

WORK SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022
AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT ST., AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Durning and Price, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans, CEO Pete Hathaway, Chris Zacharias, Renee Conklin, Mike Ballard, Ed Katen and Bridget Davis.

ABSENT: Trustees Brown and Warner.

MOTION #169/21-22

Motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Durning to accept the February Code report for filing. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #170/21-22

Motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Durning to accept the January Planning Board minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

STREETS, WATER, SEWER

DPW Supervisor Evans informed the board that the DPW have completed 2 water digs and still have one more to do. They have been busy cleaning catch basins in anticipation of the coming rain storm. Mr. Evans was happy to report that there are no current ice jams, due to the warm temperatures.

Mr. Evans stated that he received an email from Broome County about having an electronics recycling day. He would like to proceed with this. Broome County will handle all the details we just have to pick a date.

MOTION#171/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Price to have Supervisor Evans move forward with setting up the Electronics recycling day. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #172/21-22

Motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Durning to accept the only bid for sludge hauling from Ed Katen for \$7000 for 3 years. Motion passed unanimously.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Durning gave an update on the Community gardens. They have purchased the topsoil to amend the beds and planted garlic. They would like to purchase winter hops and PVC pipe for winter crop growing. Trustee Durning will draw up plans for a fence and gate for a welcoming entry into the gardens. The Community garden committee would like to possibly have signage for the garden. Fruit tree pruning and education will happen in the future. Also, continuing education on seed starting, growing food/preparing fresh food.

Trustee Price told the board that the gate at the end of Dean Street is now open and should relieve some of the problems in the area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Moore stated that he had met with Eastern Broome Friday and stated he had received some poor information and has subsequently found out that the mess in the fire hall was not at all from Eastern Broome and the situation has been addressed. Chris Zacharias presented the Eastern Broome Emergency Services annual report. There are 27 Career providers and 16 volunteers. EBS responded to 1159 calls last year. The crew had a rare event of delivering a baby in the field. Kudos to EMS Conklin, Sheldon and Smith for the delivery. EBS has changed their medical director to Dr. Jackson. Dr. Jackson is more accessible to the team; he came on board last year. They now also have a certified training instructor in house which saves a lot of money. Director of Operations Renee Conklin has been able to secure around \$313,000 in grant money last year. They have secured 2 cardiac monitors with auto pulse. These devices do CPR. Last year a fly car was purchased with a local donation. This vehicle

is 4 wheel drive and basic life support (BLS) equipped. Three ballistic vests were purchased for EMS and they would like to purchase three more. Call response rates are at 89.5%. Ms. Conklin was able to secure a grant to purchase a new ambulance which will arrive in 6-12 months.

Mr. Zacharias stated that they were working on the budget. He would like to see the funds for the ambulance moved back into the ambulance line items, since it will be easier to track. It was consolidated into the Fire department but will now go back into the EMS line items.

Mayor Moore stated that there were rumors going around that there was no ambulance service. That is NOT true. We do have an EMS services and it's a very good service. He did state that volunteering is at an all time low not just locally but nationally as well. DPW Supervisor Evans stated that he felt the ambulance service was doing a phenomenal job. Mr. Zacharias and Ms. Conklin thanked Mr. Evans and the DPW for all their help.

Trustee Price echoed what Supervisor Evans stated. He asked for clarification on the Fire Department and EMS budgets. We had separated them and now we are going to combine them again. Mr. Price asked if this was for auditing purposes, Mayor Moore stated that yes it would help us keep track. Mr. Price asked if the firemen will be safe with the BLS bags becoming first aid bags. Mr. Zacharias stated that yes there would be EMT's on the scene. Mr. Zacharias stated he would like to see a med team but that he and the Mayor would have to sit down with the lawyer and figure out if and how this might be done. There are a lot of moving parts and clear lines have to be drawn on who is doing what for which entity, to avoid liability issues. This is still a work in progress and a learning experience for everyone.

Mr. Ballard reported that the new pumper is not going to happen. He asked the board for direction on the mini pumper and the squad.

Trustee Price asked about a maintenance schedule. Mr. Zacharias stated that yes they had one.

MOTION#173/21-22

Trustee Price made a motion and Trustee Durning seconded it to have a second estimate done to fix the mini pumper and the squad. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

FINANCE

CT Budine reported to the Board that Municipal Code does not provide a disk to us of the updated Code book. Trustees Price and Durning suggested that more research should be done to find a Company that would. They did not like the thought of having to pay a large annual fee to have the code book maintained and accessible.

MOTION#174/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Durning to approve for payment the Abstract #12 also audited vouchers as listed:

General Fund	\$ 15,560.31
Water Fund	<u>\$ 2,712.69</u>
	\$18,273.00

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#175/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Price to allow the Delaware County Public Health to have a rabies clinic in the DPW garage on October 4th from 6:45 PM – 8:45PM. Motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed an extra handicapped parking space in front of Mile High and it was decided that it might not be needed but that new lines would be drawn for parking spots.

CT Budine reminded everyone that Election Day was March 1st from noon to 9PM and to get out and vote. She also reminded everyone that tax grievance day is this Friday from 1-5PM at new Village Hall 61 Front St.

MOTION#176/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Durning to adjourn at 4:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine
Clerk Treasurer