

PUBLIC MEETING

MAY 20, 2015

7:00 PM

MAYOR JOSEPH ORLOW PRESIDING

PRESENT

Trustee William Hayes
Trustee Anthony Girard
Trustee Timothy Carota
Trustee Edward LaFave

Brian Abare, DPW Superintendent
Michael Muller, Attorney
Richard Daley DPW Foreman
David Linehan, Planning Board

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 motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2015 Board Meeting. Trustee Girard moved to approve with an adjustment to the time in which the meeting closed. The minutes state 8:52 PM and it should state 7:52 PM. Trustee Carota seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

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

FY 2014-2015	
<u>Vouchers 89795-98940</u>	
General Fund	\$21,680.02
Water Fund	3,622.98
Sewer Fund	<u>2,688.45</u>
Total	\$27,991.45

FY 2014-2015	
<u>Vouchers 89841</u>	
General Fund	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
Total	\$50,000.00

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.

Dave Linehan, New Street wanted to thank the Village DPW for fixing the water main leak near his home. He stated that this was a prompt repair and he is grateful for their services. Mayor Orlow thanked Mr. Linehan for his recognition on what a great job the DPW does. Mr. Richard Daley stated that not all residents recognize the DPW in that manner.

Mr. Tom Wade stated to the Village Board he works at the Exit 17 tourist center for the Lake George Chamber, and he was wondering if the Village would like information on how to become a member of the chamber. He could promote the history of the Village parks and the Coopers Cave area if the Village were members of the LG Chamber. Mr. Wade stated that he will supply all the information and then the Village can decide if they want to join once they receive the membership cost.

There were no more public comments.

AGENDA

1) Update-Village 1997 Ford Truck with Plow

Mr. Abare is asking the Village Board permission to sign a contact with Auctions International, Inc in East Aurora, NY for the advertisement of the 1997 Ford Truck with Plow. He then stated that there will be no cost to the Village for this advertisement. Trustee Girard moved to approve and authorization for Mr. Abare to sign the agreement with Auctions International; seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved.

2) Fire Company Contract – Previously Tabled

At the present time there has been no additional information on this. The Fire Company needs additional time to review and discuss the draft contract. Mayor Orlow will also be working with Trustee Carota

Clerk-Treasurer, Danae Bock would like to bring to the Village Board's attention a bill recently received from the Center of Occupational Health stating that an apprentice fire freighter received a full physical exam for \$263.00 and an active fire fighter that received 2 eye exams because glasses were forgotten for the first exam. This might be the Fire Companies policy but she thinks the Village board should have clarification from the Fire Company as to whether this is normal practice. There was also a firemen injured on his way to a fire call and a claim has been placed with the Workmen's Compensation; and the Village records show the individual lives in the Town. Mr. Abare who is the Fire Company Treasurer, stated he will look into this and get back to the Village Board regarding this. It was also brought to the Board's attention that there has been communication between the fire company and the Village office regarding the LENS program, but nothing has been supplied to the Village as of this date. Attorney Muller will draft a Driver Policy and submit it to the Village Board for review.

3) Village Assessor Procedures - Statutory Procedure

This was tabled for further Board review.

4) 2015-2016 Organizational Meeting changes to the Committee Appointment Titles

Trustee Girard stated that he would like to approve the amendment to the 2015-2016 Organizational Meeting to remove all titles such as commissioner, committee and liaison.

Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the amendment.

5) June 2015 Tax Warrant

Trustee Hayes moved for Mayor Orlow to sign the 2015 Tax Warrant; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved. Danae Bock, Clerk-Treasurer stated that the relieved amount water/sewer bills are down \$42,797.40 from the 2014 tax warrant.

6) Gazebo Request –Clara LaPlant wedding for July 25, 2015

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

7) Ragnar Relay Request to use Historical Park Parking Lots as an Exchange Point on Friday, September 25, 2015 from 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Trustee Hayes moved to approve the requested area in the Historical Park parking lots; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved. Trustee Carota will notify the Village police of the Board's approval and the event.

8) Account Transfers

Trustee Hayes moved to approve the following transfers:

1. FROM A1990.0400 CE	Contingency	\$1,350.00
TO: A3120.0201 CE	Police Bldg. Equipment	\$1,350.00
*A/C Unit		
2. FROM: A3120.0216 CE	Police Computer Software	\$300.00
TO: A3120.0401 CE	Police Car Repair	\$300.00
3. FROM: A1990.0400 CE	Contingency	\$1,185.90
TO: A9061.0800 CE	Medicare Reimbursement	\$1,185.90

Trustee Girard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

9) Animal Control Report – on file

10) DPW Report – on file

Trustee Hayes looked at the new bucket truck and it is in good shape and better than what the Village had.

Trustee Carota asked if the DPW will be doing any additional work on the Veteran's Memorial Park prior to the Memorial Day parade which is scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2015. Mr. Abare stated that the DPW will mow the area one more time prior to the parade event. He then commented that he does not think the edging has been completed by the Grass Hopper Green who was awarded the 2015 spring planting bids. Trustee Carota stated that he will review the bid and he will also check on the flowers that were planted.

11) Trustee's Report

Trustee Hayes –There was a joint meeting held with the engineering consultants and the minority contractors regarding the waste water study program. Mr. Richard Daley, DPW Foreman was also present and helped with the manholes inspections, etc. The information will be including in the total scope of the study being performed. Trustee Hayes then stated that it will probably be August before the report is completed. One portion of the report is to have certain lines televised to show the condition of the lines. This is a free service from Rural Waters and the service will not be completed until July or August. There has been a preview of the data and the Village has the first test runs to review the missing manholes, etc. Eventually the data will be in a GPS version which will include color. There was discussion with the Chazen Companies about looking into the next round of grant opportunities for 2015. Trustee Hayes has a 180 page booklet with opportunities that the Village might be able to apply for with a submission date of July 31, 2015. Trustee Hayes would like the Board to review Option #3 (on file with the minutes) of the grant opportunities which is \$100,000 with a 20% Village match. This grant which will allow for a more detailed and time line regarding the infiltration and in-flow problems. The main problem at this point with the current waste water grant for 2014 has been getting the accurate flow readings from

the sewer mains due to the lack of rain. Without the rain it has been difficult to get anything other than a baseline. Trustee Hayes thinks that the Village has a week or two left with the study equipment, but anything past the agreed period it will cost \$2,500.00 as week. Trustee Hayes stated that the additional cost is not feasible for the Village and therefore additional study time will not be possible. Trustee Hayes added that if the Board approves Option #3 for possible grant opportunities then the cost to the Village will be \$20,000.00 which is not currently set up as a budgeted line item, but there are other options such as in-kind service labor from the DPW. Trustee Hayes then asked Trustee Girard for his input since he was in attendance at the meeting. Trustee Girard stated that the main consideration for Option #3 and the \$100,000 grant is that much more can be done. He feels that with an in-kind service of \$10,000 the Village cost would be \$10,000 and we have paid \$7,500.00 for the current study so his thought is for \$2,500.00 more the Village would be okay. It is also his understanding that if awarded the grant that it can be rejected if the Village does not feel at that time they are ready for it. Mayor Orlow asked if the Village share would be taken from the Water fund. The answer is no. This is a sanitary study and would be taken from the sewer funds. Trustee Carota asked who would be performing the in-kind service. The answer to Trustee Carota is the Village DPW. Trustee Girard then stated that it is possible that the grant will allow the Village to obtain equipment such as sewer camera which would benefit the Village for future studies. Trustee Hayes made a motion based on the information he supplied to the Board that the Village make a cursory approve allowing the engineers to start the process, with final approval and resolution a the next meeting; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

Trustee Girard – Included in Trustee Hayes report.

Trustee Carota – The 2015 Spring plantings will be reviewed prior to the invoice being approved or paid.

Trustee LaFave – The Memorial Day parade will take place at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 22, 2015 starting at the corner of Haviland Avenue and Main Street and will continue to the Veterans Memorial Park. The Grand Marshall will be Edward Burns who served in World War II.

12) Mayor Report –

Mayor Orlow placed an ad in the Chronicle for \$89.00 on behalf of the Village in support of the SGF Marathon Dance. Mayor Orlow did not get prior Board approval but is now asking the Village Board for approval to pay the bill through the Village advertising account.

Trustee Carota moved to approve the expense; seconded by Trustee Girard, Trustee Hayes yes but then asked Mayor Orlow if he was now aware of how the prior approvals work; Trustee LaFave no. Mayor Orlow asked Trustee LaFave for his reason in voting no; Attorney Muller stated that no answer is necessary.

The Mayor announced that the Village mortgage tax is up \$11,432 and the Village sales tax is up \$500 from last year.

The Common Roots Brewery on Saratoga Ave had a grand opening in which he attended. While there he made a connection with Governor Cuomo's office representative.

On Monday, May 18, 2015 there was a situation in which the DPW and the Police Department came to a compromise and everything worked out in the end. He then stated that the Village departments were not at fault.

He has spoken with Town Representatives regarding the John Benoit Boat Launch area and the fact that some of their volunteers have backed out regarding a bath house project that the Town is doing in the area. The Beach house area also might be in a flood zone area.

He meet with SGF School Superintendent and the Middle School principal in regards to a crosswalk issue and the parking hours currently stated on the parking signs located on Hudson Street.

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

At 7:44 PM Trustee Girard moved to close the meeting; seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer