

A special meeting of the Village Board was held on March 17, 2025 at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Robert Tinker-zoom, Sheryl Adams, Amanda Fernandez, Kevin Young. Also in attendance: Clerk Laraway, David Avitabile - The Mountain Eagle, Attorney Fred Mauhs.

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

Mayor Knight had a moment of silence for former Village Clerk Janet Mayer. Janet was Clerk for 41 years.

Trustee Adams gave an update on Oktoberfest: Shirts have been ordered; music had been lined up. Oktoberfest Association would like to donate a tree for the park across from the Firehouse. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve the donation of tree for the park. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight informed the Board that Walmart has a Spark Good Local Grant. The grant is for \$250 - \$5,000. It was the consensus of the Board to apply for grant to replace the benches at the Village Pool. Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to empower Mayor Knight to apply for the grant for new benches. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight and Trustee Adams met with Delaware Engineering to discuss possible grants available for extending sewer lines. Mayor Knight reported the first step would be to apply for a grant for engineering plans; phase one would be to extend the sewer line to the end of Grove St.; phase two would be to extend down Union St. and Maple Ave. The cost for Delaware Engineering to apply for EFC Grant to do engineering plans would be \$6,000. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by the Trustee Young to empower Delaware Engineering to move forward with grant application at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Trustee Tinker also suggested that Clauverwie Rd. and Indian Acres would be good sections to extend lines.

Attorney Mauhs discussed **Resolution #3-2025, Body Warn Camera Policy**: He has reviewed policy with Mayor Knight. Studies have shown significant reduction of incidents with body cameras. Village employees will be using these for school crossing and parking meter duties. Mayor Knight reached out to NYCOM for guidance with the draft policy. The Schoharie County Sheriffs Office suggested this would be a good idea to move forward after a recent incident. Mayor Knight polled the Board: Trustee Young – In favor, protect employees, make everyone accountable; Trustee Fernandez – In favor, agrees with privacy clause; Trustee Adams – In favor, cameras will be backed up once a week; Trustee Tinker – In favor we need them, can capture license plates; Mayor Knight – In favor. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve Resolution #3-2025, Body Warn Camera Policy as presented for a trial period of six months, to be revisited in September 2025. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0

Mayor Knight gave update on parking meters: Money was just collected \$800, revenue up from

last year at this point. Two new meters were ordered to replace damaged ones. Parking meters for Railroad Ave. will be installed in April. Mayor Knight discussed the possibility of grace period before ticketing due to no parking meters having been on Railroad Ave. for a few years. Trustee Tinker: If they are there, put money in them; Trustee Young: Yes start ticketing, better for business owners, keep people moving; Trustee Adams: Yes ticket, better for business owners; Trustee Fernandez: If we bought them and installed them, yes ticket. Mayor Knight asked for two week grace period after installation, which was agreed to by consensus. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to give warning tickets for the first two weeks and then start ticketing. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Village has scheduled for Railroad Ave. to be restriped this spring.

Clerk Laraway discussed **Resolution #4-2025, Hold Harmless Agreement**. Village insurance inspection by NYMIR gave recommendation to have all construction contractors sign a Hold Harmless Agreement along with Certificate of Liability. Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Resolution #4-2025 Hold Harmless Agreement as presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to waive the burial fee for Janet Mayer, due to her 41 years of service to the Village of Middleburgh. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to adjourn at 7:31pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Melanie Laraway