

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on May 6, 2024, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Amanda Fernandez, Sheryl Adams, Robert Tinker, Kevin Young. Also present: Clerk Laraway, Mountain Eagle David Avitabile, Joanne Newsome, Cody Anderson, Fire Chief Gregory, Zoom- Angelica Diller

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

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to approve Board minutes for April 8, 2024. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight announcement: Band concerts on Middleburgh High School lawn will be Friday June 28, July 12, July 19, and July 26, 2024. The local churches will be hosting a food social for each event.

Fire Chief Gregory Monthly Report: Physicals are scheduled for this month; Repairs on 1221 are complete; Dry hydrant is being installed near Max V. Shaul State Park; PESH is working on new regulations, Chief will keep board advised of changes.

Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Unable to attend meeting.

DPW Superintendent Keyser monthly report: Unable to attend meeting. Mayor gave an update.

Streets: Read quotes from Gorman Group for road resurfacing to Gorge Road, Griebel Lane, and Pleasant Ave. Gorge Road: \$30,628.25 – Griebel Lane: \$13,156.92 – Pleasant Ave.: \$8,124.18. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to accept quotes as presented, and these will be funded out of CHIPS. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight read quote from Carver's Construction for the stone, trucking, and millings needed for each of the above projects in the amount of \$16,950.00. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve quote as presented, to be funded out of CHIPS. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Potholes are being filled, waiting for blacktop plant to open to finish filling holes; Mulched trees round the Village; Picnic tables and Port-o-potties have been placed in parks; Working on sidewalk repairs on Clauverwie; School announced crosswalk lights have been selected and will be here sometime this summer. Village will install them and then DOT will take over ownership.

Water: Badger Hydrovac was hired for one week as part of the Lead Service Line Inventory. The truck was able to unearth 97 water shutoff valves for the Village, documentation for EPA lead mandate. Trustee Tinker suggested getting new quote from Badger to do more digging this year. He suggested older homes on upper Main Street next. Federal grant money is available to apply for if Village finds they have a need.

Sewer: Had issue with pump station on Danforth Ave. and pump plant. Issue has been repaired.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to reject Schoenecker Construction's Depot bid, due to bid missing element of construction and cost of construction was more than available funding. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Historical Society and Village will reconvene and work on solution.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to approve Historical Society Application to William G. Pomeroy Foundation for a Historic Transportation Marker Grant to be placed at M&S Depot. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve RESOLUTION # 6 2024 Designating Maple Ave. Speed Limit at 25 MPH. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve RESOLUTION #7 2024 Establishing May 17, 2024 "St. Mark's Day" celebrating 200 years. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve Heritage Day Concert for Friday, August 23, 2024, at 7:00pm at the M&S Depot. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to give permission for the VFW to sell poppies May 20th-May 25th and American Legion to sell poppies May 27th-June 1st. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to allow Rotary to hold Memorial Day Service May 27, 2024, at 10:00 at Village Schrom Memorial Park. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

SCBG loan repayment committee received loan application from Lisa Tenneson for new business "For Get Me Not" Soda Shoppe on Railroad Ave. Committee recommends approval of loan for \$20,000. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the loan application for \$20,000 at 1% interest for a term of five year. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to approve Water Rents in the amount of \$48,689.12 and Sewer Rents in the amount of \$53,419.19. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Fernandez discussed pollinator gardens being placed on Village property along Pine Street. All work would be done by volunteers and the Village would benefit by reducing the amount of mowing time. Ground would be tilled, and seeds planted producing wildflowers for pollination. Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to approve project as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Board continued discussion on handicap entrance at Village Municipal building. Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to authorize Delaware Engineering to put Handicap Entrance Ramp Project out to bid including alternate bid for synthetic decking from May 14, 2024 to June 5 2024 with Final Bids due on June 5, 2024 by 1 PM at Municipal Hall, 309 Main Street; Middleburgh, NY 12122. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to schedule Special Village Board Meeting for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7 PM to award Handicap Ramp bid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Village Clerk reported on Bond Rates for Handicap Ramp project: NBT 4.75% and NBC 3.75%.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve purchasing back one cemetery lot from William Right Sec E lot 116NWH at a cost of \$475.00. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Clerk Laraway presented the Board with a monthly balance sheet report and a profit vs. actual report.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$53,593.45 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$17,462.38 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$34,659.54 were audited and ordered paid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight opened floor for Public Comment:

- Resident Cody Anderson thanked the DPW for quick response to his two requests for getting his water shut off and turned back on for repairs. He also questioned if the fire hydrant on Nickerson had been replaced.
- Resident Joanne Newsome informed the Board that a courtesy note about property leaf and brush pickup was placed in her mailbox, which she alleged is illegal and if done again she would be reporting it. Stated her family follows the rules and are being targeted. Stated they should not be targeted while many other properties in the Village are not maintaining their lawns.
- Business Owner Angelica Diller had questions on Façade color for her buildings at 330 & 331 Main Street. She also had questions on the process of changing business at 104 Wells Ave from commercial to

residential. Asked for the names and phone numbers of Village Clerk, Code Officer and ZBA President.

Correspondence: 4/10/24 letter Village Middleburgh re: Little League speed limit; 4/12/24 letter NBT Ins. re: disclosure; 4/15/24 letter Village Middleburgh re: Schoharie Co. DPW Clauverwie Rd.; 4/22/24 & 4/23/24 letter Charter Comm. re: channels; 4/22/24 letter Amerivision, BP Energy, IDT Corp., Ooma re: no gross tax; 4/23/24 letter CDPHP re: address; 4/26/24 letter Village Middleburgh re: Historical Society for marker.

Trustee Tinker made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, seconded by Trustee Young. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by

Melanie Laraway - Clerk.