

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on April 8th, 2024 at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight Trustees: Robert Tinker, Sheryl Adams Kevin Young.

Also present: Deputy Clerk Kelley, DPW Keyser, (The Mountain Eagle) David Avitabile, (Times Journal) Patsy Nicosia, Fred Risse, John Wingfield, Bill Morton, Rita Leith, Tracy Dailey, & Elena Giorgio. On Zoom: "iPhone"

Absent: Trustee Fernandez, Fire Chief Gregory, & Code Officer Fink

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

Mayor Knight observed a moment of silence in honor of Jonathan Diller.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve Board minutes for March 4th and March 13th 2024. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Fire Department Monthly Report: Absent.

Deputy Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Absent

DPW Superintendent Keyser monthly report:

Streets: The crosswalk at the elementary school is in need of new signage & lights. Mayor Knight & Superintendent Keyser attended a private meeting with MCS Superintendent about the matter. They're hopeful by Fall a new sign will be installed.

Superintendent Keyser presented the Board with 3 quotes for purchasing a used roller for street repairs and in the cemetery. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve the purchase of a Roller from Landis Equipment LLC. For \$9,900.00. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Superintendent Keyser presented the Board with 2 quotes for purchasing a lawn mower to be used in the cemetery. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve the purchase of a lawn mower from Cazenovia Equipment Co. for \$13,380.76. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, for purchase to be paid out of the following accounts: PN103.5 Perpetual Care \$10,000, A8170.2 Street Cleaning \$1,000, A8170.4 Street Cleaning \$1,000, A5110.2 Streets \$690.38, A8810.2 Cemetery \$690.38. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

The cemetery has more trees that need to be removed. The Board authorized Trustee Tinker to get quotes for tree removal.

Water/Sewer: No updates for sewer. Water: Lawyers Lane waterline has been replaced.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to schedule the annual Joint Town & Village board meeting for June 13th 6:00pm at the Community Center. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to transfer \$100,000 from General – Interest Bearing Savings account, & \$50,000 from Perpetual Principal Savings account to NYCLASS. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Continued public hearing on Fred Risse PPD: The Board discussed the recommendations from Schoharie County Planning Commission. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to comply with the recommendation that: all work being done on weekends and holidays should be completed between the hours of 9AM – 7PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. Trustee Adams made a motion seconded by Trustee Tinker to reject the recommendation about

sidewalk installation at the Risse PDD. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to close the public hearing on the Risse PDD. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Young discussed Planning Board by-laws. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve the by-laws as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to award Shoenecker Construction the sidewalk RFP at a cost of \$60,900. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve Delaware Engineering bid contract of \$7,500 for the Handicap Entrance at Village Hall. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. The Board discussed using some savings, and then getting a bond to cover the remainder of the cost for the Handicap Entrance. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to give Clerk Laraway authority to get interest rates for a bond. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to close dormant bank accounts; H101.1 Sewer Capitol Project Ban \$0, H101.6 DASNY Middleburgh Meadows \$1.00, NYS CDBG Fund Middleburgh \$.75, Gorge Creek Project CDBG \$19.75. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Former Village Trustee William Morton presented the Board with a Scenic Byway Project. After his presentation: Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Mayor Knight, to appoint Trustee Young & Mr. Morton to a Village Scenic Byway Committee. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. Further, Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to give the Scenic Byway Project the "Village Board's endorsement." Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Public Comment: Residents from Maple Avenue spoke about traffic concerns with the Little League season beginning again soon. The drivers going to and from the Little League fields are driving too fast and there's a lot of them. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to lower the speed limit on Maple Avenue as low as the state will allow – 25mph. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to enter Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation at approximately 8:15pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to exit Executive session at approximately 8:57. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$53,750.90 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$52,398.12 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$3,312.21 were audited and ordered paid. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by, Rebecca Kelley, Deputy Clerk.