

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on July 1, 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, Fire Chief Gregory, David & Jean Cain, Mike Wilkens, John Wingfield, Zoom: Times Journal Patsy Nicosia, Linda Blakely, Delaware Engineering Helen Budrock

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

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve Board minutes for June 3, 2024 and special Board meeting June 11, 2024. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight gave update on Public Wi-Fi in the Village. Schoharie received funding from CDBG grant to have free wi-fi in their Village. More money was available, and the Village said yes to grant. SEEC and County will award bid to lowest bidder in July and Village should have free Wi-Fi by this fall. Grant will fund for the next five years, then Village can revisit on continuing service.

Fire Chief Gregory Monthly Report: Three new applicants to join department. Two are transfers from another district. Had eight alarms for the month of June. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve new applicants Evan Trombley, Savannah Trombley, and John Jurcek. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Issued couple of permits for heating and generators. One stop work order, which has now been remedied.

DPW Cole Keyser Monthly Report: Was unable to attend meeting.

General: July 3rd Gorge Road, Griebel Lane, and Pleasant Avenue will be closed for road resurfacing. Residents will be notified.

Mayor Knight presented a resolution for refinancing WWTP \$2,618,000 with EFC for zero percent interest for 30 years. Clerk Laraway explained that this will save customers on the sewer system a significant amount of money over the long-term.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to **approve RESOLUTION #11 2024 Refunding WWTP Improvements Project**. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to appoint a committee for America 250th celebration. Committee will include from Village: Mayor Knight, Trustee Adams, Resident Matthew Lacy; Town Middleburgh: Supervisor Youmans, Councilwoman Makely; Town Fulton: Councilman Mix. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

M&S Depot RFP for bathroom and storage building were discussed. Two bids were received: Schoenecker Construction: \$69,848 and Steve Meyers Construction \$77,780. Trustee Tinker discussed Nick Juried donated money to Historical Society for project. He stated that the Historical Society would be approving bidder, and the possibility of restructuring to a smaller building to cut costs. Trustee Young asked what the estimate for project was; Engineer estimated \$65,000. Trustee Young stated Schoenecker is the lowest bidder. Trustee Fernandez asked what the total budget for project is; donation was \$73,000. Trustee Adams asked if Village should table to next month meeting, so historical society has chance to weigh in on bids. Mayor Knight stated the Village has worked on this project for over twenty years and has invested probably \$100,000 to complete the project. Mayor Knight called for roll call vote to approve low bid \$69,848 Schoenecker Construction contingent on Historical Society approval.

Mayor Knight Yea

Trustee Tinker Yea

Trustee Adams Yea

Trustee Fernandez Yea

Trustee Young Yea. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to open Public Hearing CDBG CFA Application at 7:15pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Delaware Engineering representative Helen Budrock was on Zoom to inform the Board about process for applying for this type of CDBG grant. The proposed project is for Main Street: new sidewalks, waterlines and new trees. First you apply for a grant to pay for engineering plans. Once you have plans, you can then apply for a grant to move forward with the project. Application for funds to do an engineering study are due by the end of July, and grants are awarded at the end of the year. Mayor Knight asked if there were any comments, no public comments. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to move forward with application. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight presented **RESOLUTION #10 2024 Main Street and Sidewalk Replacement SEQR Type II Action:** Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve resolution as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

111 Railroad Ave abandoned house was discussed. Owner of property has been sent numerous letters of violations and all mail has been

returned to Village by the post office. Property is not slated to go for tax sale till 2028. The village keeps putting locks on the doors to keep people out, but unfortunately people or kids keep accessing the building. Property is not maintained, unsafe to drive or walk by, has become a real safety issue. Consensus of the Board to consult with Attorney, County and Land Bank about possible solutions.

JRC Board members Jean Cain, Mike Wilkens, Brad Burgett were present to discuss Village pool. Vice President Mike Wilkens read statement: Pool was built in 1967 so it is 57 years old, and hundreds of children have learned to swim here. The decking is starting to deteriorate, and pool is not ADA compliant. Couple year ago, Schoenecker Construction graciously repaired some of decking and diving board stand for \$33,000, after Village received bids of over \$100,000 for these repairs. These repairs were necessary so the pool could reopen. The JRC would like to propose forming a committee to start looking for funding to replace the pool. The first objective would be to get engineering plans and then look for grant funding. JRC would like the committee to have three Village members, and four from JRC to represent Town Middleburgh, Town Fulton and Town of Broome. The objective would be to meet over the summer then meet with engineers in the fall. Mayor Knight and Mr. Wilkens met and went over how Village scoring would work for NYS Park & Recreation grant. The Village is just under what is needed to apply for these grants. It was the consensus of the Board to have a meeting with NYS Parks & Recreation to see if there is anything we could do to get a better score. Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to form joint committee for Pool Revitalization Committee with four members from JRC, one member from Village Board and two residents from Village. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight asked if there were any comments regarding Public Hearing CDBG DFA application. No public comment. Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to close public hearing at 7:53PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Public Comments: No public comment.

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

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to enter into executive session at 7:53PM to discuss litigation with Attorney. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to enter back into regular session at 8:36PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$32,109.72 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$11,505.04 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$14,583.82 were audited and ordered paid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Personnel Committee will be holding seasonal part-time laborer position interviews on July 3, 2024, at 1 PM. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to empower Mayor Knight to fill position upon recommendations of the Personnel Committee. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Correspondence: 6/3/24 NYSDEC re: Annual SPDES; Letter M. Library re: Donation; 6/6/24 Letter CDPHP re: increases; 6/7/24 V. Middleburgh re: Office Resilient Homes Gorge Creek complete; Letter V. Middleburgh re: Flag contest; 6/14/24 & 6/21/24 Letter Charter Comm re: 6/20/24 Cert Liability re: Long Heat, VMJR; Channels; 6/24/24 Gross Receipts Tax-PAETEC, IDT; 6/24/24 V. Middleburgh re; Office Comm Renewal

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to adjourn at 8:37 PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Melanie Laraway - Clerk.