented the Board with a monthly balance sheet.

Deputy Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 35,190.47 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$ 10,898.69 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$ 70,324.97 were audited and ordered paid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to enter into executive session at 7:34 pm to discuss ongoing litigation with advice of Village Attorney. Deputy Mayor Knight invited Kevin Young to stay for executive session as he is running for Trustee position. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to enter back into regular session at 8:01 pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Correspondence: 10/3/23 letter Charter Comm. re: channels; 10/4/23 letter NYS Disability Ass. re: water program; 10/10/23 letter NYS DOT re: transportation program; 10/16/23 letter Amerivision & Ooma & IDT & BP Energy re: gross tax; 10/23/23 letter Schoharie Co re: Mortgage Tax; 10/30/23 letter Schoharie Co. Industrial Development re: Uniform Tax Exemption;

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Adams, to adjourn at 8:02pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Melanie Laraway - Clerk.