

Regular monthly meeting of January 24, 2024

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Gail Harrington, Mike Didas, Marco Falsone, David Poole Others present: Clerk: Donna Wollschleger, Dan Whittaker, Kim Rayburn

The meeting was opened at 5:32 with the pledge to the flag.

Privilege of the floor: Kim Rayburn updated the Board, with a report on the status of the property located at 19 State St. Rayburn stated that this property has been in violation for over 7 years.

Curtis Johnson-Village Attorney entered the meeting at 5:40

More discussion was held by Attorney Johnson in relation to the next steps the Village should take to clean up this property. Judy Judy should get a copy of the report completed by CEO Rayburn and have 60 days to bring the property in compliance. If the property is not in compliance, then the complaint will get filed with the County and a public hearing will be held. Johnson also told Rayburn that they could use a Process server or Sheriff to serve Judy Judy the papers. Rayburn will send Judy Judy the report with a 60 day clean up notice.

Rayburn left the meeting at 5:54

More discussion was held, and Attorney Johnson will check to be sure there are no liens on the property, in case the Village moves forward to tear it down.

Curtis Johnson left the meeting at 6:04

Minutes:

1. The minutes from the December 27, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

Mayor's report:

1. Discussion on Lucas property.
2. We received building quotes for the windows, doors, porch roof overhangs and insulation. Will discuss during new business.
3. The Mayor appointed Merrick Badger into the position of Water Treatment Plant Operator effective 1/29/2024 at the rate of \$22.50/hr.

Clerk/Treasurer report: by Donna Wollschleger

1. Treasurer reports were distributed prior to the meeting.
2. Abstract #8 (vouchers 256-288, TA-8) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$48,483.05; water fund \$3,201.33; sewer fund \$4,201.28; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and Deputy DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. **Trustee Didas motioned, seconded by Trustee Falsone, and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.**
3. Donna will be working on the budget, and it should be expected to be handed out at the February meeting.
4. The job postings are now down.
5. W2's and 1099 will be mailed by the end of the month.

6. The office has had several comments that we need a sign out front on the building. Donna has explained to all customers that we are in the process of moving our old sign to the new building.
7. Donna received a walk-in complaint about our driveway being plowed. It was explained that we will be getting it black topped this summer and that we had originally planned to have it done prior to us moving in. Unfortunately, that did not happen.
8. Sales tax revenue came in for the 4th quarter of 2023. The Sales tax has finally leveled off.

CEO report: monthly report was given prior to the meeting. Discussions were held at the beginning of the meeting during Privilege of the Floor.

Public works report: By Dan Whittaker

Water:

1. Two holes were pr dug on Bennett Ave and drilling and tapping will be done on Thursday.
2. DPW is still working on pumphouse piping.
3. A foot valve went bad at the Oakmount pump house. They are expecting to get that done within the next couple of weeks.

Sewer and WWTP:

1. Annual maintenance will continue in the WWTP. They will continue to work on it throughout the winter.
2. There was a sewer plug on East Main this month.

Streets and Equipment:

1. The holiday wreaths and banners have all been taken down and stored.
2. Brush grinding has started and is going smoothly. They are making good progress.
3. Plowing of roads, sidewalks and breakdowns have been keeping the department busy.
4. The Mayor asked if Dan knew if the weight limit signs for Main Street were ever ordered. Dan will check and if not, he will get them ordered and up. Dan will have to see if signs can be put on Rte. 444.
5. The Mayor also asked him about moving the sign from the old office up to the new and hanging it up on the building. Also, about taking down the pole and hanging sign in front of the church. Dan will take care of both.

Misc:

1. Merrick Badger will be starting on 1/29/2024.
2. The department is still down one employee on medical leave.
3. February will be busy working on training Merrick, keeping up with the snow, equipment maintenance, WWTP work and learning new jobs (budget request, DEC and DOH reporting)

New Business:

1. We received quotes from Kevin Wyand, Dayton Enterprises, K3 Remodeling, Proctor Enterprises, Sunrise, and Peterman Lumber for windows, doors, insulations, door overhangs,

and siding. Discussion was held. The Board would like Donna to reach out to each one and get revised quotes for Board and Batten siding instead of traditional siding. Donna will have them for the next meeting. **The following two motions were made:**

Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harrington, to approve the proposal from Proctor Enterprises for the blown in insulation \$6,475 and the 2 door overhangs \$3,350.

Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harrington, to approve the proposal from K3 Remodeling for the windows and doors \$9,400.

6:43 PM: Executive Session -Mayor Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harrington to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. All in favor.

7:55 PM: Mayor Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Harrington to come out of executive session. All in favor.

Discussion was held and the Employee Handbook will be updated effective today for the following changes:

- a) **New license increases to \$2/hr. increase in salary.**
- b) **Deputy Supervisor stipend increases to \$2/hr. as a separate line item. This amount will not be included in any raise.**

Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Poole to promote Dan Whittaker to the position of Watershed Inspector at \$500/annually and as Public Works Maintenance Supervisor at \$35/hr. effective 1/25/2024.

Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Poole to promote Corey Yorks to the position of Public Works Maintenance Assistant with a \$2/hr. line-item stipend effective 1/25/2024.

Adjournment: The February meeting will be Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Falsone seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Wollschleger-Clerk