

Village Board Meeting  
August 10, 2020

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7 pm with the pledge of allegiance. Trustee Najarian, Maley, Hartley and Tuttle were present, along with Clerk Treasurer Lisa Darling. The Village Board meeting was a Zoom meeting (teleconference) due to COVID-19 following Executive order 202.15

Visitors: Working Supervisor Bruce Kinney      Sewer Plant Operator Steve Ingraham  
Police Officer Michael Nordberg      Electric Superintendent Jeff Livingston  
Officer in Charge Jeff Messina      Fire Chief Phil Mirabito  
Rod Andrews      Margo McDermott

Trustee Hartley moved seconded by Trustee Maley that the minutes of 7/13 are accepted. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle, seconded by Trustee Najarian that the Treasurers, Code Enforcement, Police, Assessor's and Registrar of Vital Statistics were received and filed. Ayes-all. Carried.

Fire Chief Phil Mirabito spoke to the board that the Labor Day Committee asked the Fire Department to do the chicken BBQ for Labor Day. They will be doing 1200 chicken halves in a drive thru fashion. The Lions Club will be utilizing the fire department portable pond for the duck derby for the Labor Day event. The Fire Department received a DEC grant of \$1500 which the village will have to pay first and then be reimbursed. Also, Fire Chief Phil Mirabito said that one of the HAR-Rob invoices was high because they had to take the ladder truck to be serviced the ladder portion needs to be serviced every five years.

Margo McDermott spoke to the board about having a cruise thru with classic cars, tractors and fire trucks starting at Raymond's and doing the 2 mile loop. Mayor Brown asked Police Officer in Charge Jeff Messina and Fire Chief Phil Mirabito to work with Margo to have police officers and fire police direct traffic.

Motion by Trustee Hartley, seconded by Trustee Maley to allow a cruise thru on Labor Day. Ayes-all. Carried.

Electric Superintendent Jeff Livingston told the board that the transformer has made it to South Boston, Virginia and is still being taken apart. The Electric Department has been working on the River Crossing where the poles were set back in the 70's. The poles are now 55ft and they have pulled the wires tighter for more clearance. The Electric Department from Marathon came over to help. The Electric Department has also been trimming trees.

Working Supervisor Bruce Kinney said that he spoke to Judy from FEMA she had some questions on the Birdsall Creek paperwork. Working Supervisor Kinney said the Highway department was going to finish paving North Canal Street tomorrow and then move to North Chenango from the bridge to Genesee Street and Juliand Street. Working Supervisor Kinney said that the Highway Department has taken care of the topsoil at the Ball flats, they spread it out and seeded it. Mr. Kinney wanted to thank the Town, Electric, Water and Village of Afton Departments for their help.

Mayor Brown read the resignation letter from Bailey DeBetta.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Tuttle to accept Bailey DeBetta resignation. . Ayes-all. Carried.

Sewer Plant Operator Steve Ingraham stated that the Susquehanna River Basin Commission is permitting Well 3 to a 60 Horse, 181,000 gallons per day should be sufficient.

Officer in Charge Jeff Messina told the board that A Jones from the county contacted him and they are switching from AT & T to AT & T First Net for their air cards which is used in the patrol cars to access the computers in dispatch. Police Officer Michael Nordberg did some research on speed signs, the stationary signs are about \$3,000.00 and the movable signs are about \$8,000.00 it was decided to do more research maybe look into a grant or the traffic safety committee for possible funding.

Trustee Maley moved seconded by Trustee Najarian to destroy the property that has been in the evidence room for years it will be destroyed by Jim Strenkert's machine shop. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Maley moved seconded by Trustee Najarian to destroy a surplus bicycle that has been in storage for seven years. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Hartley moved seconded by Trustee Maley to destroy Electric Sales reports 2004-2008. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Hartley moved seconded by Trustee Maley to destroy Electric Work Orders 2011-2014. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Najarian, seconded by Trustee Tuttle to destroy Time Sheets 2007-2010. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Tuttle moved seconded by Trustee Najarian to destroy Vouchers 2004-2010. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Tuttle moved seconded by Trustee Maley to accept Lois Conrad and Lynne Ruth as the Village Election Inspectors for September 15, 2020 election. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Tuttle, seconded by Trustee Hartley to accept the financial report from Cwynar & Company on the Village Court System. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Maley moved, seconded by Trustee Najarian that the following audited claims be paid, in total \$218,785.95.

General Fund	\$77,820.19	Electric Fund	\$115,635.66
Water Fund	\$10,509.54	Sewer Fund	\$14,820.56

Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Maley made a motion seconded by Trustee Najarian to authorize the following budget amendments:

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F.8340.422 Trans. Distribution Repairs	+1,462.80
F.1990.490 Contingent Account	-1,462.80

Ayes-all. Carried.

Mayor Brown read a letter from Tamara Kingsley concerning a very large maple tree in which she stated it stood mostly on her property and marginally on the sidewalk. This tree is on the corners of Jackson & Driscoll. Ms. Kingsley did zoom into the meeting and said that Spratley & Sons Tree company came and has removed the tree at the cost of \$3200.00 leaving the stump, Ms. Kingsley asked the village board if they would consider paying any portion of this. Mayor Brown and Working Supervisor Bruce Kinney had looked at this maple tree before its removal and its placement was on Ms. Kingsley property.

Trustee Maley made a motion seconded by Trustee Najarian to deny Tamara Kingsley request to help pay for the removal of maple tree. Ayes-all. Carried.

The Floor was opened to visitors: Marcia Miller said that there is a public hearing on August 12, 2020 for Dan and Heather Montgomery they would like to install an 8ft fence facing Route 12. Marcia also gave a run down on the events for Labor Day weekend which are as follows: Chalk around the Library, A Drive In movie Saturday night, Monday there will be the Cruise Thru, Chicken BBQ, Duck Race and Fireworks. Kathy Heisler spoke about the speed signs and was glad the village was looking into them. Also, Ms. Heisler had some concerns about political signs which are not to be out until 30 days prior to the election. Mayor Brown is going to have Code Enforcement Officer Mike Wheelock look into the election sign issue. Rod Andrews spoke about the National Guard signs that where on the poles in the village. Mayor Brown is going to look into this issue. Mr. Andrews said he was sorry to see that Bailey Debetta resigned from the Highway Department.

Trustee Hartley said that there will be a Ballflats meeting Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 5:00. Thank you to the highway department for taking care of the topsoil at the Ballflats. There will be cameras installed at the boat lunch, pavilion, playground and pool house.

Trustee Maley thanked the police department for their hard work on Saturday during the yard sales.

Trustee Tuttle spoke to the police department about possibly doing something at Lions Park about cars speeding through the park. Officer in Charge said they would go up there and write tickets. Trustee Tuttle wondered if Children at Play signs could be placed at Lions Park. The board will look into it. Trustee Tuttle said that the Sewer Plant is working on building a sprinkler system for on top of the sewer plant. The sewer plant is working on hydrant flushing and hydrant flow for the fire department.

Trustee Najarian had thank you cards for the Electric, Water/Sewer, and Highway Department from the Garden Club.

Mayor Brown said that he will be out for next month's meeting and Deputy Mayor Hartley will be handling the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Hartley, seconded by Trustee Maley to enter into executive session on personnel and legal matters at 8:05. Ayes-all. Carried.

Trustee Tuttle moved, seconded by Trustee Najarian to end executive session and enter regular session at 8:17p.m. Ayes-all. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Hartley, seconded by Trustee Tuttle, to adjourn the board meeting at 8:18pm. Ayes-all. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Darling Clerk Treasurer