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Village of South Glens Falls
46 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY12803
May 17,2023
7:00 PM

Regular Village Board Meeting

MAYOR NICHOLAS BODKIN PRESIDING

Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Bodkin
Trustee Gutheil
Trustee Girard
Trustee Orlow
Trustee Carota

Samantha Berg
TJ Chagnon
Martha Dillon
Alan Dubois
Nick
Jim
Payus
Steven Macy
Kevin Ostrander
Cheryl Lawyer
Matthew Espey
Wayne Palmer
Bruce Lant
Alex
User

Public Forum: The Mayor opens the meeting at 7:00PM and leads with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. Cheryl Lawyer, 10 New St, stated her neighbors are a nuisance with noise and is looking for help on remedying the situation from the Village. The Mayor said he will discuss with the Board on a response and further thanked Cheryl for all her work for the Memorial Day Parade.
1. **Grant Projects Update**
 - a. **Carbon Filtration**
 - i. No update regarding the modification
 - ii. Disbursement #16: **Motion #051723-1** to approve disbursement #16. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor except for Trustee Girard who voted no and Trustee Gutheil who abstained. Motion passed.

1. Delaware Engineering - \$2,060.00
2. Jersen Construction Pay App 7 - \$249,558.02
3. Jersen Construction Pay App 8 - \$116,256.25

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil does not support advancement of pay until the siding issue is resolved and has several other comments. Counsel provided this issue is not involved in this pay application. There is further discussion regarding the siding issue.

b. GIGP

- i. **Contract Agreement update:** The Mayor provided counsel has reviewed the contract and we are now in position of scheduling a preconstruction meeting. Trustee Gutheil had several questions regarding ball valves, TJ Chagnon provided some information regarding this.

c. Sewer I&I Close Out: Item has been tabled.

2. **Transfers:** Motion #051723-2 to waive the reading of the transfers. Trustee Gutheil motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Motion #051723-3 to approve the transfers as presented. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil had questions on FX8320.407 and several other transfers and TJ Chagnon provided an explanation.

A 1325.404	A 1325.401	\$41.25	CT SERVICE EQUIPMENT - COPIER LEASE
A 1325.402	A 1325.410	\$420.00	C/T OUTSIDE SERVICES
A 6410.400	A 7550.400	\$1,349.45	CELEBRATIONS - PARADE
A 1430.402	A 1430.401	\$50.00	PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY
A 5110.405	A 1640.403	\$3,500.00	GAS AND OIL
G 8110.100	G 8130.101	\$650.00	SEWER DISPOSAL O.T.
FX 8340.403	FX 8320.407	\$650.00	WATER PUMP STATION CHEMICALS
A 5142.800	A 5110.800	\$668.09	STREET MAINT. PER SVC FICA
A 5989.800	A 5110.800	\$309.69	STREET MAINT. PER SVC FICA
A 8170.800	A 5110.800	\$407.52	STREET MAINT. PER SVC FICA
A 8170.101	A 5110.800	\$1,167.08	STREET MAINT. PER SVC FICA
A 1990.400	A 5110.800	\$250.00	STREET MAINT. PER SVC FICA
A 1930.404	A 5110.100	\$12,168.82	STREET MAINT. PERSONAL SVC
A 5989.100	A 5110.100	\$2,788.71	STREET MAINT. PERSONAL SVC
A 5989.101	A 5110.100	\$1,214.32	STREET MAINT. PERSONAL SVC
A 8170.100	A 5110.100	\$3,974.47	STREET MAINT. PERSONAL SVC
A 1990.400	A 5110.100	\$10,000.00	STREET MAINT. PERSONAL SVC
A 5989.101	A 5110.101	\$500.00	STREET MAINT. PERS SVC O.T.
a. A 3120.400	A 3120.419	\$800.00	PD INTERNET SERVICE

3. Motion #051723-4 to approve the bills as audited. Trustee Orlow motioned,

Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor except for Trustee Gutheil who voted no. Motion passed.

- a. General Fund - \$25,590.60
- b. Water Fund - \$11,370.92
- c. Sewer Fund - \$1,771.48

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil had questions on several bills and the Mayor provided explanations to them. Trustee Gutheil will not support paying a late fee and has questions on the budget regarding legal fees. He also references overtime and the Mayor provided an explanation.

4. **Main Street Fire response:** The Mayor applauded the first responders for their response. There is discussion on the response. Wayne Palmer and TJ Chagnon discussed the response. **Motion #051723-5** to remediate and Declare an emergency act in the interest of public health and safety the property, following the completion of the investigation and the site being cleared by proper authority. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
5. **Recognition of New Fire Company Volunteer Ross Loffler:** The Mayor would like to recognize and thank the new volunteer for the Fire Department, Ross Loffler.
6. **Motion #051723-6** to approve and waive the fee for the First Baptist Church park reservation request. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
7. **1,000 gallon propane tank for the Water Plant:** **Motion #051723-7** to approve the proposal and purchase of a 1,000 gallon propane tank for the Water Plant for \$7,096.62 from GA Bove. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
Discussion: TJ Chagnon has received quotes for a new propane tank, his recommendation is GA Bove. The Board had several questions for TJ regarding the purchase.
8. **Request to relocate fire hydrant:** **Motion #051723-8** to approve the relocation of the hydrant and split the cost 50/50 between the resident and the Village. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. Trustee Gutheil and Girard voted no, Trustee Orlow and Carota voted yes. The Mayor recuses himself due to a conflict of interest. Motion does not pass.
Discussion: 37 Stewart Ave has requested to relocate their hydrant, splitting the cost with the Village. TJ Chagnon provided an estimate for the total cost is \$1,000 to \$1,500. Trustee Gutheil asked for the reasoning and TJ provided the hydrant is not in a convenient spot but this is not a simple job. Trustee Gutheil voted no, he believes the resident should pay the full price.
9. **Acknowledge and accept the retirement of staff member:** The Mayor acknowledged and thanked Marc Carpenter for his many years of dedicated

service.

10. **Motion #051723-9** to post on Indeed for a potential new DPW hire. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

11. Request from the Fire Co to address the Board

- a. Bruce Lant and Wayne Palmer, members of the Fire company, addressed the Board regarding the financial situation of the South Glens Falls Fire Company and their budget for 2024. The Mayor provided what contributions the Village is giving now to the Fire Company. The Fire Company requested an increase in funding. The Board had a few questions and Wayne provided some information. The Mayor thanked Bruce and Wayne for all the information they presented and the Board and himself will evaluate and report back to them.

12. **Approve annual Stormwater Report: Motion #051723-10** to approve and file the annual Stormwater Report for 2022. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

13. **The Police Cruiser auction has closed. Review of bids: Motion #051723-11** to accept the bid as presented for the Police Cruiser from auction for \$3,200. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

14. **PFOA Cost recovery: Motion #051723-12** to authorize the Mayor to sign the documents necessary to engage with the law firm for PFOA Cost recovery program. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

15. **Motion #051723-13** to have a Public Hearing for Common Roots water easement June 7th 7:01PM. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed

16. **Motion #051723-14** to allow staff to make necessary payroll transfers as needed from the respected contingency account, the Board will review the transaction and make the appropriate adjustments at the subsequent meeting. Motioned by Trustee Orlow, Trustee Carota seconded. Trustee Gutheil abstained, he does not think it is necessary. Trustee Girard abstained, rest in favor. Motion passed.

17. **Motion #051723-15** to rescind the previous motion awarding the contract to Afsco fence for a 50 foot fence. Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Gutheil seconded. All in favor, motion passed

18. Old Business

- a. The Mayor provided there has been a lot of progress in moving forward to eventually clean up another property in the Village that has had a fire.

- b. Trustee Gutheil has questions about investments and the Spring planting/cleaning.

19. New Business:

- A. TJ Chagnon provided that the Common Roots Foundation did great work on the bike trail and park, he would like the Board to send a letter of recognition and thanks. **Motion #051723-17** to send a letter of recognition and thanks to the Common Roots Foundation. Trustee Gutheil motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

20. Trustee Reports

- A. **Motion #051723-16** to authorize payment for the South Glens Falls High School Marching Band and the Gaelic Pipes and Drums and pinwheels/flags not to exceed \$400. Trustee Gutheil motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

21. Mayor Reports

- A. The Mayor has reached out to the Town of Moreau about supporting the parade.
- B. The Mayor had a meeting with Carrie Woerner about the growth of the Village and is looking to have a meeting with DOT next.

- 22. **Motion #051723-18** to enter Executive Session to discuss finance items at 8:35PM. Trustee Gutheil motioned, Trustee Girard seconded. Trustee Orlow abstained, rest in favor. Motion passed.

NOTE: Trustee Orlow excused himself and did not attend the Executive Session.

- 23. **Motion #051723-19** to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:50PM and reopen the Public Session with no action taken. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor motion passed.

- 24. **Motion #051723-20** to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:50PM. Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor motion passed.