

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

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

Mayor Barton begins the meeting with the former topic that was being discussed, Center Steet parking lot. Nothing new to report back. He will contact Shawn Lipscomb to find about if his corporate is an agreeance.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Gaulin and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2024, were approved as submitted.

A Public Hearing must be set for the 2024-2025 Village Budget. The next Board Meeting would be April 8th, Trustee Gaulin said that it is the day of the eclipse and a lot of people are traveling. There has been discussion by County Supervisor's about closing and same goes for the school.

The Regular Board Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, April 9th, due to the solar eclipse.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the Public Hearing to be set Tuesday, April 9th, at 6:00 pm for the 2024-2025 Village Budget.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the resignation of Alise Hemmerling, Police Officer, effective March 16, 2024.

The Village has been discussing replacing the roof at Village Hall for several years now. We are now in the process of moving forward with addressing the concerns. We have received a proposal from March Associates, the same company that has worked with the School District for many years and they have provided us with replacement estimates for all sections of the building. At this time, we may only be doing the main roof which consists of Village Clerk's office, courtroom, hallway area. The estimate for that is about \$400,000. Trustee Horrigan adds that the roof is in very bad shape and has been for a couple of years. Mayor Barton says we have American Rescue Plan money left that should cover the majority of it. Attorney Nikas clarifies what March Associates will be doing, it is explained that they will be preparing the Bid Document and overseeing the bidding process along with giving support throughout the construction phase. They are not contractors; they are the architects on the project.

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

RESOLVED, to approve to schedule a Special Meeting to present the Budget to the Village Board. Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 28th, 12:00 pm.

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

RESOLVED, the following monthly reports were approved as read:

Fire Department, submitted by John Santa Croce

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

General Fund	Check Nos. 36292 - 36348
Water	Check Nos. 5961 - 5963
Trust	Check Nos. 7998 - 8001
Payroll	Check Nos. 31286 - 31299

Mayor Comment:

A fire that happened on 32 Labarge, there is now a couch out front that was not part of the fire. Someone dropped it off there. He has spoke with Will Celeste, Code Enforcement, and the property has been sold 2-3 times. Will will be doing a walk through with the current owner to see if it can be saved. Mr. Nikas adds that the house does have asbestos in it, so it will have to come down. Mayor Barton states the owner has been in contact with DOH to discuss what precautions have to be made to encapsulate the dust if it was to be demolished or renovated. He has been told that they are waiting on National Grid for a temporary hook up of power. Assistant Fire Chief, John Sanat Croce is present at the meeting, and he adds that the damage the fire had down to the structure and the condition of the interior, it will most likely need to be torn down.

Board Comment:

Trustee Hogan informs the Board that the Fire Department is moving forward with the grant opportunity. They will be getting in touch with Labella and Chief Bover will be providing budget estimates. It is a prepaid grant, so we will have to pay up front but will be paid back. One we get most of the numbers and costs in order they will be letting the Board know. The initial fee for Labella for assistance with the grant is \$3,000 and if we use the for architecture and engineering it will be an additional \$2,000. Trustee Hogan asks if we should bring up the roof above the Fire Department into this grant as well. There was discussion that it may be a possibility it could qualify, but we may only be able to go after one thing with the grant, which in their case would be a training center. He will talk to Devin at Labella to see if it may be an option. Mayor Barton adds that the proposal we received does separate the different sections of the roof that could be useful to show the cost of that section if used in the grant if we did want to the entire building. Trustee Hogan will follow back up once he receives more information.

Mayor Barton would also like to add that he has been working with Labella, Rural Development and Mike Fiorillo for major opportunities for development and dollars. There are four major connection points that we need to replace. These connection points are what supply water from the plant to different parts of the village. We have sent a letter of interest to Elise Stefanik's office requesting consideration of federal money to go towards the project. The four projects are projected to be about 3.8 million dollars which we will be looking to get a low interest loan with Rural Development.

Public Comment:

Lenny Prevost approached the Board. He begins with telling the Board that he is a retired Police Officer. He shares a story from his career in the force about an arrest that could've been made to a young man, where he recommended to have a social worker to help the kid. He has recently spoke with many different religions in Glens Falls including Social Services encouraging them come together to help the Police Departments. He shares a story from when he was in Saratoga recently and how he approached the Police Officers that were involved in an incident, and he encouraged them to get the young man a social worker. He believes that if can help the ones that are in trouble we can begin to change the way they think and help them get on the right track. He explains that he has a binder of information that he shares with many different municipalities that includes different ways that we can engage the kids and help the police departments with handling situations with children or troubled people. He would also like to help take pressure away from people that are involved in drugs and offer social workers where appropriate and jobs where we can. He has reached out to many places to share his ideas. A brief discussion ensued where he shares stories of visiting other government buildings and public figures where he has also encouraged these changes for the communities. The Board collectively thanks him for the stories and information.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Gaulin and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Cassandra Allen, Village Clerk-Treasurer