

PUBLIC MEETING**MAY 6, 2015****7:00 PM****MAYOR JOSEPH ORLOW PRESIDING**

Bid Opening
1997 Ford Truck with Plow
No bids received

PRESENT

Trustee William Hayes
 Trustee Anthony Girard
 Trustee Timothy Carota

Brian Abare, DPW Superintendent
 Michael Muller, Attorney

Mayor Orlow opened the Public Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Orlow asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Orlow then asked for a Moment of Silence for all to reflect in their own way.

Mayor Orlow then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2015 Board Meeting. Trustee Hayes moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Carota seconded the motion with change and the Board unanimously approved.

Mayor Orlow then asked for a motion to approve the bills audited tonight. Trustee Girard moved to approve the bills.

FY 2014-2015	
<u>Vouchers 89702-89763</u>	
General Fund	\$47,177.17
Water Fund	3,933.30
Sewer Fund	<u>241,111.94</u>
Total	\$292,222.41

FY 2014-2015	
<u>Vouchers 89764</u>	
General Fund	<u>\$8,566.00</u>
Total	\$8,566.00

FY 2014-2015	
<u>Memorial Day Parade 22</u>	
MDP	<u>\$718.40</u>
Total	\$718.40

Seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

Mayor Orlow stated that this time he would open the meeting up for Public Forum to be limited to 5 minute intervals.

Mr. Harry Gutheil, Spring Street was present and stated that he has reviewed the Village Budget and would like to reference a few items. The first question he has is on the Committee Appointment of the Board members and whether the word “Fire Commissioner” is the correct word for the appointment of Trustee Carota. Mr. Gutheil feels that “Fire Committee” would be a better fit for the appointment wording. He feels this because the Village is not a commission from of government. So Mr. Gutheil asked if the appointed Trustee was an actual commissioner. Attorney Muller stated no. Mr. Gutheil stated he suspects that the Trustee appointed is part of the Fire Committee.

Mr. Gutheil then asked about the 1997 Ford Truck that is for sale and placed in front of the DPW building. He wants to know if the truck has been advertised in any other way. Attorney Muller stated that the Village has advertised it in a commercially reasonable manner. Mr. Gutheil stated that he is not questioning the legal way of it being sold, but feels that the Village might get more money trying to sell it in other ways. Mr. Gutheil then asked what kind of condition the truck is in. Mr. Abare stated that the truck is in good condition for a 1997 and has been well maintained with 47,000 miles on it. Mr. Gutheil then stated that he has inspected the truck and the frame looks good and he has to question why the Village is not using it. Mr. Abare stated that Village now has a new truck and the DPW does not need 6 trucks. Mayor Orlow stated that eventually the trucks reach an ageing period and repairs are needed. Mr. Gutheil stated that typically a diesel would run for 200,000 – 500,000 miles. Mayor Orlow stated that vehicles get to the

reliability state and the Department Heads know when it is time to replace them. Trustee Hayes asked Mr. Abare if he had the maintenance records for the truck. Mr. Abare stated yes. Mr. Gutheil asked if the Village anticipated large repairs on the truck. Mr. Abare stated that it is what the Village DPW considered a junk vehicle. Mr. Gutheil stated that if the truck is usable and in good condition why did the Village need a new one. Mayor Orlow thanked Mr. Guthiel for his insight but that the replacement was a well throughout process. Mr. Gutheil stated that he just wanted to make a point.

Mr. Gutheil then asked who is responsible for the Village investments in the Village. Mayor Orlow stated that the Chief Financial officer which is the Clerk-Treasurer with the approval of the Village Board. Mr. Gutheil then asked if anyone on the Board could tell him the Checking account interest rate. Mayor Orlow stated the he is not a micro-manager of the departments, but he will get Mr. Guthiel all the answers to his questions and get back to him. Mr. Gutheil stated it is not micro-managing when there is 1 million dollars in a checking account and the Board does not know the interest rate.

Mr. Gutheil then asked what the Village has for CD's. Mayor Orlow then stated that he will get the answer on the exact CD's the Village has. Trustee Hayes stated that the Budget provides for funds to be added to CD's. Mr. Gutheil wants to know why the Village Checking account is running at 1 million this time of the year; although he suspects the bulk of it is from the water fund. He thinks that the checking amount far exceeds what will be spent out of the budget for the remainder of the year. Trustee Girard stated that he would like to look into the amount in the water and see why we don't have a CD for water. Mr. Gutheil then asked if cash flow charts are used thought out the year. Mr. Gutheil then asked if the CD's are tracked for the best interest rates on 30, 60, 90 days etc. Trustee Hayes states yes.

Mr. Gutheil then stated that the Board borrowed approximately 190,000.00 more than what was needed for the water protect. Trustee Hayes stated yes and it was approved to reimburse the Village for the engineering cost of the project and that it is his understanding that the money is put into a CD for future water infrastructure. Mr. Gutheil stated that the checking account bank reconciliations does not state the interest rate on it and his guess is around 10% or less and the Village is paying 2.25% on the additional borrowed money. Trustee Girard stated that he agrees with Mr. Gutheil. Mr. Gutheil stated it comes down to fiscal management and hopes the Board looks into all of what he has said tonight. Mayor Orlow stated that he appreciates Mr. Gutheils comments and questions and that if the Public meeting can support additional time for Public Forum as it did this evening then he has no problem with Mr. Gutheil using additional time for public speaking.

Mayor Orlow then asked if there were any additional audience questions or comments. There were none.

AGENDA

1) Act on Bids for the Village 1997 Ford Truck with Plow

Trustee Girard stated that since there were no bids received that he would like to have the DPW Superintendent suggest to the Board what the next step would be to try and advertise the truck. Mr. Abare stated that there is a municipal website in which he can set up the advertisement which is a no cost site for the Village to advertise. He will meet with a representative of the website on Friday, May 8, 2015 and report back to the Board regarding it. Mr. Abare then asked the Board for a minimum bid for the new advertisement and added that the truck was first advertised for more than it was appraised for. Trustee Girard moved that the truck be advertised for \$10,000 on the Municipal website that was suggested by the

DPW Superintendent. Trustee Carota seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2) Fire Company Contract – Previously Tabled

Trustee Carota stated that at this point there is no additional new information regarding this.

3) Moreau Community Center Sign Request – Previously Tabled

Mayor Orlow asked Donna Nichols, Moreau Community Center Director to address this item of the agenda. Ms. Nichols stated that she has received several complaints due to the fact that the Meals on Wheels (MOW) pickup and delivery drivers have no place park. This is happening because individuals will come to the center at 8:00 AM and park their vehicle in the area which is used by the drivers of the MOW program. Once the visitors vehicle is parked and they leave on a bus trip, etc. there is no way of moving the vehicle to give access to that area. She stated that she is present tonight to request “No Parking Signs” in the access area. She does understand that Police Chief Kevin Judd supplied information stating that Village has an ordinance and through the Vehicle Traffic Laws currently in place that allows exemption for the pickup and delivery of goods. She is hoping that the Moreau Community situation falls under this exemption. Trustee Girard asks for the “no parking” time frame. Ms. Nichols stated it would be from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM Monday – Friday. Trustee Girard stated that he has no issue with the times of 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, but what he does have is an issue with it is an individual that is engaged in a center activity for the day and receives a parking ticket for parking in the access area. Trustee Girard stated that the question in his mind is how well this will work and be effective without parking tickets being issued. Mayor Orlow stated that with the sign in place it might give the strength to ask parking violators to please move their vehicle, or it might discourage them from parking there all

together. Ms. Nichols stated that she knows it will be the center's issue for violators, and it is not the center's intent to have tickets issued to violators. Trustee Girard asked if the center has tried to cement a sign into a pail, verses putting a permeant sign in the area. Ms. Nichols stated that all moveable items blocking the access area have been removed by visitors of the center. Trustee Carota stated that he feels that the center could have a general loading and unloading zone in the area. Trustee Girard asked if the MOW cars are marked. The answer is yes they display a sign in the windshield window of the vehicle. Trustee Girard moved to approve the request with the oversight of the Village Police and the DPW Superintendent. The sign will be a generic loading and unloading sign with the times of 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM Monday-Friday labeled. This will be a permeant sign driven into the ground, but it can also be removed it needed. Trustee Hayes asked Attorney Muller if this was acceptable. Attorney Muller stated that Section 145-21 of the NYS Code will require an additional process. It was then stated that since no tickets will be issue for violations then an additional process will not be necessary. Trustee Carota seconded the emotion and the Board unanimously approved. DPW Superintendent asked who would inquire the expense of the sign. It will be a Village cost.

4) Robert Ladd Request use of Village Complex Parking Lot

Mayor Orlow read a request from Mr. Robert Ladd for access of the Village parking lot for the use of a vehicle for sale. This is prohibited by law and therefore the request was denied. Mayor Orlow will write Mr. Ladd a letter regarding this request.

5) April 2015 Financial Report

Trustee Girard asked if the General CD for \$152,000 was cashed in for the cash flow of the Village. The answer was yes and it will be reflected on the next monthly financial statement.

Trustee Girard moved to approve the Financial Statement; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

6) Accept Summer Concert Series Donation- Schermerhon Residential Holdings

Trustee Hayes moved to accept the sponsorship; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved. Trustee Girard asked what the total of the concert series was. Mayor Orlow will give Trustee Girard the total of bands and donations.

7) Moreau Community Center – Annual Block Party Fundraiser – September 12, 2015

Trustee Carota moved to approve the request; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

8) Village Assessor Procedures - Statutory Procedure

Mayor Orlow stated that the Clerk-Treasurer and him have meet with the Town of Moreau Assessor, Peggy Jenkins and a past Village Assessor, David Rosebrook to ask questions and try to find a solution to the Village assessment timelines. Mayor Orlow has also called the NYS Comptroller’s Office in hopes he has additional paperwork for the next meeting.

9) Account Transfers

Trustee Carota moved to approve the transfer:

1. FROM	A1325.0407 CE	C/T Misc	\$492.07
TO:	A1362.0400 CE	Advertisement	\$492.07
	*Help wanted Advertisement		

Trustee Girard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

10) DPW Report – On file

Trustee Girard asked if the water total of 16,532,000 gallons used is close to last years total at this time. DPW Superintendent stated that he would have to look back on last year’s records and review to know the comparison.

11) Trustee's Report

Trustee Hayes – The wastewater grant is underway and meters have been installed in a few manholes to help measure the sewage waste flow.

He has received ADA compliance paperwork/booklets and he would like to make sure the Village is ADA compliant in all Village park areas.

Trustee Girard - Attended the Fire Company banquet in Saratoga Springs which was very nice.

Trustee Carota - None

12) Mayor Report – Attended the Fire Company banquet which was a great time.

He dealt with a deceased cat issue on New Street.

Has meet with CT Male on any grant funding available.

The AHC housing grant will be starting soon.

Has spoken with Tori Riley from SEDC to see if there were any business incentives to our Village.

Mayor Orlow asked if there was any additional business to be brought before the Board regarding this meeting.

Ms. Donna Nichols, Director of the Moreau Community Center asked for details regarding the Benoit project. Attorney Muller stated that the estate of the John Benoit donated \$50,000 to the improvements in the Boat Launch area. Mr. Benoit was a DPW employee and DPW Superintendent prior to his retirement from the DPW. During his years with the Village he always had a passion for the area. The Town of Moreau leases the beach area from the Village and is also looking to improve the bath houses in that area.

Harry Gutheil questioned the meeting with the Town of Moreau Assessor and whether the Village was going to hire an assessor. Mayor Orlow stated that at this time we are just gathering the information needed to try and make the best long term decision for the Village.

Mayor Orlow spoke highly of his meeting with Peggy Jenkins and stated that he was supplied with a lot of great information from her.

Mr. Gutheil stated that he would like to see if the Village makes a good business decision and a 7 year business analysis plan.

Mayor Orlow stated that he appreciated Mr. Gutheil's input and the Village will do what they can to make the right decision regarding the assessment issue.

At 8:52 PM Trustee Girard moved to close the meeting; seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer