

Village of Canton, New York

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2022

Board Present:

Michael Dalton, Mayor
Anna Sorensen, Trustee
Carol Pynchon, Trustee

Beth Larrabee, Trustee
Klaus Proemm, Trustee

Others Present:

Sally Noble, Clerk/Treasurer
Meghan Richardson, Rec Director
John Gray
John Taillon

Gerald Ducharme, Village Attorney
Paul Mitchell
Heidi Smith
Toby Irven

The Mayor opened the meeting at 8:04 AM.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Authorize the Search for a Deputy Treasurer

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to authorize the Search for a Deputy Treasurer. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

b. Authorize the Search for a Village Treasurer

Trustee Proemm made a motion to authorize the Search for a Village Treasurer. Trustee Pynchon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Trustee Pynchon noted that the finance committee has been and continues to be working on this.

c. Discuss and Possibly Waive the Residency Requirement for Village Superintendent

It was noted that the current list of candidates for the position of Village Superintendent do not include any Village residents. Trustee Larrabee stated that keeping this requirement puts a lot of limitations on the search. Trustee Proemm recommended that if approved, there still be the requirement that a good faith local search be completed first. Trustee Sorensen commented that we need to be confident in the candidate's service and their desire to invest in the community. Trustee Pynchon stated that with cell phones, it would just be important for the candidate to be close enough to get to the Village in a necessary situation.

Attorney Ducharme indicated that the current residency requirement is part of the code; to grant a waiver would require the passage of a local law. This will be researched for the meeting scheduled for March 16.

d. Authorize a Survey of the Paper Street off East Main Street

Trustees Sorensen and Proemm discussed the area off of Stiles Avenue that has been deeded to the Village. It was recommended that a survey be approved not to exceed the cost of \$3,000. Should the cost estimate run over this amount it will be reviewed at the March 16 meeting.

Trustee Proemm made a motion to approve the survey of Paper Street off East Main Street not to exceed the cost of \$3,000. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

e. Finance Committee's Corrective Actions to Date

Mayor Dalton indicated that the finance committee is meeting on a regular basis to review and discuss needed corrective actions.

Drescher & Malecki has been contracted with to prepare the next AUD for 2021-2022. Clerk Noble is attending trainings and working diligently on refining financial reports for the Board and department heads. She is also working through some training to understand the issues with the pool cash system that need to be addressed. Trustee Pynchon indicated that the finance committee has a real handle on things and is sticking with the plan to address the 13 recommendations and corrective actions. Trustee Sorensen stated that she appreciates the work going in to address the actions needed from the Comptroller's report.

f. Resolution – Encumbrance of Funds

A resolution was introduced to encumber next year's funds for the purchase of a dump truck with a box. Trustee Pynchon made a motion to accept the resolution as written. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

g. Ice Resurfacers Recommendation

It was shared that the current ice resurfacers for the Canton Pavilion is 40 years old and in need of replacement. Five individuals met as the Recreation Committee to discuss and make a recommendation to the Board to purchase an Olympia propane model ice resurfacers. This machine is the same as we currently have, and is known to be reliable as well as affordable. Addons are included with the purchase, and some of what we have now will match this new machine.

Trustee Pynchon indicated to Meghan Richardson that this was a good process, and she appreciates all the work gone into this. She also expressed concern for the environmental impact of the propane model. Meghan Richardson indicated that they do not have staff to work on an electric motor model. Trustee Larrabee shared the environmental concerns, indicating an electric model would have improved emissions. Trustee Sorensen stated that this was a difficult decision to balance the impact of environmental concerns, but that she respects and supports the committee's recommendations. This comment was seconded by Trustee Proemm.

Mayor Dalton stated that the Town will be meeting this week to discuss the same recommendation. The overall cost of the new resurfacer would come to \$116,925, of which 20% (or \$11,692.50) would be due at purchase for the Village and the remainder be due over the following 12-13 months. It was indicated that the balance is in the budget.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the purchase of the new ice resurfacer, pending the Town's discussion and decision. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Trustee Pynchon shared that the Town Supervisor is currently on the Recreation Committee but will be replaced by Mayor Dalton to balance the committee. This change will go into effect immediately.

Trustees Larrabee and Pynchon thanked the Recreation Committee for their amazing work on this project.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 AM. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Noble
Village Clerk