

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

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

Mayor Barton is absent; Deputy Mayor Horrigan will be running the meeting.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve resignation from Anthony Cardenas, effective 7/26/24.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the appointment of Anthony Cardenas to Part-Time Police Officer effective 7/26/24, at the rate of \$20/hr.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the appointment of Steve Johnson, Crossing Guard, at the rate reflected in the Collective Bargaining Unit.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the appointment of Scott Baldwin, Crossing Guard, at the rate reflected in the Collective Bargaining Unit.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve Michael Fiorillo to sign agreement with March Associates, re-roofing assistance and administration.

The bid was open at 8/8/24 at 2:00. Two contractors placed a bid, Greenwood Industries and Titan Roofing.

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

**RESOLVED**, to award the bid to Greenwood Industries with the recommendation from March Associates in the amount of \$271,000.

DPS was the company that assisted and over saw the major Water Department Project. An additional payment request was made by DPS to the Village based upon additional time that the project ran over that was unexpected by all parties. It has been discussed with the Water Department and it seems fair to agree to 50% of their additional ask above and beyond our original contract.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve DPS request to extend service charges in the amount of \$2,700.

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

**RESOLVED**, to declare the following as surplus:

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Nissan Altima  
Dodge Charge  
Dodge Charger  
Chevy Equinox  
Old drinking fountains  
Prentice Attachments  
Miscellaneous attachments for DPW equipment  
Derby Light poles  
Miscellaneous small equipment

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

**RESOLVED**, Monthly Reports approved as submitted.

Fire Department, submitted by John Santa Croce

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

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| General Fund | Check Nos. 36628 - 36693 |
| Water        | Check Nos. 5975 - 5977   |
| Trust        | Check Nos. 8027 - 8034   |
| Payroll      | Check Nos. 31373 - 31379 |

**Mayor Comment:**

Absent.

**Board Comment:**

Trustee Horrigan, tonight is the last night for Community Night at Moran-Derby Park . This is the last of 6 events and the summer is flying by and we encourage you to attend.

Also, there is maintenance to be with pesticides, so the Moran-Derby Park will be closed tomorrow August 13, and will reopen on Wednesday.

**Public Comment:**

Scott Ross of Meadow Road approaches the Board to express his concern about Code Enforcement forcing him to move his trailers and camper. He has in-laws that come up every year, and they camp out in the driveway for the summer. Trustee Horrigan explains that it is against the Code to allow someone to sleep in a camper for a long period of time. Mr. Ross states he has been doing it for 9 years. Trustee Horrigan explains he has been able to get away with it for 9 years, does not make it right. It is unknown why no one approached him in prior years, but moving forward they will be enforcing it.

Mr. Ross moves on to being forced to move work trailers out of his driveway and onto the side of his house, the side that faces Burgoyne Avenue. Mr. Nikas addresses his issue by beginning to explain that there is a code that addresses architectural property. In his case, the Burgoyne side of his house is his architectural side, but that is where his things are to go. The Mayor has indicated that we will look at code and discuss a revision. Mr. Nikas also explains that Code Enforcement has a pile of violations it is not just his property that he is addressing, but there is a process and Code Enforcement is just doing his job. Trustee Horrigan validates Mr. Nikas statement by reiterating that it is a process, and it takes time to handle quality of life. Trustee Gaulin inquires about the number of recreational vehicles allowed. Mr. Nikas says its not about having a recreational vehicle in your driveway the issue here is that you are not allowed to live in a recreational driveway, at that point it is not considered a mobile home. Mr. Ross asks about his situation with his trailers in the side yard, Mr. Nikas asks for Board approval to allow Mr. Ross to move trailers back his driveway while the revision of local code is being discussed. N objections.

Patti Simone with the Feeder Canal Alliance approaches the Board to discuss current and future plans for the Alliance. She begins to explain some of the events they are holding at The Silos on Maple Street including educational programs, concerts, food trucks and grant opportunities. She is also approaching the Board to request additional funding. The request is submitted to both Town of Kingsbury and the Village of Hudson Falls to help cover additional insurance costs. She realized the Alliance had not asked for a funding increase for 11 years. She moves on to explain a funding source from an Occupancy Tax Fund, these funds must be used for that exact purpose and Glens Falls and Hudson Falls are the recipients of that funding because it is the efforts of the Alliance to get visitors who have never visited to visit these locations. She shares the newly printed flyers that they had recently purchased with the funding to help bring people into the communities. She concludes with requesting the Board to consider additional funding to help pay for the rising cost of insurance. Currently the Town of Kingsbury and the Village of Hudson Falls are the only two communities that contribute funding towards the Feeder Canal Alliance. At 60% by the Village and 40% from Kingsbury. Trustee Horrigan asks if the request was submitted during budget time. Ms. Simone informs him that it was submitted in June after the start of fiscal year. Ms. Simone again shares additional flyers that are being disbursed in several locations and articles that are being distributed throughout the state. It is being advertised as Glens Falls Feeder Canal. Trustee Horrigan asks if Glens Falls is contributing any funding to assist their needs. Ms. Simone says no. It is asked if the Alliance has ever asked for assistance from Glens Falls. Ms. Simone says that as far as she knows no, she is unsure of who to ask for funds, but she visits Glens Falls once every two weeks and they are aware of their needs. Trustee Horrigan says their name is on all of the Alliances brochures and they should also be contributing. Ms. Simone was not aware that she could even ask Glens Falls for the funding request. She feels as though the events are being held in Hudson Falls and that Hudson Falls is the beneficiary of the events that they are holding, deeming them more responsible for the inflated insurance costs that helps with general liabilities and other liabilities they are responsible for. Trustee Horrigan says it is something the Board could look at and consider but would be curious if she could also get the assistance from the other municipalities. Trustee Hogan asks if Fort Edward contributes, Ms. Simone also states that just like Glens Falls no, but between Kingsbury and Hudson Falls she has requested that we share the additional increase towards insurance without requesting the funding from the other jurisdictions. She says she has been trying to meet with Fort Edward but has been unsuccessful, Mr. Nikas lets her know that the Town meets at 7:00 tonight. Ms. Simone says she does not think she will be able to make that meeting and she does not have any more flyers to hand out. A brief discussion ensued, concluding that we will discuss at the next budget, but requests information on funding contributions from the other nearby municipalities.

Ray Maynard, Liberty Place, approaches the Board again this month to continue to express the concerns and frustrations for the neighbor drug house activity. They have so many people staying there, they are living in the garage, sleeping on the lawn, and disturbing her yard and property. She goes to hang out her clothes and the people are urinating in the yard. This morning Hudson Falls Police were there. There is guy out there falling all over the place. At 5:15 a.m. the same guy was in her driveway, he came up on her porch, he fell over the small fence and then tried breaking the railing on her porch, stood on the railing and fell onto the blacktop driveway, then took off walking and fell asleep in a yard. They continue to move people into the house. Trustee Horrigan explains that we are aware of the situation, and they are trying. A brief discussion ensued.

Rolland Hoag, Maple Street, approaches the Board to explain that in 2019 he purchased the property from Tom Eastwood. He shares pictures of what the property use to look like before he purchased it and what it looks like now. This morning, he filed a FOIL request of any outstanding violations or complaints that have been reported about his property. The last complaint was from 2019 about the foliage and brush. That is when he first took over the property and the yard clean up was the first thing he addressed when he bought the property. He briefly shares how he was able to obtain the property and the obligations he faced during the time of the decision. He recently received a notice from Bill Nikas, not from Code Enforcement, that the Village wants him to do something with the white house on the property. He has had discussions with Code Enforcement in the past but was not aware that this was a concern or what the concern or violation even was. He understands that Nikas is his neighbor and that it is an eye sore, but it isn't nearly as much of an eye sore like it use to be, so he is unsure exactly why he received the notice without any open code violations. He shares that he is slowly getting to it but financially he can only do one house at a time. Right now, he is trying to finish the yellow house to sell that then the funds from the yellow house will address the white house. He shares the history of the buildings and the potential along with the end goal. Mr. Hoag has a lot of thoughts and ideas for the houses but financially he has spent a couple hundred thousand dollars to save both buildings and still isn't even nearly done. The buildings are listed, but he has yet to be successful in selling them because it is a lot to take on. A discussion ensued and concluded with Mr. Nikas explaining the aesthetics that is the complaint. The broken windows and the junk on the front porch should be addressed. Mr. Nikas recommends cleaning up the debris, windows on the front of the house.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Hogan and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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Cassandra Allen, Village Clerk-Treasurer