

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC MEETING

May 4, 2016

7:00 PM

MAYOR JOSEPH ORLOW PRESIDING

PRESENT

Trustee William Hayes
Trustee Anthony Girard
Trustee Timothy Carota

Brian Abare, Dpw Superintendent
Michael Muller, Attorney

Approve Minutes from the April 20, 2016 Board Meeting – Approved by Trustee Carota;
seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

Approve Minutes from the April 26, 2016 Board Meeting – Approved by Trustee Carota;
seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved.

Approve Minutes from the April 29, 2016 Board Meeting – Approved by Trustee Carota;
seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

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

	FY 2016-2017
	<u>Vouchers 91775-91816</u>
General Fund	\$52,268.07
Water Fund	9,160.81
Sewer	<u>3,877.17</u>
Total	\$65,306.05

Public Forum

Brigid Martin, Marion Avenue was present and stated that she has spoken with Mr. Schermerhorn regarding the summer concert series. She was wondering if the Village has reached out to the public for donation to fund the concerts. Mayor Orlow stated that the concert series has been removed from the Village budget and there would be more than just hiring the bands at his point. The operations and maintenance personnel and the advertising have also been removed from the budget. Trustee Hayes stated that if anyone wanted to fund the concerts it might be able to be scaled back. Trustee Hayes stated that he received a suggestion that maybe there be free bands such as the “Battle of the Bands” Mayor Orlow stated that if anyone wanted to check into it then that would be good.

AGENDA

1) Proposal for Professional Services – Water Storage Tank Project – Chazen Companies

Trustee Hayes stated that the Village water storage tank will qualify under Round 2 of the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act. The Chazen Companies have given the Village a proposal for professional service of \$2,250.00 to prepare an engineering report and grant application in support of the project. This is a 60% grant funding and 40% Village funding with an application deadline of June 20, 2016. Trustee Hayes would like the Board to authorize the Chazen Companies to proceed with the scope of services. Attorney Muller and the Engineers will also have communication regarding a Bond Resolution needed for the grant process. Attorney Muller stated that he could certainly put together a Bond Resolution but will need the amount required, and it seems that this is a process that usually comes at a later time in the grant process. Attorney Muller will communicate with the engineers regarding this process. Trustee Hayes moved to approve the proposal; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

2) **Income Survey Report**

The consultants handling this requested that all surveys be back on May 1, 2016. The return rate of surveys is still not where it needs to be and therefore it looks like the Village will need volunteers to go door to door in hopes of receive additional surveys. The consultants have issued a colored document as to what has happened to date and who has returned them. Trustee Hayes and Trustee Girard will review the colored document. Trustee Hayes stated that it is his understanding that there still needs to be around 60 more surveys to return. He stated this is important for the Village to qualify for a CDBG grant which will be used for the infrastructure repairs on Prospect Street. Trustee Carota asked if the Village had already paid Chazen Companies for the door to door services. Trustee Hayes stated no, because the Village hoped that they would not get to this step, but at this point the Village needs to proceed.

3) **Utility Savings Audit – Verizon**

NYCOM has alerted municipalities to review their gross receipts tax (GRT) revenue. There seems to a recent settlement going on with Verizon. NYCOM encourages a municipality that has not already had an audit done to certainly do so. They suggest using Computel Consultants which the Village has used them in the past for other GRT audits. This is a no cost audit unless money has been recouped by the municipality. The Board authorized the Clerk-Treasurer to proceed and contact Computel Consultants to see how the Village might benefit from NYCOM's recommendation for an audit.

4) **Gazebo Request – Lynne Duffany – July 9, 2016**

Trustee Girard moved to approve the Gazebo Request for Lynne Duffany; seconded by Trustee Carota and the Board unanimously approved.

5) Accept the Resignation of Joseph Patricke, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Office – January 31, 2016

Attorney Muller stated Mr. Patricke has recently retired from the Town of Moreau and Mr. Particke would have to have a break in service from all municipal positions in order to file for his NYS retirement from the Town of Moreau. Trustee Carota moved to approve the resignation; seconded by Trustee Hayes and this was unanimously approved by the Board.

6) Appoint Joseph Patricke, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer effective February 4, 2016

Attorney Muller stated that now that Board has accepted the resignation of Mr. Patricke the Village Code Enforcement/Building Inspector they have the option to reappoint him to the position if they so wish to do so. Trustee Carota moved to reappoint Mr. Patricke to the position of the Village Code Enforcement/Building inspector; seconded by Trustee Hayes and the Board unanimously approved the yearly appointment.

7) Sprinkler/ Irrigation System Charge Concerns – Pam Dragon

Mayor Orlow read Ms. Dragons letter (on file with the minutes) aloud and asked the Board how they wanted to address this issue. Trustee Hayes stated that the ideal thing is to have all residents on meters. Trustee Girard asked legally if the Village could charge without a form filled out. Attorney Muller asked if it was part of the Village fee schedule and how is it enforced. The answer is yes, but the enforcement is on an honor system and the Village does not add the charge to the water bill without a form filled out from the home owner. Suggestions were that if there is notice of a sprinkler system in the Village then a charge should be put on their water bill. The fee is set as part of the fee schedule on a yearly basis. Tim Chagnon, DPW Employee was present and asked the Board what defines a sprinkler system. Mr. Chagnon stated that there is a Village resident that has a hose spiket that is

attached to a hose that goes in the ground that forces the pop-up of the irrigations system in the yard. He has also witnessed a hose with a sprinkler at the end of it watering the lawn for 3 hours in the same area. Trustee Hayes and Trustee Girard will both review the situation. The fee schedule and application both state sprinkler. The Clerk -Treasurer will find the original resolution as to what the wording was when the fee was first set up.

8) Well Drilling for Irrigation purpose – 47 Harrison Avenue

Mayor Orlow stated that he received a call from Rich Schermerhorn asking if he could install a well for his irrigation system at 47 Harrison Ave. The Mayor explained to him that there was nothing in the Village code to prohibit it. Trustee Hayes and Mayor Orlow have spoken with Attorney Muller regarding a moratorium on wells in the Village. This is necessary because of the Village Aquifer Protection area.

9) Denise Bonk has Code Compliance Issues with 225 Main Street

Ms. Bonk was present and asked if she could get a copy of the Village paperwork and the requirements that were issued to the current owner of 225 Main Street when he was approved to put a small engine repair shop at that location. Ms. Bonk stated that she has spoken with the Village Building Inspector regarding this, but feels she has not received resolution. Trustee Hayes suggested that the Planning Board minutes be reviewed also. There also is an oil spill from a tank that was in the area. Attorney Muller asked for additional information regarding the tank and the specifics of it. Attorney Muller stated that he has been preparing the paperwork for a sale of the property in question and at this time until Mr. Lefebver cleans up the property the sale will not go through. She also has concerns regarding a neighbor's fire pit that is too close to her fence. She would like to know the Village codes on that.

10) Revised - April 2016 Water/Sewer Warrant

Trustee Carota moved to approve the revised warrant; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

11) Account Transfers

Trustee Carota moved to approve the Account Transfers:

1.	FROM: A5142.0100	PS	Snow Removal	\$2,465.36
	TO: A5110.0100	PS	St. Maint – Reg	\$2,465.36
2.	FROM: A5142.0101	PS	Snow Removal OT	\$17,000.00
	TO: A5110.0100	PS	St. Maint – Reg	\$17,000.00
3.	FROM: A5142.0800	F/M	Snow Removal F/M	\$820.24
	TO: A5110.0800	F/M	St. Maint F/M	\$820.24
4.	FROM: A5142.0101	PS	Snow Removal OT	\$961.37
	TO: A5110.0800	PS	St. Maint – F/M	\$961.37
5.	FROM: A5989.0800	PS	St. Constru – F/M	\$841.50
	TO: A5110.0800	PS	St. Maint – F/M	\$841.50
6.	FROM: A5989.0100	PS	St. Constru – Reg	\$11,000.00
	TO: A5110.0100	PS	St. Maint - Reg	\$11,000.00
7.	FROM: A1990.0400	CE	Contingency	\$1,098.00
	TO: A1910.0400	CE	Allocated Ins	\$1,098.00

Trustee Girard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

12) Animal Control Report – on file

13) DPW Report

Trustee Hayes moved to approve #6 of the report; seconded by Trustee Girard and the Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Abare also stated that the Loader is being repaired and the cost could range from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 but thinks that a replacement of the oil cooler could be more than \$1,500.00. He hopes to have it paid for in the current budget,

Trustee Girard would like to see if Item #4 of the DPW report can be considered under the Lemon Law. The bobcat is less than a year old and continues to have a series of problems since purchased. Mr. Abare is already looking in the Lemon Law or an extended warranty for the piece of equipment.

14) Trustee's Report

Ruse Carota - None

Trustee Girard – Report attached to minutes per his request.

Trustee Hayes – Stated that he has handed out a copy of the Chazen Engineering monthly update.

The engineers have also received one quote regarding the Pump Station improvements. Three quotes were sent out.

The deadline for the CDBG grant regarding item #2 of these minutes is July 29, 2016. The first part on Prospect Street and Beach Road will be funded out of the water fund, but hopefully the \$600,000.00 grant will be awarded and help with the completion of the project.

He then asked Trustee Girard if he had anything to add. There was nothing additional to add.

15) Mayor Report

He feels that he lives in a great Village, and at a recent meeting with Kathy Marchone it was discussed how Villages support themselves. One thing was how to entice people to open business which might help in having people move to our community. If you look at the last three years there has been business growth and residential in the Village. The study shows that there are approximate 27,000 cars that pass through the Village in a day's time. The sale tax is going up and is presently around 12.5%. It has been stated that the corridor from Exit 17 to the Village is a gold mine and needs to be developed.

The Mayor has been working with Town Assessor, Peggy Jenkins for the past several years and he received notice that 66 property improvements totaling \$6,182,406.00 have been put on the Village tax roll for the June 2017 year.

He stated that there is a lot that goes on behind the scene and he hates to see the Village employees beat up when they are working to make it a better place. The unions are working with the Village regarding a prescription plan they all qualify for.

Mayor Orlow stated that he will work hard for the next 10 months to make sure that the Village can support themselves. He stated that the problem the Village has at this point was building for several years, and of something the recent administration created. He proposed a budget to help the Village to get out of the unfortunate tax situation they were in with a high tax rate, and the rate was cut to around 15% with a stringent budget. He is hoping with activity and increase in assessments the Village will get through this year on the 15% tax increase that was set. He wants to bring awareness to the programs that the Moreau Community Center offers to help people with all kinds of everyday needs.

There is currently a \$300,000 CDGB grant active in the community that is benefitting some people who are in attendance this evening. These are the good things about our community that people do not know.

The employees and the Department heads are the ones watching their budgets and trying to make thing works and yet supply all the services that the Village residences are used to. He stated that he has a problem seeing the Post Star sensationalize the Village in negative ways. He knew it would be a tough year but to have people be given credit at the expense of others goes against every moral fiber in his body. There are so many positives in this Village and

he invites everyone to call him or stop buy is house to discuss any issue they may have; but he also encourages everyone to know the truth.

He thanked everyone for being here and asked if there was anything new from the Board.

Public Forum

Mr. Bill Giorgianni, 11 Edgewood Drive was present and stated that he is embarrassed because he was unaware of the water sprinkler charge but he will come in the Village office tomorrow and fill out the form.

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

At 7:52 pm Trustee Hayes move to recess the meeting into an Executive Session for property discussion (end of Lewis Street) with possible action to be taken at the end; seconded by Trustee Carota the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

At 8:00 Trustee Hayes moved to approve Attorney Muller to proceed with discussion regarding the property located at the end of Lewis Street. Trustee Carota seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

At 8:05 Trustee Hayes moved to close the Public Meeting and Trustee Carota seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer

