

REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Kerr, Trustees Strickland, Griffin, Rupp and Stoltenberg, Clerk Stockman and SPW Smuda.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff and Brenda Dietrich and Paul Batt.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PAUL BATT: Came to discuss what the future might be for Bob G's Garage, which is next door to his house. Mr. Batt expressed an interest in purchasing the property if the environmental issues can be resolved. He has contacted an attorney for the DEC, who is looking into the status of the underground gas tanks. We know that the last inspection of the tanks was done in November 2013 and the status was satisfactory.

Also asked who cleaned up Ewing Alley. SPW Smuda responded that the Village DPW did the cleanup because it's Village property.

Then asked about the status of Gary McAlpine's house, which is across the street from Mr. Batt's house. The Clerk responded that the taxes continue to be paid by a mortgage company.

MINUTES: Copies of the minutes from the last meeting (1/13/16) were given to the Board. Trustee Stoltenberg moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Griffin seconded the motion. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Clerk has not yet received all of the bank statements, so an oral report was given. General checking, Sewer checking and T&A checking are the ones still outstanding.

Fund balances were as of 1/31/16 and included:

GENERAL FUND:

Checking	unreconciled	\$ 10,899.97
General Savings		70,220.67
Equipment Savings		15,831.82

SOLID WASTE:

Checking		\$ 4,220.92
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WATER FUND:

Checking		\$ 5,678.60
Water Savings		11,720.40
Water Debt Savings		12,206.93

SEWER FUND:

Checking	unreconciled	\$ 1,872.68
Sewer Savings		7,823.23

TRUST & AGENCY:

Checking	unreconciled	\$ 0.00
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The Treasurer will have a reconciled January report for the next meeting.

Trustee Rupp moved to accept the Treasurer's report as discussed. Trustee Strickland seconded the motion. Carried.

ABSTRACTS OF AUDITED VOUCHERS #9: Copies of the Abstracts of Audited Vouchers #9 were given to the Board. Bills presented for payment authorization included:

GENERAL FUND: \$ 16,895.92

SOLID WASTE: \$ 237.38

WATER FUND: \$ 2,669.16

SEWER FUND: \$ 989.84

ABSTRACTS CONT'D: Trustee Stoltenberg moved to authorize the Treasurer to pay the bills presented on the Abstracts of Audited Vouchers #9. Trustee Rupp seconded the motion. Carried.

OTHER FINANCE: Copies of a year-to-date through the end of October 2015 were given to the Board.

PUBLIC WORKS: Suspected water leak - SPW Smuda thought the Village had a water leak, but discovered that PV Apartments has a pressure line going to the sump pump and that is what's leaking.

Sewer lines at Family Church – have been inspected. A new septic tank was installed and the old one will be demolished. The Church is putting a large addition on their building on Pine Street, so the old septic system would no longer be adequate.

Village Sewer Lines – wants to jet some of the lines. This should be discussed and accounted for in next year's budget. Would like to bid the work out in March, have it done in April or May, and the bill would be paid from next year's budget, which begins in June.

Stephanie Green – 29 Main Street, Lots 3 & 4. She has been to court and an eviction order has been placed against her. She has to be out by 2/28/16. There is a break in the water line under her trailer (she is aware of it and has been advised that it's her responsibility to have it repaired), so the Village shut the water off to her trailer. She is demanding that service be restored immediately.

Sand & Salt – will be ordering more and is hoping to get a better deal. The last order was for 36.5 tons.

AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL: SPW Smuda participated in 2 recent auctions conducted by Auctions International. The first auction generated a revenue for the Village of \$1,243.00 and the second was \$630.00. SPW Smuda requested that the Board authorize the Treasurer to deposit the revenue from the two auctions to the General Fund Equipment Savings account. Trustee Strickland moved to authorize the Treasurer to deposit \$1,873.00 to the Equipment Savings account. Trustee Stoltenberg seconded the motion. Carried.

CLERK'S  
REPORT:

Justice Court Bail Money – Village Court Clerk Josephine Beightol gave Clerk Stockman a check in the amount of \$400.00. This represents bail money that hasn't been returned to its rightful owners because they can't be located. The court has been trying to find these people since 2005 and 2008, respectively. When this happens the Court must turn these funds over to the municipality and the municipality must keep the funds for a period of six years. After that, any unclaimed funds belong to the municipality. The Board told the Clerk to talk to the bank about the best way to handle this matter.

Village Election – Carl Kerr has suggested that the Village have a “Meet the Candidates” night just before the March 15<sup>th</sup> Village Election. The Board decided to have this at the Village Library on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. This would be the same night as the regular Village Board meeting, which starts at 7:00 P.M. The Clerk will notify all candidates in writing and make up some flyers to post around the Village.

Easter Egg Hunt – Vivian Gould has requested the use of the Village Park on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for an Easter Egg Hunt. Permission granted.

Tax Cap – The Board will most likely have to override the tax cap for the next fiscal year. This is done by adopting a Local Law, which requires a Public Hearing. The Clerk will get everything ready for the Board to have a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

Geo Cache – Myra Johnston called and asked permission for the Cattaraugus County Historians to place a geo cache somewhere in the area of the South Dayton Depot. She envisions this particular geo cache to have something about Robert Redford and “The Natural” being filmed here. Permission granted.

Minute Book – the new minute book was ordered on February 9, 2016 as authorized at the 1/13/16 meeting. Total cost will be \$139.50 plus whatever shipping costs there are. Clerk Stockman asked the Board's permission to pay the invoice with the first of the month bills. Trustee Strickland moved to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Stockman to pay Williamson Law Book Company for the minute book as soon as the invoice is sent. Trustee Griffin seconded the motion. Carried.

Justice Court Report – gave the Board copies for the month of January.

TRUSTEE  
REPORTS:

Trustee Rupp

New Equipment for DPW – Has been talking to SPW Smuda about leasing some equipment that would take the place of a backhoe perhaps an excavator and a tractor. An excavator would require a trailer because it has tracks, not tires.

Trustee Strickland

New Business – wrote a letter to a foot doctor to see if there's interest in opening a practice here.

Steuben Electric – should hear something from Senator Young's office this week about the possibility of Steuben Electric providing service to the former Nestle facility.

CFA Funding – will submit an application for technical assistance. We need to meet certain criteria to be able to apply for funding under the CFA program. The technical assistance part will help us achieve this goal.

TRUSTEES  
CONT'D:

Trustee Griffin

Village Court – asked what is going on with Village Court now that the Judge and Court Clerk are away for an extended period of time. The Board had a discussion about this. It was noted that a new Justice will be elected on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Judge Beightol's term expires and he will not be seeking another term.

Trustee Stoltenberg

Drug Problems in the Village – will set up a meeting with Gowanda Police, NYS Police and Catt. Co. Sheriff's Dept. to discuss what might be done to address the growing drug problem in rural areas like ours where there is limited Law Enforcement presence.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

Trustee Strickland moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or 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. Trustee Rupp seconded the motion. Carried. The Board moved into Executive session at 9:20 P.M.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:40 P.M.

Trustee Stoltenberg moved to terminate Adam Rice as part-time laborer and Trustee Strickland seconded the motion. Carried.

PART-TIME  
LABORER:

Trustee Stoltenberg then moved to hire Timothy E. Wilkey as part-time laborer for the Village. He will be paid \$9.00 per hour. He has already worked per diem and will have accumulated a total of 22 hours through 2/15/16. For those hours, he will be paid on a voucher. On February 16, 2016 Mr. Wilkey will be added to the regular semi-monthly payrolls and will be paid for actual hours worked. Trustee Strickland seconded the motion. Carried.

The Village owes Adam Rice for 4 hours of work and that pay will be issued with the payroll of February 29, 2016.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on March 9, 2016. The meeting will begin with the "Meet the Candidates" event in the Village Library at 6:30 P.M., followed by a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 – 2016 at 7:00 P.M. and then the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Stoltenberg moved to adjourn this meeting. Trustee Rupp seconded the motion. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. Stockman  
Clerk of the Board

