

PUBLIC HEARING

DECEMBER 16, 2015

7:00 PM

MAYOR JOSEPH ORLOW PRESIDING

Mayor Orlow asked Mr. Wayne Bruce to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**LOCAL LAW 1-2015
AMEND A PORTION OF
WATER CHAPTER 149 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 20 (a) ENTITLED
“Penalty Charges for Nonpayment”**

Mayor Orlow opened the Public Hearing and asked Attorney Muller to please review the proposed changes to Chapter 149 of the Village Code with the audience.

Attorney Muller reviewed the proposed changes to Chapter 149 Article IV, Section 20 (a). The Mayor asked the Board if they had any comments or questions. There were no comments.

Mayor Orlow then asked the audience if they had any comments or questions for the Board.

There were no comments. Mayor Orlow then asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Trustee Hayes moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

PUBLIC MEETING

OPEN 2016 TREE BIDS

Mayor Orlow then stated that the second item to address would be the 2016 Tree Removal bids.

There were two bids received. The first bid was from Tree Care by Stan Hunt, Inc for \$7,300.00 and Adirondack Tree Surgeons for \$7,900.00. After review of the bids by Attorney Muller and

Trustee Carota the bids will be addressed as item #2 of the agenda.

PRESENT

Trustee William Hayes
 Trustee Anthony Girard
 Trustee Timothy Carota

Brian Abare, DPW Superintendent
 Michael Muller, Attorney

Mayor Orlow opened the Public Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Orlow then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2015 Board Meeting with a change to Page 3 #5 date from December 18, 2015 to December 16, 2015.

Trustee Hayes moved to approve the minutes from December 2, 2015 with the suggested change from Mayor Orlow. 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
	<u>Vourches 90981-91045</u>
General Fund	\$23,343.84
Water Fund	3,639.87
Sewer Fund	<u>5,459.23</u>
Total	\$32,442.94

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 minutes. There were no comments.

AGENDA

1) Act on Local Law 1-2015

Trustee Carota moved to approve Local Law 1-2015 as presented this evening; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

2) Act on 2016 Tree Bids

Trustee Carota stated that he feels the bids are a little high for the Village budget and at this point he would like to reevaluate the bid list. Trustee Carota moved to reject all bids received this evening and to reconfigure the bid list with the bids being advertised at a later date; seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved.

3) Department of Transportation--Shared Service Agreement for Emergency Assistance

Trustee Girard moved to approved DPW Superintendent Brian Abare to sign the Shared Service Agreement for Emergency Assistance with NYS Department of Transportation. Seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved. Mayor Orlow stated that this may be helpful through the shared service requirements set by NYS

4) Fire Company Member – Sarah Salvato

Trustee Carota acknowledged the membership; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

5) Financial Statement --November 2016

Trustee Carota moved to approve the Financial Statement seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved. Mayor Orlow stated that he would also like to see a Board member join the January Department Head meeting.

6) Back-up Water Treatment Plant Operator – Jake Fort – Previously Tabled

Trustee Girard stated that he, Trustee Hayes and DPW Superintendent, Brian Abare have meet and interviewed Mr. Fort. The interview and the meeting went well, but there was one

question regarding liability insurance with Mr. Fort as an independent contractor or as a part-time employee. After much discussion with Attorney Muller regarding an independent contractor verses a part-time employee. Trustee Carota moved to approve hiring Mr. Fort as a part-time employee at \$20.00 per hour on an (as-needed-basis) at the Water Treatment Plant; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved. DPW Superintendent Brian Abare will document his worked hours on the DPW Payroll sheets that are on file in the Village office.

7) Quote – Yearly Water Treatment Plant Maintenance – Previously Tabled

Trustee Girard moved to approve the maintenance agreement for HACH Company to perform a yearly maintenance on the Water Treatment Plant. Seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

8) Account Transfer

Trustee Carota moved to approve the following transfers:

A. FROM:	A3120.0215	EQ	Computer Hardware	\$900.00
TO:	A3120.0420	CE	Computer Support	\$900.00
B. FROM:	G1990.0400	CE	Contingency	\$1,575.00
TO:	G1441.0400	CE	Engineering	\$1,575.00

Trustee Girard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved

9) DPW Report

There was a question at the last Board meeting regarding the water filter life at the Water Treatment Plant and it has now been determined that the filters are lasting for a longer period of time.

The DPW loader will be sent out soon to Milton Cat to be repaired. Trustee Carota asked if it was a John Deere. Mr. Abare stated yes but their price was very high.

10) Trustee's Report

Trustee Girard – Asked if there was any progress on locating the owner of the recently closed Sonoco deli and gas station located at 3 Gansevoort Rd. in the Village. At this point the Mayor is working on it, but the current owner still has not been located. It is the Mayor's understanding that there are individuals interested in the purchase of the property and he will continue to work on this issue. NBT is the mortgage holder on the property. Trustee Girard stated that this property might soon become a health issue due to the food products still being in the store.

Trustee Carota – None

Trustee Hayes – Stated that the Village applied for a Waste Water Grant and the award announcements have now been made but the Village did not receive an award for the grant. This was going to be used for an engineering study on the Village sewer system.

Trustee Hayes then stated that the Village also applied for a Water Infrastructure grant. The announcements have now been made as to who was awarded funding but the Village did not qualify for this grant either. There was only one award in Saratoga County which was in the Stillwater/Mechanicville area. Warren County did have the City of Glens Falls awarded.

Trustee Hayes has spoken with the Post Star regarding some discrepancies that were reported on the water discoloration problem in the Village. The recent article stated that all information regarding the Zinc Orthophosphate study had been sent to the NYS Department of Health office; which was not a true statement. Trustee Hayes did state that as of today the report has been formally sent to the NYS Department of Health office and they have acknowledged receipt of the documents. The current estimate is \$5,500.00 to activate the program that is currently being reviewed by DOH. Trustee Hayes stated the 2 proposals will

be needed to comply with the Village Procurement Policy and the labor will be supplied by the Village DPW. The current contract with Aqualogic will cover all testing of the system which will cost \$1,500.00 but is included in the cost of \$5,500.00. The Village is waiting for approval from DOH at this time. Trustee Girard stated that he would like to add that it is unfortunate that the Village did not received the grants but there will be another opportunity in the summer of 2016 to apply for a water grant and he hopes that the Village will apply again at that time. In the meantime; the Village will continue to work on the water discoloration problem. The grant would have given the Village additional money to solve the problem, but hopefully the game plan the Village has in place will solve the high priority areas.

11) Mayor Report - None

Mayor Orlow asked if there were any additional Public Comments. Mr. Wayne Bruce asked who owns the Sonoco at 3 Gansevoort Road. He thought it was still the original owner that bought it from Alan and Diane Knaust. Mayor Orlow stated that it is not the same owner that bought from the Knaust and it is now under the name of Sidak Properties. Inc.

Mayor Orlow asked if there were any additional comments from the public.

Mr. Thomas Wade asked about the Shared Service agreement with NYS DOT (item #3 of this agenda). Mr. Wade stated that municipal shared services are really being supported throughout NYS and ask the Mayor to review it further. Mayor Orlow stated that he hopes to have more information on it prior to the next meeting.

Mayor Orlow stated Happy Holiday to all and if there were no additional comments he would ask for a motion to close the Public Meeting.

At 7:53 PM Trustee Hayes moved to close the meeting; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer