

Village of South Glens Falls
46 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY12803
January 8th, 2024
7:00 PM

Special Village Board Meeting

MAYOR NICHOLAS BODKIN PRESIDING

Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Bodkin
Trustee Gutheil
Trustee Carota
Trustee Orlow

Samantha Berg
Alan Dubois
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Absent: Trustee Girard

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01PM
2. **Motion #010824-1** to approve the transfers as presented Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor except for Trustee Gutheil who abstained. Motion passed.
Discussion: Trustee Gutheil thought we had \$8,000 budgeted for Bond Counsel but we authorized the work but did not budget for it.

HE 8340.0200	HE 8310.0200	\$3,995.00	Bond Counsel for Drinking Water Project
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3. **Bills and Payroll Warrant: Motion #010824-2** to approve the bills as audited. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor except for Trustee Gutheil who voted no. Motion passed.
General - \$45,074.41, Capital Projects - \$7,995.00, Water - \$9,514.57, Sewer - \$1,322.22
Discussion: Trustee Gutheil asked why we are paying a 120Water bill now and is asking what services we received so far. Clerk Treasurer Berg provided all the inventory and work 120 Water has done to date for identifying lead services. Trustee Gutheil said counsel should have review the contract. Trustee Orlow and the Mayor said counsel has already reviewed the contract. Trustee Gutheil asked how many hours they worked and how many we are billed for. Clerk Treasurer Berg and Trustee Orlow said the contract is not structured by hourly pay but a

scope of work. The funds will be billed as follows; General fund \$45,074.41, Water Fund \$9,414.57 Sewer Fund \$1,322.22, and Capital Projects \$7,995. Trustee Gutheil had a question about a voucher and it being an eligible expense and he talked about it briefly before the meeting. Trustee Gutheil asked about several vouchers that has a previous employee listed, he has been told staff is working on getting a credit for the previous employee.

4. **Motion #010824-3** to enter Executive Session to discuss PBA Negotiations at 7:06PM, Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
5. **Motion #010824-4** to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:15PM and reopen the Public Session with no action taken. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
6. The Mayor provided for the record a memorandum of agreement. The MOA has been prepared and reviewed. **Motion #010824-5** to accept the MOA as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign it. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor except for Trustee Gutheil who voted no. Motion passed.
Discussion: Trustee Gutheil will not be supporting this resolution. Trustee Gutheil supports the Police Department and has no problem with wages, he does not like how negotiations came down, a lot of money was spent on legal fees and he also has problems with the contracts legacy cost. He would like to support the contract but wants a legal interpretation on the legacy cost. Trustee Gutheil also has an issue with paying for training with the possibility of the employee leaving before 3 years. He referenced a law passed in 2022 that could allow the Village to receive funds back for this instance, he asked if attorney could review the contract to see if this is possible. Trustee Orlow restated we have spent a lot of money on legal fees for the contract. Trustee Orlow said we should work on creating an atmosphere where people want to stay. Trustee Orlow provided a recent need for police enforcement and the difficulty of dealing with the County and not our local Police. The Mayor would like to thank the Board and the PBA for working through this and coming together to settle the MOA. Trustee Gutheil said for the record this is only for two members of the unit. The Mayor hopes the MOA establishes our commitment to work together and find some more officers to join.
7. **Motion #010824-6** to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:25PM. Motioned by Trustee Orlow, seconded by Trustee Carota. All in favor, motion passed.