

PUBLIC MEETING

AUGUST 5, 2015

7:00 PM

MAYOR JOSEPH ORLOW PRESIDING

PRESENT

Trustee William Hayes
Trustee Anthony Girard
Trustee Timothy Carota

Brian Abare, DPW Superintendent
Michael Muller, Attorney
Kathleen Moore, Post Star Reporter
Wayne Bruce, Asst. Bldg. Insp

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 July 15, 2015 Board Meeting. Trustee Hayes moved to approve the minutes from July 15, 2015. Trustee Girard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

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

FY 2015-2016		JBP	
<u>Vouchers 90233-90290</u>		<u>Vouchers 23-24</u>	
General Fund	\$58,748.80	J. Benoit Project Fund	\$167.99
Water Fund	4,726.24	Total	\$167.99
Sewer Fund	<u>2,378.30</u>		
Total	\$68,858.34		

Seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Harry Gutheil was present and asked the following questions.

He asked why the minutes have not been updated on the website for several meetings. Clerk - Treasurer, Danae Bock stated that she will check into it and make sure they are updated tomorrow.

Mr. Gutheil then wanted to know where the Fund Balance ended up for the year end. Clerk-Treasurer, Danae Bock stated that at this time she did not have the figures and therefore she could not give that information to him this evening. Mayor Orlow stated to Mr. Gutheil that if he wanted to come into the Village office tomorrow he would be able to give him those figures.

Mr. Gutheil then asked if the Annual Financial Document have been filed with NYS. Clerk-Treasurer, Danae Bock stated that there has been an extension filed and granted. Mr. Gutheil then asked how long the extension was for the Ms. Bock stated the Village was given 30 additional days, but that she thinks it will be filed within the next week.

Trustee Girard stated that he has reviewed the Fund Balances for the year end and feels that the figures that were previously stated by the Clerk-Treasurer are pretty accurate.

Mr. Gutheil then asked what plan the Village has put into place to make it through this fiscal year with the budget that was adopted, and what the adopted appropriated fund balance is in the current general budget. Trustee Girard stated it was \$541,043.00 and yes there might be a problem by the end the year. Mayor Orlow stated that he has been working on the financial conditions for the Village and will continue to do so. Mr. Gutheil stated he is looking for a substantial answer and the statement by the Mayor “we are caring for the Village” does not give the answer he is looking for. He feels that the Village has chosen to ignore his recommendations for the budget future, and also that there will be a big increase to the future tax payers.

AGENDA

1) Professional Services for the 2015-2016 Drinking Water Grant Application

Trustee Hayes stated that Chazen Companies has submitted a Proposal for Professional Services for the Drinking Water Grant Application. Proposal One is to replace undersized 4” water mains along several streets in the Village. The second proposal is the rehabilitation of the Village water storage tank. It was also stated by Trustee Hayes that if the application is not successful in the FY2015-2016 year. Additional grant money is anticipated to be available in the FY2016-2017 and FY 2017-2018 years. Applicants may receive up to \$2 million or 60% of the total project cost, whichever is less. Trustee Hayes reviewed both options in detail (attached to minutes). Trustee Girard stated that the grant is a 60/40 grant and it is a difficult decision to choose between the proposals that have been presented. The good news is that the grant continues for future years, and he would suggest a 5-year plan be developed. Even though the fund balance at this point is rather large it is still not capable to complete either proposal. In the future there will be a 5-year game plan brought back to the Village Board for review. Trustee Carota asked if the Village had the 40% funding available to support the Village portion of the grant. Trustee Girard stated yes. Trustee Girard move that the Board proceed with proposal #1 with the professional service fee of \$1,500.00 being paid to Chazen Companies from the water account (FX8310.0411). Trustee Carota seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

2) Water Treatment Plant Advanced Operations Grade 1 Course – John Dixon JR.

After much discussion it was decided that this would be denied. The Board then decided that if there is future training that would directly benefit his position in his classification with the Village his request would be considered at that time. There was also a suggestion to add a “training expense account to the water budget for future budgeting purposes”

3) Recycling & Waste Professional Service

Trustee Carota will be reviewing the current trash/recycling service proposals, and will report back to the Village Board at a later time.

4) Betar By-Way Bench request

Trustee Girard approved Brian Abare, DPW Superintendent to purchase a bench per a request received by the Board. Trustee Carota seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Mr. Robert Phinney has made the request and will be responsible for the price of the bench and the plaque.

5) Fire Company Membership – Village Involvement Procedure

The Village involvement with the Fire Company membership is that the Village will still acknowledge the members. A full membership application with a copy of the driver's license will still be needed for review and all members will be added to the Village vehicle LENS program. Trustee Carota suggested that the Village involvement be stated in the Village/Fire Company contract.

6) Administration – 50/50 Sidewalk Beautification Program

Trustee Girard stated that he feels that the \$350.00 compensation pay for the administration duties for this program should be an in-house part of the Deputy Clerks duties and that the \$350.00 compensation be added to the current salary. He has spoken with Randi White the Deputy Clerk regarding this. Trustee Girard moved to approve the changes in duties and compensation for the Deputy Clerk position; seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved. The next agenda will include the transfers for approval.

7) Fall Government Planning & Zoning Workshop – October 15, 2015

It was stated that there was an upcoming Planning and Zoning workshop and there are still three members between the two boards that have not completed the 2015 training

requirements. The Planning and Zoning liaisons were asked to contact the individuals and give them the information regarding the October 15, 2015 training session. Trustee Carota moved to approve the expense for all members that still need to meet the 2015 requirement. Trustee Girard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

8) Gazebo Request – Marita Dryden for August 9, 2015

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

9) Gazebo Request - Danielle Nassivera for September 12, 2015

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

10) Account Transfers:

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| 1. FROM: A1990.0400 | CE | Contingency | \$305.00 |
| TO: A1930.0404 | CE | Judgement/Claims | \$305.00 |
| *Litigation – 156 Main Street | | | |
| 2. FROM: A1990.0400 | CE | Contingency | \$903.00 |
| TO: A1930.0400 | CE | Property Acquisition | \$903.00 |
| *1 st St. Hayes & Hayes | | | |

Trustee Girard asked if item #2 was for the land that was given to the Village on 1st Street by Hayes and Hayes. Trustee Hayes asked if there was a plot plan or survey regarding this. Attorney Muller stated that the Village should check the Planning Board files regarding this property. Trustee Carota moved to approve the transfers; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

11) Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Report

Mr. Wayne Bruce stated that he has been following up on several properties for the past few weeks. The following are updates.

- a. Traveled the Village street with the Mayor and they were able to submit 20 or more letters of violations to various home owners.
- b. 156 Main Street – Is in court at the current time.
- c. 86 Hudson Street- Is in complete compliance as of now. Mr. Bruce was thanked by the residents in the area.
- d. Trustee Girard asked if the court process was the only way for the Village to handle these problems. Attorney Muller stated that the reality is that when you have uncooperative homeowners then court proceedings are the only option for municipalities.

12) Animal Control Report – on file

13) DPW Report – on file

Item #9 of the report- Trustee Girard asked what the minor violations were.

1. Mr. Abare stated the he has an above ground 275 used oil tank which is labeled on the side of it, but he now being told the label should say 247 working capacity..
2. He has a bulk oil tank that now needs to be registered.
3. When the gas company fills the tanks there seems to be some over flow in the over spill bucket.

Mr. Abare stated he is trying to resolve the violations.

Trustee Hayes asked about the Rt. 9 bridge lights replacement. The Village maintains the North side of the bride and the City of Glens Falls maintains the south side of the bridge.

Mr. Abare would like to see something done with the basketball hoops in the roadways. Chief Judd will be handling his.

14) Trustee's Report

Trustee Hayes – The concert series is still going well and the crowds have continued thought-out the summer. The museum traffic is consistent.

The Waste Water grant has been submitted to NYS.

Trustee Girard – Spoke to Chief Judd regarding the Rt. 9 traffic problems. He would like to see the Village put a “NO LEFT TURN SIGN” in the area of RT. 9 and Stewarts. He feels this needs to be done as an educational thing for residents who have lived here there whole life. Mayor Orlow will follow up with NYS regarding it.

Trustee Carota – None

15) Mayor Report – The dedication of the John Benoit Boat Launch took place today at 12:00

PM. The dedication was a wonderful event that was attended by many to honor Mr. Benoit.

The will be a reschedule for the concert that was rained out.

Mayor Orlow then asked if there were any additional questions or comments.

Mr. Charlie Granger, Marion Avenue was present and asked if the Village was still on the water restriction. The answer is yeas. Sprinklers are limited, hand held water hoses can be used anytime at this point. John Dixon Jr. will be warning individuals that don't comply with the restrictions. The restriction is on an odd/even schedule.

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

At 7:57 PM Trustee Hayes moved to close the meeting; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer

