

**PUBLIC MEETING****FEBRUARY 3, 2016****7:00 PM****MAYOR JOSEPH ORLOW PRESIDING**

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

**PRESENT**

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

Brian Abare, DPW Superintendent  
Michael Muller, Attorney  
David Linehan, P/B Chairman

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

Mayor Orlow then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2016 Board Meeting. Trustee Hayes noted one correction prior to approval of the minutes from January 20, 2016 with the correction to Pg. 4 which stated Tedord and it should be Tedford. Trustee Carota moved to approve the minutes with Trustee Hayes noted correction; Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

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

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|              | FY 2015-2016                |       | FY 2015-2016                   |
|              | <u>Vourches 91256-91302</u> |       | <u>Voucher AHC 91303-91304</u> |
| General Fund | \$93,353.53                 | JBPF  | <u>\$12,120.00</u>             |
| Water Fund   | 10,257.19                   | Total | \$12,120.00                    |
| Sewer Fund   | <u>4,241.32</u>             |       |                                |
| Total        | \$107,852.04                |       |                                |

Seconded by Trustee LaFave 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.

Brigid Martin, Marion Ave. was present and commented on the great job that the DPW did with clearing the water from the Village Streets during and after today's heavy periods of rain.

Ms. Martin also commented that she would like to share comments regarding the water testing in the Village. She then stated that there are residents that would like to be testing their own water and of course there is always a question as to whether they the residents are being told everything and if they are being told the truth. Mayor Orlow stated that the source of the Village water is probably the best that the residents will ever get and it is safe. He then stated that if there are any questions the DPW Superintendent, Brian Abare or Trustee Hayes will be available for questions after the meeting. Ms. Martin did state that there is a water test kit available that will test for lead at Home Depot for \$9.99. There is also full water test kit for \$19.99 if any resident would like to test their own water. Trustee Hayes stated that the Village Water/Sewer Operator, John Dixon Jr. collects 10 to 15 weekly random samples within the Village. These samples are then tested at the certified Water Treatment Plant in Queensbury. The Post Star Reporter, Kathleen Moore then asked if the weekly testing included a test for lead. Trustee Hayes stated he is unsure if lead testing is included in the weekly testing. He then stated that lead testing is part of the testing guidelines and requirements for the Department of Health. Trustee Girard stated that he talked with Mr. Dixon today because he felt there might be questions from the audience and the answers tonight are exactly what Mr. Dixon does on a weekly and monthly basis. Mayor Orlow thanked Kathleen Moore for her Post Star articles and

commented that the articles have been a great help in getting the word out to the Village residents regarding the water issues in the Village.

Mr. Harry Gutheil was present and wanted to know the financial condition of the Village. He stated that as of the last budget adoption the Village Board knew it would be a tight year for spending. Mayor Orlow stated that yes things have been tight and he has also taken Mr. Gutheil's advice into consideration and has had with the Department head meetings to discuss the financials and where the Village stands on a monthly basis. The Town Assessor has also been involved in the meetings. The budget will soon be worked on and the public will have an opportunity to be heard. There is currently a follow-up NYS audit going on in the Village office. Mayor Orlow stated that there were decisions made in the past that are still affecting the revenue of the Village. Mr. Gutheil stated that he does not understand what the Mayor is saying. Mayor Orlow stated that a few years ago the Village gave up their assessment unit. Mr. Gutheil asked the Mayor if he was blaming this on not having an assessing unit. Mayor Orlow stated that yes he is and it has compounded the problem. Mr. Gutheil stated that the appropriated fund balance shows around \$500,000 and the Clerk-Treasurer estimated it around \$150,000 and the AUD shows approximately \$157,000. Mr. Gutheil asked where the difference was going to be made up. Mayor Orlow stated he hopes that the cuts are enough and then he invited Mr. Gutheil to meet with him to review things. Mr. Gutheil stated that he would like to see actual expenses verses budgeted amounts. Mayor Orlow stated he has spoken with the NYS auditor that is here in our building doing the review and three years ago the Village was criticized for a large general fund balance and now publically criticized for a small fund balance.

Mr. Gutheil then asked if the budget process would be open this year, Mayor Orlow stated yes it will be.

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

## **AGENDA**

### **1) 2016 Tree Bids**

Mayor Orlow asked Trustee Carota to address this item. Trustee Carota stated that at the February 3, 2016 meeting the 2016 Tree Bids were opened but tabled until tonight's meeting so that additional time could be had to review the bids. Trustee Carota stated that he would move to approve the lowest bid from High Peaks Tree Removal, Inc for \$4,000.00. Trustee LaFave seconded the motion and the Board approved.

### **2) CSEA Benefits Renewal Agreement**

Mayor Orlow stated that he has the CSEA Benefits Renewal agreement for the years 2015 – 2019. Trustee Hayes moved to approve the Mayor to sign the contract; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

#### **2A. Termination of Non-Union and Elected Official from the CSEA Prescription Plan**

Mayor Orlow read a Memo that he has submitted to all non-union and elected official stating that at this time prescription insurance is offered through the current Village health insurance plan CDPHP and therefore the CSEA prescription plan is a duplication of insurances. Trustee Hayes asked what the savings to the Village would be. The yearly savings to the Village would be approximately \$52,000.00. If the Board approves the terminations effective March 1, 2016 the savings in this budget year would be approximately \$8,700.00. Mayor Orlow stated that if there ever becomes a problem with the prescription drug which is part of the major medical insurance then the Village non-union and elected officials would be able to sign back on for the coverage. Trustee Girard stated that the he feels the elected officials should forgo the HRA account of \$2,500.00 also. Mayor Orlow stated that at budget

time it can certainly be discussed and that Trustee Girard's point is well taken. Trustee Girard then asked if 95% of the employees will still be enrolled in the CSEA prescription plan. Clerk-Treasurer Danae Bock explained that it is 95% of the bargaining unit members and they will all still be enrolled in the insurance. Trustee Girard moved to approve the terminations of the non-union and elected officials from the CSEA prescription plan. Trustee Carota seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

**3) Gazebo Request – David Jenkins and Jennifer Wright—June 4, 2016**

Trustee LaFave moved to approve the gazebo request for June 4, 2016; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

**4) Ragnar Relay – September 23, 2016**

Trustee LaFave stated that he would move to approve this request for September 23, 2016; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

**5) David Linehan - Planning and Zoning Board**

Mayor Orlow asked Dave Linehan, Planning Board Chairmen to address this item. Mr. Linehan stated that he attended the Planning Zoning Conference last week in Saratoga, NY. He would like to speak to the Board about some of the items that need to be updated pertaining to the Village Planning and Zoning Boards. One item would be the Village Comprehensive Plan update which will help with the Village obtaining future grant funding. The current comprehensive plan states that it should be updated every 5 years and it has been since 2012 since an update has been done. He will also discuss this with the Planning Board at their next meeting.

There may be a comprehensive plan review at the next Planning Board meeting. This would be for a local business on Rt. 9 and parking issues.

Mayor Orlow stated that Mr. Linehan has brought some very good points to the Village Board and asked the Board if they had any questions for Mr. Linehan. There was no further discussion.

**6) Fire Company Membership - John Rivers**

Trustee Carota moved to acknowledge the membership; seconded by Trustee LaFave and the Board unanimously approved.

**7) Account Transfers:**

Trustee LaFave moved to approve the following transfers:

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| FROM: | A1640.0402      | CE | Garage Heat & Lights | \$2,950.00 |
| TO:   | A1441.0400      | CE | Engineering          | \$2,950.00 |
|       | *Chazen Washbay |    |                      |            |

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|-------|-------------|----|---------------------|-------------|
| FROM: | FX8320.0200 | EQ | Water Pump Station  | \$10,000.00 |
| FROM: | FX1990.0400 | CE | Contingency         | 24,275.00   |
| TO:   | FX8310.0411 | CE | Admin – Engineering | 34,275.00   |

Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

**8) Animal Control Report- on file**

**9) DPW Report- on file**

There was discussion regarding #9 of the report. Attorney Muller will review the code but it is likely that a Public Hearing and Village Code change will be needed in order for the allowance of a water meter to be hooked directly to an irrigation system.

Trustee Hayes asked if there was any progress on the DPW items that have been approved for sale. Mr. Abare stated that he is working on placing the ad.

**10) Trustee's Report –**

Trustee Hayes – He stated that the Planning and Zoning Conference last week in Saratoga was a very helpful source of information. There were members of both the Planning and the

Zoning Boards that did not attend the conference but need to have a certain amount of credited hours to serve as member of the Boards. This seems to be an issue with the members and he feels that something needs to be done to enforce the training requirements.

Zinc Orthophosphate Update – The equipment has been ordered and the pump has arrived. The solution containers have not arrived at this time but when they do the process will start but prior to that a notification to the residents will be placed in the newspapers and on the website. The project is moving as fast as it can at this point. The equipment layout has already been determined within the water plant. Mayor Orlow asked if there were any questions from the Board regarding Trustee Hayes report. There were none.

Trustee Carota - None

Trustee Girard – The Planning and Zoning Conference in Saratoga was very helpful and educational and he would encourage all planning and zoning members to attend.

He requested that the monthly financial statements be issued prior to the second Wednesday of the month. He feels there is not enough time to review it on such short notice. Clerk-Treasurer, Danae Bock stated that she will have it submitted to the Board members on the Thursdays prior to the third Wednesday of each month. Mayor Orlow asked if there were any questions for Trustee Girard. There were none.

Trustee LaFave - Meetings have taken place with the Village insurance agent. The agent is preparing 3 applications for proposal.

The 2016 planting bids have been sent out and will be opened at the next meeting.

#### **11) Mayor Report -**

He thanked the Post Star reporter, Kathleen Moore for her recent publications regarding the Village heating repairs. He stated that at this time he is not able to discuss much regarding

the Village heating topic, but stated that the Village chose the right product and it came as a savings from what was originally though a few years ago.

The owner of a commercial business located at 3 Gansevoort Rd will soon be cleaning out the interior of the business. This business suddenly shut down several months ago and the perishable items in the store have been a concern to the neighborhood.

Mayor Orlow opened the meeting back up for Public Forum.

Bridgid Martin, Marion Avenue wanted the Village Board to know that Assemblywomen Carrie Worner will be at the Moreau Community Center on February 17, 2016 at 5:30 PM for a Public Forum. She wanted to share information with the Board members in case any Board member would like to attend the meeting prior to the Village Board meeting that evening.

The Community Collation met last night here in the Village office. Last night's meeting topic was heroin abuse. Suggestions for control of the use were a creation of a teen center, area job creations, counseling for students with home abuse. There are also meetings held at the Moreau Community Center. There was a small number in attendance at the meeting.

Harry Gutheil questioned the transfers Item #7 of this agenda. Clerk-Treasurer Danae Bock stated that these were engineering cost for project approved at the last meeting. The engineering cost was explained to Mr. Guthiel. Mr. Gutheil then asked the total project cost. It was explained to Mr. Gutheil without the engineering study the Village is not aware roof the total project cost. Mr. Gutheil then asked whether the pipe purchased a few years ago will still be good. Mr. Abare stated yes the underground pipe is good but the O-rings might be bad.

The wash bay expenses will be covered grant funding.



At 8:00 PM Mayor Orlow asked to close the Public Meeting Trustee Hayes moved to close the meeting; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

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Dannae Bock