

Regular monthly meeting of May 22, 2024

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Gail Harrington, Marco Falsone, David Poole. Excused: Mike Didas, Others present: Donna Wollschleger

The meeting was opened at 5:34 with the pledge to the flag.

Privilege of the floor: none

Minutes:

1. The minutes from the April 24, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted.
2. The minutes from the Organizational meeting were approved as submitted.

Mayor's report:

1. Judy Judy (Trustee of 19 State St.) stated in an email on 4/23 that she had someone look at the property. However, the board was in full agreement that too much time had passed and that she had more than enough time to resolve the issues within the timelines she was given. She did nothing to improve the property and the safety issues. Therefore, the Board is proceeding with the next step per the advice of the Village Lawyer, Curtis Johnson.
2. The Mayor received an RFP Proposal from MRB for the Request For Proposal of bids for the demolition of 19 State St. MRB suggested a SEQR also be done. The Board agreed to have MRB do the RFP and SEQR and for the Mayor to sign the agreement with them.
3. We received a proposal from MRB to write the NYS Water Quality Improvement Projection Program (WQIP) Grant application for \$6,500. Discussion was held and the following motion was made:

Mayor Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Falsone, to have MRB complete and file a grant application for the NYS Water Quality Improvement Project Program (WQIP) on behalf of the Village of Bloomfield at the cost of \$6,500. All in favor.

4. The Elms: Angelo Prestigiacomio, the son of one of the owners of The Elms, came in to talk to the Mayor and Clerk. He informed us that he is a realtor and will be putting the property up for sale. His goal is to sell it to a developer who will complete the project and make it a nice addition to the Village as earlier planned.
5. The Mayor wanted to congratulate Dan Whittaker and let the board know that Dan passed his Grade 3 Sewer test and is now a Grade 3 Sewer Operator. With the new license Dan will receive a \$2/hr. stipend.
6. Devante Morrison quit on Friday May 10th. We are now advertising for a Laborer at \$21/hr.
7. A Smoke Shop has opened in the space that the old Village Office occupied.
8. The Mayor has reviewed some purchases made by the DPW at Runnings and he will address his concerns with Dan.

Clerk/Treasurer report: by Donna Wollschleger

1. Treasurer reports were distributed prior to the meeting.
2. The following Budget Transfers were submitted and reviewed and the following motion made: **Trustee Harrington made a motion, seconded by Trustee Falsone, to approve the budget transfers as presented. All in favor.**

TRANSFERS-MAY 2024

TO:		FROM:		
A1210.4	MAYOR CONTRACTUAL	A1325.4	TREASURER CONT.	\$ 250.00
A1490.1	SALARY STIPENDS	A5110.1	HIGHWAY SALARIES	\$ 800.00
A1620.1	PERSONNEL-CLEANER	A5110.1	HIGHWAY SALARIES	\$ 300.00
A1620.42	TELEPHONE	A1620.44	GAS	\$ 150.00
A1010.4	Board Contractual	A1325.4	Treasurer Contractual	\$ 205.00
A1420.4	Attorney	a1620.4	Buildings Contractual	\$ 5,550.00
F1960.4	WORKSHOPS	F8310.4	ADMIN CONTRACTUAL	\$ 800.00
F8320.4	SOURCE AND SUPPLY WATER	F8330.2	PURIFICATION EQPMT	\$ 3,000.00
F8330.4	PURIFICATION WATER	F8330.2	PURIFICATION EQPMT	\$ 200.00
F8320.4	SOURCE AND SUPPLY WATER	F8330.2	PURIFICATION EQPMT	\$ 100.00
G8110.4	ADMIN CONTRACTUAL	G1990.4	CONTIGENT ACCT	\$ 5,634.00
G8110.4	ADMIN CONTRACTUAL	G8130.4	Contractual	\$ 3,500.00
				\$ 20,489.00

3. Abstract #12 (vouchers 404-437, TA-12) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$10,211.79; water fund \$81,668.07; sewer fund \$11,580.02; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and Deputy DPW supervisor declared (prior to meeting) that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. **Trustee Falsone motioned, seconded by Trustee Poole, and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.**
4. Trustee Harrington has asked if she can go on the regular bi-monthly payroll. The Board agreed. It will take effect in June.
5. Culligan will be installing our water softener unit on June 4th. Donna got them to include the filter system for free. A \$495 value.
6. Donna distributed to each Board member a water/sewer bill for their property using a new letter form of invoice instead of the postcards. This will save the Village approximately \$65 a year and will also save the office time in ripping the postcards apart and separately folding the newsletter. They will be printed on perforated paper. The Board members all liked them, and we will begin using this method with the next billing cycle.
7. Tax collection season starts June 1st. The collection notice has been sent to the paper to be published on 5/24 and 5/31.
8. The County called and said there had been an assessment change and that our collection tax rate will be 2.219 not 2.222. Donna acknowledged that was good to go and bills were printed.
9. Donna and Carey had been trying to find time to work with Home Depot to get a second quote on the blinds for the office. Home Depot is working with a third party and would have to go to the store etc., and after discussion it was decided to go with Budget Blinds and their quote for \$3,015. Donna will get them ordered.
10. The permissive referendum was put in the paper to spend the Reserve Funds allocated in the Board approved 2024/25 budget.
11. NYCLASS interest collected for the fiscal year 2023/2024 as of 5/21/24 is \$83,575.

12. Donna reviewed FB projections. Discussion was held on items not purchased during the year and the following motion was made:

Motion made by Trustee Falsone, seconded by Mayor Falsone to allocate any remaining funds from the 2023/2024 fiscal year as follows:

A-Fund- up to \$140,000 into the Equipment Reserve at close of year 5/31/2024.

a) A-Fund- up to \$7,000 into the Technology Reserve at close of year 5/31/2024.

b) A-Fund- up to \$50,000 into the Building Reserve at close of year 5/31/2024.

c) F-Fund- up to \$60,000 into the Water Reserve at close of year 5/31/2024.

d) G-Fund-all remaining Fund Balance into the Sewer Reserve at close of year 5/31/2024.

CEO report:

1. Monthly Report. Discussions were held.
2. Trustee Poole asked about the Quicklees property and mentioned that the piles of wood and stone should be removed as they are an eyesore and have been sitting there long enough. The Mayor will reach out to Rayburn and have her contact them to remove it.
3. The CEO office received a sign request for in front of 49 Main St. for a custom flooring business. Code Office Rayburn advised them that the property was not zoned for business. It previously had a Use Variance for Automotive Repair and Sales. Any new business would have to go before the Planning/Zoning Board for a use variance.

Public works report: By Dan Whittaker

Water:

1. DPW continues daily maintenance on all aspects of the water treatment.
2. They have been doing lots of water training.

Sewer and WWTP:

1. DPW is still working on sand filter to get them all running.
2. Lead time on parts is up to 16 months.
3. Employees are continuing maintenance and repairs throughout the rest of the plant.

Streets and Equipment:

1. New equipment has been ordered for the 2024/25 year (lawn mower, sidewalk tractor, bucket truck) just waiting for delivery.
2. Most of the banners are up, flower carts are out, and streets are swept all ready for Memorial Day.

Personnel:

1. DPW employee quit after returning from Disability.

Upcoming:

1. DPW will be prepping the village hall parking lot as well as four other spots for paving in late June.

2. Drainage will be put in front of Parkside pizza to help the new blacktop last longer and keep water out of their building.
3. Possibly starting some sidewalk repairs.

New Business:

6:38 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.

6:50 PM: Trustee Harrington made a motion, seconded by Trustee Falsone to come out of executive session. All in favor.

Adjournment: The June meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Falsone seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Wollschleger-Clerk