

Village of Canton, New York

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: October 15, 2018

Board Present:

Michael Dalton, Mayor
Beth Larrabee, Trustee
Klaus Proemm, Trustee

Carol Pynchon, Trustee
Sean O'Brien, Trustee

Others Present:

Gerald Ducharme, Village Attorney
Brien Hallahan, Superintendent
Cara Adams, Deputy Clerk
James Santimaw, Police Chief

Sally Noble, Clerk/Treasurer
Leigh Rodriguez, Economic Developer
Jeff Murray, Code Officer
Kevin Maginn, Golf Pro

ORDER OF BUSINESS: The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:30pm.

- a. **Approve minutes of September 24th and October 1st**- Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the minutes of September 24th and October 1st, 2018; seconded by Trustee Proemm. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to accept the Department Head Reports; seconded by Trustee Larrabee. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Superintendent Hallahan stated that repair to the pump at the sewer plant has been going on for a month and a half. Two of the four lagoons are pumped low. They are currently working on the six valves. A claim has been filed and an independent insurance adjustor will be on site.

Work on the bridge is still ongoing. There will be one lane closed going west bound for grinding and then they will switch sides.

Economic Developer Rodriguez did not have anything to add to her report.

Code Officer Murray informed the Board that he is certified.

Chief Santimaw stated that new officer Adam Clark completed a two-week class training and is now field training. He stated that things are going good at school with the SRO.

Clerk/Treasurer Noble did not have anything to add to her report.

Golf Pro Maginn informed the Board that this might be the last week at the Golf Course, weather permitting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Solar- Mayor Dalton stated that the project has been starting and is moving forward.

Recreation Committee- Trustee Pynchon stated that Senior Fitness has started and 17 people have signed up. Volleyball is starting next week and the ice is in the Pavilion.

Sustainability Committee- Working on Transportation, Energy, Food and Ag. Trustee Pynchon stated that they are looking for more people in the Community that are interested.

Steering Committee- Trustee Pynchon informed the Board that the Housing Round Table will be held on November 8th.

Consortium Committee- Trustee Pynchon informed the Board there will be a meeting on November 1st. They are currently working on agreements.

Sustainability Committee- Trustee Pynchon stated that David Bradford who is an energy circuit rider has completed the benchmarking report, which was one of the Clean Energy Community Actions. Trustee Pynchon will forward to the Board. Mr. Bradford is available in November to discuss with the Board.

Comp. Plan- Trustee Pynchon informed the Board that the preliminary draft has been reviewed and has been sent back for revisions. When they receive the preliminary draft back it will be reviewed by the Committee and Boards then a Public session will be held.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION:

Mayor Dalton received a letter from National Grid regarding purchasing all the street lights serving the Village; as an alternative to the Village may consider converting the existing roadway luminaire lights to LED's. The lights would be still owned, operated and maintained by National Grid. The cost to National Grid to convert the lights would be \$4,116.17 and the total incentive to the Village would be \$20,690. The deadline for this incentive is 180 days. More will be discussed at the November meeting.

Mayor Dalton stated that we need to move forward at the November meeting on extending the Cold War Veterans Exemptions. Attorney Ducharme will circulate a resolution for the November Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Elia Flippi wanted to know if the Village knows anymore about the concerns he discussed at the last meeting. Superintendent Hallahan stated at the last meeting he was going to speak with DOT to see if they would take the ownership to alleviate the issue. Brien spoke with the DOT Head of Maintenance; he is going to check with the permitting process that they have in place when dealing with storm water and he will walk the area with Superintendent Hallahan. Superintendent Hallahan will share more information with Elia Flippi when it becomes available.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Ethics Code-** Trustee O'Brien met with Town Councilman Bob Washo two weeks ago. They discussed two members for the Village and two members from the Town. Provisionally the fifth member will alternate between the Town and Village. They are working on writing the description for the Ethics Committee. The draft of the Ethics Code has been written and he will share with the Board. Attorney Ducharme read the makeup of the Ethics Committee that is currently in the Village code.

- b. **MR Bell Update** – Superintendent Hallahan stated that the contract has been signed. Notifications have been posted. The job will be started on October 22nd and finish on November 9th. The Company that is doing the abatement and demo is also doing the cleanup for DEC. Barriers will be set up to block the public.
- c. **Further Discuss Judson & Farmer Street Intersection-** After Board discussion they decided to have Complete Streets review and come back to the Board with recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds** – Trustee Larrabee made a motion to authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds for abstract # **05 of 2018-2019**. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

General Fund	\$124,458.80	Golf Course	\$39,696.94
Water Fund	\$20,082.86	Joint Activity	\$16,532.88
Sewer Fund	\$14,691.46		

- b. **Discuss a Potential CDBG Grant to Assist Dairy Queen-** Economic Developer Rodriguez stated that there is a potential CDBG Grant to assist Dairy Queen. There is a pre-application and the full application is due November 2nd. If the pre-application is approved, a Public Hearing would have to be held. After Board discussion a Public Hearing is set for October 30, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to authorize the certification to allow Economic Developer Rodriguez to submit the pre-application for the CDBG Grant and authorize Mayor Dalton to sign. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

- c. **Ann Heidenreich to Discuss the Green Vendor Fair-** Topic was tabled and will be on the November 19, 2018 meeting.
- d. **Discuss EV Charging Station-** Trustee Proemm informed the Board that they are currently working on the EV Charging Station. They have received a proposal from Apex. He is going to share with the Board the reaction from Scott Shipley which has a different take than the proposal. Sustainability Committee suggested to issue an RFP for the EV Charging Station. Trustee Proemm is working with Superintendent Hallahan to see what is the cheapest for the Village.
- e. **Discuss Crossing Guard Pay-** Trustee Proemm made a motion to approve the Crossing Guards pay to increase to \$12.14 an hour to be effective for the next payroll. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
- f. **Approve Fire Department Members-** Trustee Larrabee made a motion to approve the following fire department members; Lucy Mathews, Alex Cohen, Hunter Dean and Teresa Loucks. Trustee O'Brien seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
- g. **Approve Hiring Two Police Officers for the January Police Academy-** Trustee Larrabee made a motion to approve hiring two police officers for the January Police Academy. Trustee O'Brien seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

- h. Discuss and Approve Golf Course Contract-** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the five year Golf Course Contract with Golf Pro Kevin Maginn. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
- i. Discuss and Take Action on the Grasse River Blueway Trail Plan Resolution-** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the Grasse River Blueway Trail Plan Resolution. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
- j. Discuss and Take Action on the Grasse River Waterfront Revitalization Plan-** Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the Grasse River Waterfront Revitalization Plan. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
- k. Approval to send Unpaid Property Taxes to SLC-** Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve to send the unpaid property taxes in the amount of \$58,992.38 to St. Lawrence County. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
- l. Approve Temporary Recreation Laborer-** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve Johnathan Yerdon for the winter temporary Recreation Laborer position at the rate of \$12.00 an hour effective immediately. Trustee O'Brien seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Mayor Dalton asked Toby Irving if he could help to identify where the wild parsnips are on the walking trail.

Superintendent Hallahan stated that Skip is working with Paul Hetzler with Cornell Corporative to help treat the wild parsnips in the spring.

Executive Session -Trustee O'Brien made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:38 PM for a purpose as identified in Public Officers Law §105(1) (f). Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Larrabee made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:32PM. The motion was seconded by Pynchon. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Larrabee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM. Trustee Pynchon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Adams
Deputy Clerk