

WORK SESSION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 24, 2021 AT VILLAGE HALL 61 FRONT ST., AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Moore, Trustees Durning, Price and Warner, C/T Budine, DC/T Shirkey, DPW Supervisor Steve Evans, CEO Pete Hathaway and Dan Strauss.

CEO Hathaway apologized that his email did not send the monthly code report. He reported that there were 4 grass violations in the beginning of the month and 6 violations in the middle of the month. He also said that he had issued a demolition permit for Allen Street. Mayor Moore said that he had spoken to the Village attorney about our issues with Allen Street. The attorney has advised that Pete should issue a citation to the property owner so that the clock starts ticking on the clean up. That way if it is not done in 30 days we can take them to court. Mayor Moore told CEO Hathaway to issue a citation and Mr. Hathaway said he would do it tomorrow. Mayor Moore then spoke about the grass at the same property. It was high and there were hypodermic needles scattered in the grass. He didn't feel comfortable asking the Village DPW crew to go in there because of the needles, but felt the property owner should be cited for the grass violation.

CEO Hathaway reported that he had complaints about a compost bin on Second Street. The resident who has it is putting meat into it. CEO Hathaway said that they couldn't do this as it was a health hazard and they could be issued a citation. Mayor Moore said that he had too and felt that the board should consider a local law prohibiting putting it on the property line. He felt that we should look into what laws other communities have for composting.

Mayor Moore went on to report he had had complaints about parking on Division Street and the congestion there. Trustee Durning felt the street should be measured to see if it can be parking on one side only. Trustee Price felt that if we went down this path then we would have to consider it for every street. Mr. Price asked about possibly no parking signs. Mayor Moore didn't feel like a change would be possible and Trustee Price said if you do it for one you will have to do it for all.

Mayor Moore went on to say he had a complaint about upper Front Street and people speeding. He was asked if it could be made one way. He felt that would make it even more dangerous. Trustee Price stated that there was a process to change the flow of traffic. Mayor Moore stated that we have all dealt with these particular spots forever and people just need to be careful. Trustee Price suggested having the Sheriff patrol for speeders there.

CEO Hathaway stated that he has spoken to the landlord of 4 Dean Street and he will take care of the sewer line issue. Trustee Durning asked what was going on. DPW Supervisor Evans stated that he thinks a tenant has driven over the sewer cleanout and crushed it. Mr. Hathaway advised the landlord to take care of it immediately or he would be cited. DPW Supervisor Evans asked Mr. Hathaway to keep him in the loop. Mr. Hathaway said there were provisions to allow the Village to do an emergency dig and then bill it to the landlord.

STREETS,WATER,SEWER

DPW Supervisor Evans wanted to thank the Town of Deposit crew for helping us with mowing. Everything looks great!! He also wanted to thank XX Stone for donating 1 x 1 stone for Memorial park.

Mr. Evans then went on to ask if everyone had a chance to look at the signage for the kiosk. He felt the wording needed to be changed and asked everyone to look at it and let him know. The price for it was \$679 and he felt that was very reasonable.

MOTION#137/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Durning to have the annual pump inspection done for \$3,732.50. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Price asked if this was included in the budget and Mr. Evans said that it was.

Mr. Evans reported that the water tank inspection on Pine Street Extension was completed. The tank is 30 years old and the suggested repairs should buy us another 10 to 20 years. He had a quote from Statewide Aqua Store to repair the tank for \$51, 000. Trustee Price asked if we had to get more bids. Mayor Moore stated that because it was such specialized work we did not.

MOTION#138/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Warner to allow \$51,000 from the American Rescue Act to be spent of refurbishing the Water tank on Pine Street Extension. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Warner asked how long this would take. Mr. Evans replied 3 days.

Mr. Evans informed the board that the DEC had called him and they were going to start staging the work in Oquaga Creek on the 28th. Broome County will be paying for the J hook project. The contractor has given us 2 prices for the weirs that will be built to protect our water crossings. The first one will cost \$38,000 and the second one will be \$17,000 for a total of \$55,000. After paying for the water tank repairs we will have around \$27,000 left over from this year's American Rescue act money. Mr. Evans would like to ear mark this for the Oquaga creek project. This is very important to protect or water lines from erosion during high water events. The DEC has assured us that there is money out there to cover the balance, if not the contractor has agreed to wait until we receive the other half of the American Rescue act money.

MOTION#139/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Durning to allow \$27,000 from the American Rescue Act to be used to pay for the weirs in Oquaga Creek with the balance to be paid from other grant sources or failing that to be billed to us next year. Trustee Price stated he would like that in writing from the contractor. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Moore asked for a moment in Executive Session for specific personnel.

TRUSTEES

Trustee Durning stated he was glad to be back.

PRESIDENT

Mayor Moore stated that he would like to appoint Gino Jones to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION#140/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Durning to appoint Gino Jones to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore stated that the board had received the resignation of Melissa Bishop from the Planning Board.

MOTION#141/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Warner to accept the resignation of Melissa Bishop from the Planning Board. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#142/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Durning to appoint Peter Carson to fill the full time position on the Planning Board. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

MOTION#143/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Warner and seconded by Trustee Durning to approve for payment the Abstract of Audited #6 also audited vouchers as listed:

General Fund	\$ 6,439.89
Water Fund	\$ 2,912.33
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 129.61</u>
	\$ 9,481.83

Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Treasurer Budine reported that the EDRLF Committee had agreed to pay up to \$5,000 annually for grant applications.

Clerk Treasurer Budine informed the Board that the Village was receiving \$10,000 from Blue Stone Wind. This is the result of an agreement from the Cultural Resources Mitigation Plan signed in September 2018. One of the recommendations was to help the Revolutionary War cemetery repair fences and damaged gravestones. Trustee Price suggested we could split the money between the cemeteries within the Village if that was allowable. Mayor Moore directed Clerk Treasurer Budine to contact Blue Stone Wind and seek clarification on what we can spend the money on and to report back at the Regular Session in September.

Pool Director Dan Strauss presented the board with a quote for a new ADA lift chair. Ours is old and is not working properly. We are required to have this chair. He said that there was money in his budget for this purchase.

MOTION#144/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Warner to purchase a new ADA complaint lift chair for \$3,737. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Strauss asked DPW Supervisor Evans if they could take down the awning at the pool this fall.

Trustee Price asked if there was any news on the flag pole for the monument at Monument Street. Supervisor Evans said he had a quote for \$2950 and that included installation. Trustee Price asked if we own the property. Mayor Moore stated that no one will give him an answer. Trustee Price said that he doesn't like doing something for one and not doing it for everyone. He felt that the Village could pay for half and then the other half could come from another organization. Mayor Moore said that Mr. Whiting wanted to have a flag placed and to put a plaque on honoring a family member. Trustee Price felt that plaques should be open to anyone who wants to place one. Maybe someone could reach out to the VFW and see if they would be willing to pay for half of the flag pole.

MOTION#145/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Durning and seconded by Trustee Warner to enter into Executive Session to discuss specific personnel. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION#146/21-22

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

MOTION#147/21-22

A motion was made by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Warner to adjourn into at 5:12PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen L. Budine

Clerk Treasurer