

Village of South Glens Falls
46 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY12803
July 3rd, 2024
7:00 PM

Village Board Meeting

MAYOR NICHOLAS BODKIN PRESIDING

Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Bodkin
Trustee Gutheil
Trustee Carota
Trustee Girard
Trustee Orlow
Chris Rich
Andy Rich

Clerk Treasurer Samantha Berg
TJ Chagnon
Attorney Bill Nikas
Deputy Clerk Treasurer Shawna Clark
Cheryl Lawyer
Tim Pease

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum-

- Tim Pease mentioned the maintenance on truck 582. Some of the line items didn't get repair and wanted to know the status of the rest of the repairs. Mayor Bodkin stated there is an appointment scheduled within the next week to 10 days for the rest of the repairs. Tim also asked if DPW could stop to the fire department building to clean the outside due to a ton of cobwebs and trim the bushes back a bit. TJ will have someone go work on it.

1. Grant Project Update

a. GIGP

- i. Mayor Bodkin Informed the Board that the contractor couldn't make the meeting and would like to meet on Monday, July 8th, 2024. Trustee Girard asked if they could meet July 17,2024 before the regular board meeting. Mayor Bodkin was going to reach out to the engineers. etc to see if that would work. Trustee Gutheil asked who this meeting was going to be with. The meeting will be with Saks, Ferguson, Delaware and Counsel. Trustee Gutheil had concerns that Counsel should meet prior to the next meeting and go over the contract. Trustee Gutheil feels someone is not fulfilling the responsibilities of their part of the contract. Trustee Girard raised



the concern that the DPW would have to do most of the project. Both were informed there is a break down in the scheduling that needs to be gone over in the meeting and the roles in this project.

2. **Motion 070324-1 to approve the final transfers of 23-24 FY:** Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

A 1640.402	A 1640.406	\$170.12	DPW Supplies
A 1640.402	A 1640.408	\$63.62	DPW Office Supplies
A 3120.418	A 3120.200	\$33.90	PD Equipment
A 5110.101	A 5110.800	\$0.20	Street Maintenance FICA
FX 8320.405	FX 8320.404	\$2.67	Water Pump Testing
i. G 1990.400	G 9060.811	\$933.40	Sewer HRA

3. **Motion 070324-2 to Approve the bills and Payroll as audited:** Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. Trustee Orlow, Trustee Carota, Trustee Girard and Mayor Bodkin in favor, Trustee Gutheil voted no. motion passed.

a. **General - \$114.00, \$91,557.30**

b. **Water- \$126.00, \$17,372.10**

c. **Sewer-\$52.12, \$3,792.80**

d. **Payroll**

i. **06/19/24-\$22,450.85**

ii. **06/26/24-\$27,064.73**

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil received quotes for duplicate deposit slips and believes we are paying too much. He advised he would email the quotes to the Board. He also advised he would not support the warrant due to a former employee still being on the CSEA vision plan and believes it's an unconstitutional gift. Mayor Bodkin shared the Counsel opined on this some time ago. Trustee Girard there may be some confusion on an email that was circulated regarding this topic. This could set future precedent.

4. **Motion 070324-3 to hire new DPW worker pending background check:** Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil asked if the new hire would be full time.

5. **Motion 070324-4 to add Shawna Clark as signer to all accounts:** Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: None.

6. **Motion 070324-5 to Appoint Shawna Clark Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics:** Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: None.



7. Recognize New Hires

- a. **Shawna Clark, Deputy Clerk Treasurer**
- b. **John Pagano, Building Inspector and Code Enforcement**
- c. **Jessica Freebern, Part-time Police Officer**

Discussion: Mayor Bodkin welcomed all three employees to the team and hopes the community would do the same.

8. Motion 070324-6 to approve 50/50 Sidewalk Requests for 152 Main Street and 23 Wilson Avenue: Trustee Girard motioned, Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: None.

9. Trustee Reports: Trustee Gutheil shared that himself and Trustee Girard met with the CSEA unit and it will hopefully help to make progress.

10. Mayor's report:

- a. **Summer Concert Series Reminder:** Mayor Bodkin thanks Cheryl Lawyer at the SGF Chamber of Commerce for organizing this event.
- b. Reminder that the Mayor and Attorney Larry Paltrowitz will continue CESA negotiations next week.
- c. **Motion 070324-7 to accept the \$6,750.00 for Saratoga County Trails Grant project:** Trustee Carota motioned, Trustee Orlow second. Trustee Orlow, Trustee Carota, Trustee Gutheil, Mayor Bodkin voted in favor. Trustee Girard not in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Mayor Bodkin also shared a last minute email from Saratoga County Trails Grant. The organization is asking if the Board would accept \$6,750.00 instead the original \$10,000.00 to put in a restroom located near the end of the Betar Byway. Trustee Girard suggested looking at ways to reduce the cost and give the Board time to figure out where the funds would be coming from. Trustee Gutheil suggested contacting the Town Supervisor to see if the Supervisor could possibly help get the project fully funded. We may have to change the scope of the project for financial reasons. Trustee Carota asked if there would be other cost with this project. Mayor Bodkin said the cost of pipes and concrete and other same stuff have not been fingered out cost wise yet.

11. Motion 070324-8 to adjourn the meeting: Withdrawn.

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil believed the meeting should had been rescheduled or left open to revisit early next week. Concerned that there was no new or old business put on the agenda. He requested that a resolution on Biochar as comments to USDA are due by midnight. Counsel advised he would get the letter prepared. Trustee Gutheil is also concerned that we are not tending to critical village business. Trustee Gutheil makes note that he would have like to have a executive session on the CSEA negotiations, a fire department contract, questions on the financial report (columns that need changed and info that goes



on them), getting behind on minutes and that the website need to be look at to update the new hires. Trustee Gutheil would also like to have a review of the PD policies and procedures. The last time it has been reviewed was 2021 and it is given to the new hires in the PD department. Trustee Gutheil, as part of the Building and Grounds Committee would like himself and Trustee Carota to meet to tour the grounds to see what is needed and do some long range planning. Trustee Girard would like to go into executive session over a personnel issue.

12. Motion 070324-9 to enter into executive Session at 7:34 pm to discuss a personnel issue of a unnamed person or persons: Trustee Orlow moved Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion: Trustee Gutheil and Mayor Bodkin were asked to leave the room.

13. Motion 070324-10 to adjourn executive session and re-enter the public session at 7:45pm with no action taken: Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

14. Motion 070324-11 to adjourn meeting: Trustee Orlow motioned, Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

