

REGULAR SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JULY 29, 2020 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT STREET, DEPOSIT NY AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Brown, Durning and Warner, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans, Fire Chief Shaun Rynearson and Bridget Davis.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CEO Pete Hathaway told the Board that he was working on documenting properties that have maintenance issues. He stated that there has been some interest from potential purchasers on a few of these nuisance properties on Main Street. Trustee Durning asked if they were on the river side of the Street. Mr. Hathaway stated one was on each side of the street.

MOTION#/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Brown to accept for filing the month Code Enforcement report. Motion passed unanimously.

STREETS

DPW Supervisor Evans reported that the crew have been doing sidewalks for the past few weeks. This has caused people to ask if they could be put on the list. Mayor Moore said that we had received a little more grant money from Broome County in addition to the \$13,000 original grant.

Mr. Evans asked for \$35000 to be taken from fund balance to pay for a trailer which was purchased on last year's budget but an invoice was not received until now.

MOTION#/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Warner to allow \$3500 to be taken from General Fund Fund balance to pay for the trailer. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warnere and seconded by Trustee Durning to table the logging bids for the fall when the price of timber should be higher. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rynearson spoke about the risk assessment that he had done. He stated that all the findings have been rectified. He did say that he needed to purchase fire extinguisher brackets.

Mr. Rynearson said that the new ice machine was in and up and running. Trustee Durning asked about dropping off home fire extinguishers and Chief Rynearson said that they could just be brought to the fire dept.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Durning said wanted everyone to look at the copy of the outline for formulating projects in the UDRTW for grant funding. He feels it's very important to be aware that Ms. Johnson feels that NYC is doing a land grab in this area and we need to make sure that we can still have land to develop economically. Mayor Moore stated that since the Village is below the watershed area, not much of this would affect us.

Mr. Durning also asked that we keep the camper park by the WWTP on the agenda so we can have regular updates. Mayor Moore stated that the park by the WWTP was being held up because the DEC needs to come out and inspect but they are behind because of COVID-19. He also stated that we purchased the park as our match to the bank stabilization project planned for that area. Trustee Durning stated that any project of \$50,000 would have to be competitively bid. Mayor Moore thanked Trustee Durning for all his hard work with FUDR.

Trustee Durning also mentioned that Jim from S & S mentioned concerns that he had with the intersection on Second and Pine. It seems that Pine Street traffic is not stopping and that he feels there will be an accident there. Mr. Durning has also had a few close calls. Fire Chief Rynearson said that it was bad and there was going to be a bad accident there if people didn't pay attention. Trustee Durning wanted to leave this item on the agenda so we could continue the conversation. Mayor Moore would like us to reach out to the DOT and see what could be done about the intersection.

Trustee Durning wanted to thank everyone for all their hard work.

Trustee Warner stated that the sidewalks are wonderful and much needed. He said it was a job well done.

Trustee Brown wanted to thank CEO Hathaway, he is doing a lot of work and is working diligently towards taking care of neglected properties. He also stated that the sidewalks are great. Trustee Brown also thanked Trustee Durning for all his hard work with FUDR.

PRESIDENT

Mayor Moore handed out plans for the Riverside Park to board members. He also wanted to thank B.C. Health department for the sidewalk grant. He said the DPW is doing a great job on them. He also wanted to thank the Fire Department and EMS. They have been really busy and people don't realize how much they do.

Mayor Moore also stated that people need to report drug complaints to the police and not the Mayor or post social media. He also stated that it is not illegal to be under the influence and walk down the sidewalk. He also wanted to remind people that belittling or being mean to drug users does not help them or their families. People need to be a little more understanding and he was working on getting a speaker to come out and inform people.

Mayor Moore read a letter from the Deposit Historical Society soliciting donations. They stated that revenues were down due to the pandemic but expenses were the same. Mr. Moore feels the Historical Society is very important and should be supported.

Mr. Moore said that he and Pete had met with the lawyer and received good direction on blighted and neglected properties. The process has started to correct these issues. Mr. Moore also wanted to mention the reason we defunded the police department was not because we don't like the police, it was because we were not getting the service we were paying for. He feels that now we are getting more coverage for less money. He wanted to thank the board for staying strung under immense pressure, to do what was right for the community and the taxpayers. Trustees Durning, Brown and Warner agreed that we have 100% more coverage now than we did when we had our own police department.

FINANCE

MOTION#/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Warner to approve for payment the Abstract of Audited #5 also audited vouchers as listed:

General Fund	\$ 9,401.68
Water Fund	\$ 534.94
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 96,821.57</u>
	\$106,758.19

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Brown to allow \$5000.00 to be taken from General fund balance and put in A1210.4, to pay for 63 Front Street. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the Mayor's signature on the letter to Hallstead Hauling. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the Mayor's appointment of Joe McQuade to fill the Planning Board vacancy. Motion passed unanimously.

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Bridget Davis stated that the Chamber of Commerce gave a check for the benches and cooking grills to go in the 2 parks. Mayor Moore wanted to thank Nick Barone for getting that for the Village. He said that Mr. Barone is doing a good job with the Chamber.

MOTION#/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Durning to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#/20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve and retain Steve Evans now that his probation period is over. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION# /20-21

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine
Clerk Treasurer