

Approved BOARD MINUTES May 12, 2020

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Manicki, who led the pledge to the flag.

Due to Covid-19 Shutdown this meeting was conducted via Zoom.

The public was invited to join by calling in.

PRESENT: Mayor Manicki, Trustees Warmus, Daluisio. Clerk Galbraith
Zoom: Trustee Overhoff & Casell Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Attorney Trapp, Shawn Eastland, Patrick Cavanaugh, Richard Greis, Loren Prucnal, Eugen Nuwer and Sue DeWitt, Alden Advertiser

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve the minutes dated April 28, 2020. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated May 12, 2020.

Payroll	\$36,127.20
Abstract	\$57,897.52

On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Casell seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the following monthly reports for April: CEO, DPW, fire fuel.

On the question – no comment, 5 ayes, Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Read by Mayor Manicki – from the state – NYCOM concerning village elections now scheduled for September 15 and impact Covid will have on your budget. Looking at a possible 13% decrease at this point. Erie County – hazardous household waste collection June 27, virtual meeting for Assoc. Of Erie County Governments and sales tax numbers for May 12 – 2019 amount down 36.48%, down 4.38% ytd. Census update, RBC Wealth Management portfolio as of April 30 - \$177,142. Town of Alden work session agenda.

MOTION by Trustee Casell and seconded by Trustee Daluisio to file as received all correspondence. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried

Resolutions/Appointments/Requests/Motions for May 12, 2020

MOTION by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Casell, to authorize Mayor Manicki's appointment of Robert Woods, as Associate Village Justice for a one-year term, to expire 3/31/2021.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Casell- aye
Trustee Warmus - aye
Trustee Overhoff - aye
Trustee Daluisio- aye
Mayor Manicki- aye carried.

Motion by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Supt. Sitzman to sign and submit the application and request forms to NYSEG to create a Service Class 4 street lighting account for the Broadway Streetscape project.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Casell- aye
Trustee Warmus - aye
Trustee Overhoff - aye
Trustee Daluisio- aye
Mayor Manicki- aye carried.

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the renewal agreement with Emerling Agency for Village insurance.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Casell- aye

Trustee Warmus - aye

Trustee Overhoff - aye

Trustee Daluisio- aye

Mayor Manicki- aye carried.

On the question: Mayor Manicki – offered 10% more coverage for cyber insurance for just pennies. \$401 for \$10,000 deductible or \$25,000 deductible. Total package up \$52.92 from last year. Trustees what would you like to do? Mayor -anything we get hit with is costly, I would go with \$25,000. Difference to go to lower deductible About \$300/year. Cyber security more of an issue these days - \$10,000 or \$25,000? Dan – Ange, Bob \$25,000.

MOTION by Trustee Overhoff, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to authorize Mayor Manicki to sign the renewal agreement with Floss Agency for fire company insurance.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Casell- aye

Trustee Warmus - aye

Trustee Overhoff - aye

Trustee Daluisio- aye

Mayor Manicki- aye carried.

On the question – Mayor - Up \$300 from last year not including extra cancer policy

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

Fire Chief Greis – will we be able to incur money? We bought gear, but do not know when it will be delivered. As far as payment from two chief's vehicles, took \$40,00 from ambulance fund. When fire dept. reimburses you, you will reimburse fund. Left over \$3000 balance will be used to equip vehicles. No emergency purchases. No parades, overwhelming. Will do for member/auxiliary. Will do graduation in June for school. Other town and counties have stopped. Chris working on something for parades. No direction from county on training. County concerned about a 2nd wave if opened too soon. Mayor Manicki – everyone is except the President. Chief Greis – continue with zoom? When can meet again? Mayor – no public meeting. Greis – waiting on Governors and boards approval to hold meetings. How does next years budget look? Mayor – I think we are going to have to blow it up and start over again. Greis – emails concerned about changes in budget. Mayor – budget is adopted, but with financial impact, will need to rethink, need to hold off spending if not essential. Greis would like to schedule inspections, testing. Mayor – not an issue, need to be done.

CEO Czechowski – NYS building codes in effect. 5' set back now required from property line will effect building codes, currently 3'. working with Keith concerning weed mowing- height, frequency, will work on code. New code in effect as of today. Mayor – a lot of people out there think they do not need permits due to crisis. Violations are being sent, for when the court opens. Sitzman – residential sprinklers? CEO- no did not make this revision. Chief Greis – did you get a call from 7-11 about putting in a propane filling station? A Plus is 7-11. They have an exchange. CEO, no but talked to Tractor Supply about putting a filling station and received an email inquiring about zoning co. a veterinary and dog washing station. Trustee Casell – I approached Tractor Supply store manager Blain about the Styrofoam blocks blowing around, I picked up some from Exchange to Tannery Creek. Said he would clean up but 2 weeks later, Styrofoam and plastic along Tannery Creek again. Send reminder to keep garbage contained. Try to shrink wrap Styrofoam – 5-6 palletes back there.

Superintendent Sitzman- contractors working on Broadway streetscape again. Projected completion date June 1, 2020. Coordinating with businesses as to not interrupt any more than we must. Street lighting motion, for class, village owned led lights. Upcoming systemwide led conversion. 6 months projection to complete saving us \$20,000/year – 8-month payback. WWTP general contractor nearly done, update punch list. Baxter outfall waiting on Nussbaumer, reviewing, hope to have information at next meeting and discuss with homeowners, to take to bid. Nothing on Water Authority connection, would like to have Exchange St. property by summer. Hope to have ready for next meeting. Tannery Creek turned black

again – Zoladz mulch operation. Working on letter to Zoladz and DEC. need to protect catch basin, good thing dye is not toxic or hazardous. Currently clear. Alden Landings Joe & I both reviewed drainage plan. Eliminate north pond, obtained easement off Westcott. Should improve park. Forward progress. A lot of junk laying around, we need to address. Email from healthworks, offering Covid antibody tests, \$75/person. Cannot charge Insurance. Wellnow goes thru insurance. Board willing to have guys tested. \$900 for DPW alone. Had 1 tested -negative, 1 never tested. Trustee Casell – by testing will ppe equipment be provided, or only thru healthcare provider? Attorney – not required, if part of plan, could be added up to board. Trustee Casell -if you have antibodies, can still get it again. Chief Greis – if offering to DPW, should offer to fire dept. what is it going to change? No issues so far. Would be double \$ for fire dep. Sitzman – out there if we need it. Trustee Overhoff – village employees, should be tested so can tell if someone has it and can transmit. Sitzman – only antibodies, cannot tell if current carriers. I agree with Rick, if anyone tested, should be fire dept. Trustee Casell – I know where I work going into nursing homes, need to be tested 2 times a week, costly. People are approaching different ways; I do not know If we know enough about it. Attorney - 2 types of tests. Antibody – if already had disease, after the fact, not for protection statistical purpose. Other determine if you have the disease and should be quarantined. Until there is a vaccine, unfortunate, do not know enough currently. Chief Greis – that is my point, will not change anything. Attorney -will not protect anyone to be tested. Mayor will check on that. Sitzman – recycling drops off Sat., May 30 – 3 hours, will advertise. Village residents only. A couple of guys, wear ppe, see if county opens do anything with e-recycling. Information for grant vehicle charging station, pursue? Not free costs us 20%, board? Trustee Warmus – no, not pressing, stay away for now. Mayor – agree.

Attorney Trapp Internet: The Village will have to decide on the speed that they want if they want everything on one bill

Prosecution: The Courts are working on setting up virtual courts and may include the Village Court soon, but nothing is set yet.

Exchange Street property: In light of the order prohibiting evictions and the filing of cases except for serious code violations, we might not be able to pursue this matter for a while

Zoladz and Homecourt I suspect that it might open again after May 18th once the stay for road construction lifts.

Solid waste: Once the company is sold, we may hear from the purchaser which means we may want to look at the figures again - I saw on the WARN website that Allied Waste was laying off 111 employees due to the purchase by Republic effective June 17th - we might hear something later this summer once the purchase is complete and the dust settles from the PAUSE

Elections: everything is still on hold until September 15th, therefore, all appointments, except for the Acting Village Justice, remain as they are until a new Board is put in place, or the Board acts in the interim for the period until the vote is certified from the September election - after that, any annual appointments will not be for a full year, but rather, will end on March 31, 2021 or until new appointments are made.

Public hearings: are still possible, but require specific procedures - might be best to wait until after the June 1 deadline unless critical to complete before that date

Sidewalk/Occhino: since litigation in this case is a virtual certainty based upon the comments from the contractor and its attorney, I recommend that we have an executive session once we are all able to be in one room together. In the meantime, my recommendation is to not have any further public comments with regard to the construction other than to get basic updates on the status from Keith from a purely factual standpoint and to strictly follow all of the terms of the contract and put everything to them in writing.

Mayor Manicki – Keith have we heard anything about Crittenden Road? Sitzman –signed, waiting for them. Mayor-Wanted board to know server is 7 years old, have a quote coming from Integrated. Also offered cloud bases, need to decide. May 21 – Village Officials zoom meeting. CEO anything new on Birch Creek? CEO – do not know where he is at with drainage and Homecourt, house underway, nothing new. Keith – nothing more on drainage ditch thru Koelbl property. Stormwater egress, done. monthly report done, same deficiencies week after week. Will check, if not completed will do stop work order.

Trustee Casell - Keith, if you could just give the businesses the heads up on their driveways

Trustee Warmus – Keith on the security cameras on the outside of the building, is there anything holding us up? Sitzman – got to get parts and install. I will try to get that done this week.

Trustee Overhoff – I was going to say what Trustee Warmus said.

UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Warmus seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to adjourn from the regular meeting 7:50 pm with a moment of silence for Don Kruger, Thomas Golda and Ruth Borden. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith,
Village Clerk