

Welcome Public

PUBLIC MEETING
7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 3, 2021
MAYOR HARRY G. GUTHEIL JR. PRESIDING

Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Gutheil	Highway Maintenance Supervisor Chagnon
Trustee Bodkin	Clerk Treasurer Kelleher
Trustee Carota	Robert Flores
Trustee Girard	Anthony Mantas
Chief Gifford	Attorney Bartkowski

Public Forum: None

1. Approve Minutes January 20, 2021

Mayor Gutheil has 1 change on Page 5, 11 a.

Motion by Trustee Bodkin to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes with the one change. Seconded by Trustee Bodkin. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

2. Set Future Meetings - None

3. Transfers

Mayor Gutheil said the National Grid bills have been paid out of the Parks C.E. O&M and should be paid out of Parks Gas and Electric account. Decision to change to pay out of gas and electric account A7110.405.

Transfer \$500.00 from A9010.800 to A9089.800 EAP Drug & Alcohol Benefits

Motion by Trustee Girard to approve this transfer. Seconded by Trustee Bodkin. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. Approve Bills

Mayor Gutheil talked about the tardiness of the bill from Galls for the police uniforms. He suggested, in the future, send a letter saying we will not honor the bill after a certain amount of time. Attorney Bartkowski agreed and recommended 60 days is sufficient.

Motion by Trustee Bodkin to approve bills as audited. Seconded by Trustee Girard. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

5. Voting Machine Liability Agreement

Motion by Trustee Girard to authorize subject to counsels approval. Seconded by Trustee Bodkin. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

6. Approve Election Inspectors

Mayor Gutheil said the Governor should have postponed this election until people could get their shots.

Motion by Trustee Carota to approve election inspectors as listed. Seconded by Trustee Girard.

Trustee Girard withdraws from seconding the motion because he is not comfortable with Barbara Bartlett being an election inspector.

Motion by Trustee Girard approving the 1st four election inspectors on the distributed list and the 2nd two as alternates but not Barbara Bartlett. Seconded by Trustee Carota. Trustee Bodkin abstained.

This item was moved to executive session.

7. January Public Safety, Public Works & Animal Control Reports

Motion by Trustee Bodkin to receive and file these reports. Seconded by Trustee Girard. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

8. Pandemic Operations Plan

Attorney Bartkowski reported she made the changes requested at the last meeting and did not have any further requests for changes. She will finalize it in a pdf and distribute it.

Mayor Gutheil said they need to get it to the unions by February 4th. Attorney Bartkowski will send it out to the union representatives tomorrow.

Add to the agenda for the next meeting and will wait for comments from the unions.

9. Consider Payoff USDA Loan

Mayor Gutheil said it was a 39 year loan and he requested a payoff letter. Current balance due as of March 1st of \$1,193,648.31. He suggested paying this off and he isn't sure why so much money was borrowed in the first place. With the current capital projects they have new loans and there is positive cash flows in the water account.

Trustee Girard agrees they should pay this off. Trustee Bodkin supports paying off this bond once counsel reviews it.

Attorney Bartkowski needs payoff letter and initial bond papers. Add to the next agenda.

10. Urban Forest Council Grant

Mayor Gutheil reached out to the Board to see if anyone wanted to work on the grant but did not hear back from anyone. This is a \$1,000 grant.

T.J. Chagnon will send the list of trees in the village to the Board.

Trustee Bodkin said the grant application deadline is February 26th.

11. WIIA Water Project

a. Water Tank Update

Robert Flores reported that they have not had the roof inspected and have not issued the substantial completion.

b. Supplemental Certificate #6

Mayor Gutheil noted they already approved this at the last meeting; \$20,332.70 for Delaware Engineering. Then they received a revised certificate with a pay application included for Worldwide. Mayor Gutheil requested they add the Worldwide Pay Application #5 to Supplemental Certificate #7 and process Supplemental Certificate #6 as previously approved.

c. Carbon Filtration WTP Project Bid Results

Robert Flores reported that the prices came in really high. If the project moved forward, they are looking at cost of 1.6 mil. and only have 1 mil. left in the grant funds.

Trustee Bodkin asked if the Village chose to buy the carbon tanks themselves could they still use the grant money. Robert Flores said yes that is a strategy to rebid with bidding the equipment as stand-alone.

Mayor Gutheil said he has spoken to people across the country because they have to find a way to make this project affordable if it is going to happen. Perhaps design build or a smaller building.

Robert Flores said if they took away the equipment cost altogether it is still over budget.

They will schedule a Water Sewer Committee meeting to review and come up with a plan.

Trustee Girard asked if they could get smaller tanks and if the building could be smaller.

Robert Flores said a 2 vessel system is less costly than a 4 vessel system.

Trustee Bodkin asked Robert Flores to present a proposed strategy. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday February 10th at 5 pm. The Clerk will notify the Post Star of the special meeting.

- d. Fencing and rails - Nothing new. Have not heard back from Sprint or Verizon yet.

12. WIIA Sewer Project

a. Pump Station Update

Issue with the ultrasonic level sensor. The General Contractor gave a price but there is still work that O'Connell will have to do. Robert Flores still has questions on the quotes from GC and Electrician.

Grinders are in and pumps are in. Generator will be next.

b. Sewer I & I Update

The pre-construction meeting was this morning. Waiting for DOT permits. Another meeting is scheduled for 9am tomorrow.

- c. Flow meter on the bypass line appears to be too expensive for the benefit. Will discuss in the Monday meeting.

13. CDBG

a. Haviland & Wilson Improvements

Spec book and drawings were sent out today for review.

Mayor Gutheil hasn't looked at them yet but he is in favor to go out to bid.

Robert Flores suggests bid opening the last week in February. Trustee Girard suggested the first week in March. Decision to bid on March 3, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

Motion by Trustee Girard to authorize advertising the bid for the Water Projects on the CDBG grant Contracts 4 & 5. Seconded by Trustee Bodkin. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

14. Trustee Reports

Trustee Girard brought up the policy about background checks on new hires. Trustee Girard, Trustee Bodkin and Trustee Carota support the background check.

Trustee Bodkin reported that the Zoning Board was able to conduct a meeting last week. They had 4 members present. One person was traveling and unable to call in. The first application was incomplete and the Board couldn't make a decision. On the 2nd application the Board was split in their decision. There was a request that the member not in attendance listen to the recording. It was forwarded to her and she has listened to it.

Will be able to conduct a meeting in February with a 5 member board and they will be able to make a decision.

Hopes the other applicant is able to get the assistance they need.

Trustee Bodkin said the holiday decorations for the poles are on sale 33% off this time of year. Trustee Girard looked at the information and thinks they should order some and stay within the budget. \$3,500 was budgeted.

Mayor Gutheil said they need to be careful with expenses with sales tax revenues down. Will try to replace some of the bulbs in the old decorations as well and add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

Trustee Bodkin asked about delivery of the new loader and wants to be sure they don't miss the deadline for the CHIPS money. The new PO with the VIN # replaces the previous one.

Trustee Girard asked T.J. Chagnon to discuss the journal entry needed with the Clerk on the meter pit. T.J. will contact the Clerk to discuss.

T.J. Chagnon said he had a failed pump at Vanburen. Sent it for testing and the repair cost would be \$1,721.18, or a new pump for approximately \$3,800.00.

15. Mayors Report

Mayor Gutheil received a letter from Queensbury Senior Citizens stating their concern that people have to drive a long distance to get the vaccine. The Governor announced 20% more available in the next 3 weeks.

Looking at financials and haven't funded the reserves yet this year. Agreed to go ahead and fund the CDs budgeted.

Motion by Trustee Girard to approve and direct that the reserves be funded. Seconded by Trustee Bodkin. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Sales tax revenues did go up so now they are only \$24,407 behind from previous the year.

Law firm asked they had any interest on PFOA and Mayor Gutheil would like to discuss in executive session.

Trustee Bodkin would like to discuss potential sale of property in executive session.

Motion by Trustee Bodkin at 8:51 pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss the CSEA contract negotiation, the election inspectors, the particular performance of an unnamed person(s), the sale of property and ZBA. Seconded by Trustee Girard. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Bodkin at 9:53 pm to end Executive Session and reopen the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Girard. Trustee Bodkin, Trustee Girard and Mayor Gutheil were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Session – No action taken.

Motion by Trustee Bodkin at 9:53 pm to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Girard. Trustee Bodkin, Trustee Girard and Mayor Gutheil were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.