

Pledge of Allegiance

## PUBLIC MEETING

June 1, 2016

7:00 PM

### MAYOR JOSEPH ORLOW PRESIDING

Trustee William Hayes  
Trustee Anthony Girard  
Trustee Timothy Carota

Brian Abare, Dpw Superintendent  
Michael Muller, Attorney

Approve Minutes from the May 18, 2016 Board Meeting – Approved by Trustee Hayes with a correction to pg#6 (while talking about the Bond Resolution it was stated the money will come from the Certificate of Deposit and the Fund Balance); seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

Approve bills audited tonight – Approved by Trustee Carota; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
<u>Vouchers 91942-91984 minus 91945/91946</u>	<u>Vouchers 91985-91988</u>
General Fund \$23,278.78	General Fund \$94,146.23
Water Fund 8,235.13	Water Fund 3,617.76
Sewer Fund <u>1,844.89</u>	Sewer Fund <u>1,808.89</u>
Total \$33,358.80	Total \$99,572.88

#### Public Forum

Mr. Gutheil stated Happy New Year heading into the new fiscal year. Mr. Gutheil then wants to know the dollar breakdown from the funds for the bills audited tonight. Trustee Carota read the break downs from the above bills. He then wanted to know if those amounts included payroll.

The answer was no, and that it is only the bills audited this evening. He asked about encumbered funds. It was explained to him that the department heads write their own purchase orders to encumber money within their own departments.

He then asked what was new with the CSEA Prescription coverage that is carried by the PBA and the CSEA unions. Attorney Muller stated that the Village is currently talking with the unions but at his time he cannot comment on what has been discussed. Mr. Gutheil feels that this is a daily cost to the residents and that the cost factor needs to be stated. Attorney Muller again stated that there have been discussions and a proposal has been submitted by the CSEA but not by the PBA; so at this time he is unable to discuss this further.

Trustee Hayes then stated that he would like to say a few things about the discrimination in press coverage that the Village is getting and received over the past several months. The City of Glens Falls is applying for the same grant that we here in the Village of South Glens Falls are applying for, but the City of Glens Falls press articles were very positive meanwhile the Village of South Glens Falls articles were like they usually are full of negativity (high profile). He then stated that this type of reporting is unfair and has hurt and will continue to hurt the Village. He then stated that there was a blog posted on line in which a painting contractor stated the NYS would not allow money for a Water Tower project. Trustee Hayes stated that the Village would not be filing a grant application if it was not allowed, and that is why we rely on our professional consultants and not the Post Star or their known experts. He explained that the Village is trying to get a grant for the good of the Village and that the Bond Resolution is something that the Village needed to have on record prior to filing the application. The Village may not receive the grant, but we have to trust in our consultants and follow protocols established by the funding

agencies. Trustee Hayes then stated that the Village recognizes the problems and deficiencies more than so called outside experts and are trying to address solutions in a timely fashion. We cannot do it all at once but are planning sequentially these solutions through water/sewer fund balances, certificate of deposit accounts and by participating in all the grant applications we can to minimize our local taxpayers outlay.

Brigid Martin stated that at the last Town of Moreau meeting Supervisor Condon stated that the Village could tear down the water tower and build a new one cheaper then what they are proposing in the Bond Resolution. Mayor Orlow thanked Ms. Martin for her input but doubts that could be possible. Harry Gutheil questions the amount of \$52,000.00 for the removal and replacement of the antenna corral. He asked why the antenna carriers would not be responsible for that part of the job. Trustee Hayes stated that it is the safety railings (corral) around the top of the tower and not the cell antennas. TJ Chagnon, DPW Employee stated that the DPW employees on several occasions have had to go to the top of the water tower and the corral is in need of repairs as a safety measure.

## **AGENDA**

### **1) CSEA Employees Benefit Fund – Retiree Vision Memorandum of Agreement – Previously tabled**

Attorney Muller read the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). (On file with minutes). Trustee Carota asked if there was a term noted in the MOA. Attorney Muller stated that there is no term and he would think that it would be as the retiree qualifies for the coverage, but that would not involve the Village. The MOA states all transactions from signing up to paying the premium are between the Retiree and the and CSEA Employee Benefit Plan.

Trustee Carota moved to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement; seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved.

**2) Accept Retirement of Trustee Edward J. LaFave –effective June 1, 2016**

Mayor Orlow read a letter of retirement from Trustee LaFave. Mayor Orlow then read a letter of recognition for Edward J. LaFave prior to Board acknowledgement. (On file with minutes) Trustee Hayes acknowledged the retirement and agrees whole heartily with Mayor Orlow. Trustee Carota, Trustee Girard also acknowledged his retirement.

**3) Accept Resignation of Animal Control Officer – effective September 30, 2016**

Trustee Hayes moved to accept the resignation of the Village Animal Control Officer, Ed Robbins effective September 30, 2016. (on file with minutes). Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

**4) 3 Clark Street – Tree Removal Request**

Trustee Carota will look into the letter that the Village Board received regarding a tree at 3 Clark Street.

**5) Account Transfers**

Trustee Girard moved to approve the following transfers:

1.	FROM:	A1990.0400	CE	Contingency	\$1,240.22
	TO:	A1440.0100	PS	Bldg Insp. Reg	\$1,152.08
	TO:	A1440.0800	FICA/Med	Bldg Insp	\$88.14
2.	FROM:	A1990.0400	CE	Contingency	\$811.60
	TO:	A9061.0800	CE	Retiree Medicare Reim	\$811.60
3.	FROM:	A1990.0400	CE	Contingency	\$510.16
	TO:	A5182.0400	CE	St. Lights	\$510.16

Trustee Carota seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

**6) Animal Control Report – on file**

**7) DPW Report – on file**

The Village did not allow in the budget for the 50/50 sidewalk program, and therefore the Village will not get involved in material or labor for a sidewalk repair this year.

**8) Trustee’s Report**

**Trustee Hayes** –Income survey –

He thanked Brigid Martin, Debbie Abare and Tom Wade for their help with the door to door surveys. The surveys are needed for a possible grant application. He stated that Trustee’s LaFave and Girard also were a big help and without the additional help there was no way to accomplish what needed to be done. The door to door survey’s totaled 48 as of now. The next step to get a count of empty and for sale properties in the survey area.

Prospect Street/Beach Road water pipe drawing are ready for review by the Department of Health. The Village will also receive a copy of the drawings for reviewed and comments.

**Trustee Carota**- None

**Trustee Girard** – None

**9) Mayor Report – on file**

Public Forum

Brigid Martin asked what the plan was to fill the empty Trustee position. Mayor Orlow stated that he will appoint a member to the Village Board and he hopes to make the appointment soon.

Ms. Giorgianni wanted to know if the Village sign in the Coopers Cave area would be fixed because it states “Copper Cave”.

Mr. Gutheil stated that he believes that the Board vacancy will be a Board determination. Mayor Orlow stated that the Village Law states that vacancy's on the Board are the appointment of the Mayor.

TJ Chagnon stated that the DPW wishes Mr. Edward LaFave happy healthy retirement but that he will be especially missed by the DPW employees. He was a Trustee that was very interested in the DPW and was always there to encourage the guys.

Mayor Orlow thanked the Post Star for their last few positive reports and is hoping that the articles to following with will be positive and this will help the Village move forward.

The Mayor asked if there was any additional information. There was none

At 7:58 pm Trustee Hayes move to close the meeting seconded by Trustee Carota the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

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Clerk-Treasurer