

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on January 9, 2023, at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present: Mayor John Barton
Trustee Michael Horrigan
Trustee James Gallagher, Jr.
Trustee Daniel Hogan
Trustee Jeffrey Gaulin
Attorney William Nikas

Mayor Barton opens the meeting with opening up the Public Hearing for Round 7, Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program and assessment list for public comment.

Mayor Barton explained that this grant is a rehab grant for mixed use buildings and is consistent with the Village's Comprehensive Plan with moving forward with downtown renovations. Trustee Hogan asked what the projected appropriations for the project. This project is a 90% reimbursable upon completion. The renovation must happen and then the applicant is able to request reimbursement. This Restore NY Grant is the same grant that Everything Under Foot was approved for in the fall, and we have been fortunate to have the opportunity to apply for the second round of grant funding for 119 Main Street to hopefully benefit another upcoming business.

Kim Bender, owner of the Brew House on Main Street inquired about the grant opportunity. She was interested in knowing if there was still an opportunity for her to apply for this particular grant. It was explained that this particular grant's process began a couple months ago and there would not be adequate time for her to apply due to the deadlines and requirements that are given by the state. She explained that she was corresponding with the agency, Labella, who is handling the grant administration for the project, and she had followed up with them and was unsuccessful with a response back. Ms. Bender explained the building she will be renovating is the the former Brew House building and explained how it has fallen in disrepair due to roof issues. It was explained to Ms. Bender that when she was discussing the grant options with Labella, it was for a previous grant that the village had applied for to benefit multiple buildings but on a smaller reward amount. Unfortunately, the Village's application was not approved for that grant. Although she was in the process of regaining ownership of the property during the beginning stages of the application process, she may have not been on the list of potentially eligible property owners due to not having full ownership yet. Mayor Barton has offered to reach out to Erin Kinne with Labella to share Ms. Bender's contact information to discuss future opportunities. A brief discussion ensued.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Hogan and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, to approve to close the Public Hearing on Restore NY Municipal Grant Program and Property Assessment List.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2022, were approved as submitted.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, to approve appointment of Kirsten Lunder to Police Officer, effective January 8, 2023, at the rate reflected in the bargaining unit contract.

Mayor Barton expressed his gratitude with this appointment and explained that with Officer Lunder, we also welcome Rye, our first K-9 officer to the village. Rye is about a year old and is Officer Lunder's K-9. He is already trained, and they both have transferred in from another Police Department and we are looking forward to them serving our community.

Upon motion made by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, to approve to authorize Cassandra Allen to sign Mail Fulfillment Services Agreement with Center for Disability (Renewal).

Upon motion made by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Gaulin and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, to approve Use of Village Owned Property Permit Application for Shriner Circus.

Mayor Barton explained that we are approving for the circus to be at Paris Park this year. In years past, it was held at Derby Park, but with the concerns of placement of tent stakes and traffic effecting the irrigation system and turn it has been decided to hold it at Paris Park. It will be held in the grass not on the parking lot.

Trustee Horrigan would like to recapture the misconception with Sandy Hill. When the parking lot was constructed, it was mandatory to have it constructed with a particular porous blacktop to allow stormwater drainage. With this type of blacktop, we must be very cautious of any type of heavy equipment or improper use of the parking lot for anything other than its intent as it may be more susceptible to damage and the repairs would be extremely costly. So, it is not that we do not want to have events at Paris Park, we just have to restrict events to the grassy area next to Clark Street and not in the parking lot.

The Circus is schedule for August 3rd, 2023.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Hogan and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, to approve vacation buy-out request from the Police Department.

Mayor Barton explains that this buyout's intent is to save on the cost of overtime at year-end. This is only for vacation time buyout and intends to be a one-time expense.

Trustee Horrigan clarifies that there are a lot of retirements, resignations, and turn over that has happened over the past year which has made it impossible for the officers to take time off. If the vacation time was granted as time off, we would potentially be paying time and a half to fill their slot. We are buying back their benefit time to get us in a better position financially by year end.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher seconded by Trustee Gaulin and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, to approve the following as surplus:

Old Chain Link Fence

Lot of old tires

'08 Jeep Liberty (VIN End 4574)

'83 GMC 3500 (VIN End 7513)

'93 Chevy 2500 (VIN End 6849)

'91 Chevy Dump (VIN End 1921)

'93 Chevy 3500 (VIN End 7699)

'81 International (VIN End 2902)

'91 Chevy Dump (VIN End 0875)

'98 Chevy Dump (VIN End 2345)

Clark/Austin Grader

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan seconded by Trustee Gaulin and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, the following monthly reports were approved as read:

Police Department, submitted by Acting Chief Kibling

Fire Department, submitted by Chief Thomas Bover

Code Enforcement Department, submitted by William Celeste

Upon motion made by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and unanimously carried, the following abstracts were audited and ordered for payment:

General Fund

Check Nos. 3581 - 35439

Water

Check Nos. 5906 - 5908

Trust

Check Nos. 7860 - 7869

Payroll

Check Nos. 31023 - 31039

Mayor Comment:

The flag is Derby is down. He took his grandson over and they took it down, folded it up properly and it is now put away until the spring. The lights at the parking lot have been turned off due to the park being closed.

Board Comment:

Collectively, the Board sends their condolences to the MacDuff family. Earl MacDuff, also known as Chief, has recently passed away. Earl was our Crossing Guard on Main Street (Route 4) for 30 years. Rain or shine, he showed up for the children and our community. He will be deeply missed by all.

Public Comment:

None was given.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan seconded by Trustee Hogan and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, the Board to move to Executive Session at 6:25 pm.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and unanimously carried it is;

RESOLVED, the Board to close Executive Session and resume regular Board Meeting as scheduled at 6:55pm.

The next meeting will be held on February 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Cassandra Allen, Village Clerk-Treasurer