

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on June 3, 2024, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Amanda Fernandez, Sheryl Adams, Robert Tinker, Kevin Young. Also present: Clerk Laraway, Code Officer Fink, Shyla Hanson, Mountain Eagle David Avitabile, Times Journal Patsy Nicosia, Zoom Wes Andrew

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

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to approve Board minutes for May 6, 2024. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight announcements: Special Board Meeting June 11, 2024, at 7 PM to award Handicap Ramp Bid (at Village Hall), and the Annual Joint Town & Village meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM (at Community Center, Cotton Hill). Special thank you to Middleburgh Rotary for flowers in the Memorial Park and Benches on Main Street; Middleburgh Telephone Company for the hanging flower baskets on Main Street, and Garden Club for hanging flower baskets on Badley Park.

Fire Chief Gregory Monthly Report: Was unable to attend meeting.

Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Letters for property maintenance; Couple of pool permits and shed permits; Inspection by DEC Flood Plain Administrator David Sherman went well with no issues.

**General:** Getting Gorge Road, Griebel Lane, and Pleasant Avenue ready to pave.

- They ditched Gorge Road and replaced a few culverts there.
- Fixed the low spot on the end of Papoose Path where they were having drainage issues.
- Patched potholes, Flushing hydrants, Replaced culvert on Gorge Road in preparation for road resurfacing. Mowing everywhere.
- There are no shepherd hooks allowed in the Cemetery and they will be starting to remove them as they come upon them.

**Water:** Lead Service Line Inventory update. Trustee Tinker and Mayor Knight attended a meeting on EPA about grant funding to replace lead and galvanized lines. Money is available but Village would need to complete inventory of the lines to know how many would need to be replaced, before applying. Mandate requires Village would be responsible for all replacement lines to the home. The Village has about 25% of the lines done. DPW got a quote from Badger, (who did last dig up of shut offs) for \$2,958 per day. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve 5 more days of digging up shut offs and documenting them. The Board would like to focus on Upper Main Street and Cliff Street. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

- Kinsley quote to repair generator is \$8,000, generator was purchased 20 years ago and cost \$15,000. DPW is working on getting quotes to replace generator.
- Fixed a service line on Railroad Avenue that was leaking.
- Flushing hydrants this week.
- Goal is to replace the hydrant on Gorge prior to paving. Afterwards, a hydrant each on Nickerson and Baker are on the list for repair.

**Sewer:** Quiet. Sewer Plant is running well. DEC SPDES permit issued satisfactory.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve moving funds for sidewalk repairs: A102.11 Street Repair Fund \$69,687.90 to General Bdg A5410.4 Sidewalks. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Fernandez updated Pine Street Pollinator Garden: Wildflowers have been planted in a 30'x10' plot; Would like to dedicate garden to Eleanor Spencer next year. It was the consensus of the Board to do dedication next summer after gardens have a chance to get established. Rotarian Wes Andrew discussed placement of horseshoe pits in Badley Park. It was the consensus of the Board to place them towards the end of the park by Scribner and Wells. DPW will place flags for placement. It was also discussed if Village could water flowers in Memorial Park, Trustee Fernandez will consult with DPW.

Village Flag design contest: People's choice results: Four flags were submitted, 149 people voted; winner was Ava Shinaver. Mayor Knight thanked Jason Dannible and Katelynne Schuttig for all their hard work on the project. It was the consensus of the Board to have a flag made and hang it in the park by the Bridge. Trustee Tinker donated \$50.00 towards the project.

Mayor Knight presented the Board with new energy delivery rates from JMI Consultants for renewal in December 2024. The old rate was 0.099990, the new rate would be 0.09755 for one year. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to approve a contract for one year (2025) at 0.09755 for delivery rate. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

NYSERDA Grant \$10,000 discussion: A list of possible projects was presented to the Board: Solar, Non-Road Electric Vehicle, Electric Vehicle, Electric Landscaping Eqt., Electric Vehicle Charing Station, LED Streetlights, Clean Energy Studies, CEC Building Upgrades, Heat Pump Upgrades, NYPA Clean Energy Solutions Upgrades, and Flexible Technical Assistance were on the list. The board discussed

replacement of Village owned historical lights on Bridge, River Street and Dexter Ave. from incandescent to LED light bulbs. It was the consensus of the Board to come back to the meeting with quotes for this project. The Village also received an additional \$5,000 from NYSERDA because of CDG subscription.

Trustee Adams gave update on sidewalks: Tree roots are destroying sidewalks. Next set of trees that are planted need to have noninvasive root systems. If we get business district grant, we can then check water lines on Main Street

Main Street Sidewalk & Water line replacement discussion: It was discussed there is CDBG grant money available for projects including sidewalk, waterline and tree replacement. Mayor Knight discussed with Delaware Engineering about applying for a grant to redo the business district. It was recommended that the Village first apply for a grant to do a set of engineering plans. Once the Village has a set of plans, they can then apply for funding to do the proposed project. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to sign contract with Delaware Engineering not to exceed \$3,000 to submit a CDBG application for a grant to do engineer plans for Main Street business district to replace sidewalks, waterlines and trees. Roll call vote: Trustee Tinker Yea, Trustee Young Yea, Trustee Adams Yea, Trustee Fernandez Yea, Mayor Knight Yea; this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to approve RESOLUTION #8-2024: Schedule CDBG Public Hearing for July 1, 2024, at 7:15PM at the Middleburgh Library 323 Main Street, Middleburgh. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Public Comment: No comments.

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 \$105,780.45 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$6,947.32 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$1,995.71 were audited and ordered paid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Correspondence: 5/3/24 letter Charter Comm re: Channels; Letter Cert Liability re: Maloy; Letter Wm Morton re: Scenic Byway; Letter DOT re: CHIPS; Letter Clauverwie Road sidewalks; 5/6/24 letter Endo International Bankruptcy; Email Village re: MSC crossing light; Letter Cert Liability re: Geurtze; 5/13/24 Letter Rita Johansen re: barking dogs; 5/16/24 Letter Village re: Oconnor cemetery; Letter Cert Liability re: RMB; 5/20/24 Letter IDT Corp re: gross tax; 5/28/24 letter Charter Comm re: Channels; Letter Village re: Schoharie Garden Club thank you.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to enter into executive session at 7:39PM to discuss litigation with Attorney. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to enter back into regular session at 8:20PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to adjourn at 8:23PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Melanie Laraway - Clerk.