

**Approved BOARD MINUTES May 26, 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 Daluisio & Casell. Clerk Galbraith  
Zoom: Trustee Overhoff & Warmus, Superintendent Sitzman, CEO Czechowski, Attorney Trapp, 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 May 12, 2020. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated May 26, 2020.

Payroll	\$40,937.49
Abstract	\$26,593.26

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

**MOTION** by Trustee Overhoff seconded by Trustee Warmus, to approve the following monthly reports for April: Treasurer.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Erie County Village Officials & Assoc. of EC Governments meeting minutes. AVE monthly garbage proposal

**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 26, 2020

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus, seconded by Trustee Overhoff, to approve the fire/ems calls for May 9-22, 2020

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

**MOTION** by Trustee Casell, seconded by Trustee Warmus, to set a Public Hearing for Local Law #2, 2020 updates to Village Code Chapter 205, 7:45 pm

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

**BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:**

**Fire Chief Greis** – question about the budget? Did the resident approve it yet? Where do we stand with projects in the budget, like electronic PCR's, radio relocation on water tower? Is that on hold? Trustee

Casell – we do not know what is going on yet, we do not know what is coming from the feds. We are looking at a 15% reduction, we should at least postpone things, till we see what happens. Mayor – if you can hold off for a quarter, till we see what happens. Not in dire straits yet, if the Hero act passes, we look to receive over \$840,000, if we got that we would be whole. Do not think it will pass. Need to hold off any big expenditures. Chief – electronic PCR's supposed to be implemented by the state Jan. 2021. Trustee Casell – reduction in number of EMS calls? Chief – there was but creeping back up again because people did not want to go to the hospital. Lift assists starting to rear ugly head again.

**CEO Czechowski** – Mayor – Joe came back to the office today, nice to see him again after a couple of months. CEO – Mercer Dr. – Keith & I walked Mercer and measured out for the parking. Will do a draft. Situation with driveways, trying to find situation that will work for everybody. Will get to board. Trustee Casell – are we moving forward with that? I thought after the public hearing, it wasn't a street wide desire to have that done, was for 1 person. Mayor – 2 people on corner, Zorbest & Winegar did not want it. Casell – just the first 50'? Mayor – for 2 corner residents. Keith – it is more than 50', is 160'. First 50' no parking, rest limited to school hours. CEO – tough to make everyone happy. Shorter than Park St. Mayor – where are we at with Birch Creek? Keith – some stormwater things addressed, needs to finish on Jack's property. Need grading. Mayor – continue to monitor to see he gets it done.

**Clerk Galbraith** – Taxes June 1, due July 1. Penalty May 28? Email problems, need to contact rep. phone issues, waiting for Verizon to respond.

**Superintendent Sitzman** – motion for Mayor to sign agreement with NYSEG to upgrade streetlights to LED. Final cost \$9375.05 completion late September, October. Payback 7-8 months, substantial savings to village. New streetscape will be LED. Projects – streetscape contractor working, subcontractor doing concrete, entrances opened. By end of week driveways open. Working on trees & landscaping, 3 new trees. Working on issues with streetlight poles. Final paving along Broadway due before end of June. WWTP contractor has been onsite, few items to wrap up. Updated plan on Baxter outfall. Need to review. Shoring is temporary \$50,000 on estimate, should bring that way down. ECWA no news, will call. Finalizing annual quality water and stormwater reports. Trustee Warmus – well levels? Keith – up, should have a good summer. Joe & I walked Gamma property. Looks like draining well, still needs to do finish grading to stabilize ground. Draining issue Colonial Woods south side of Crittenden, about 4 houses, drainage done by village to a certain point years ago. Trustee Warmus – spearheaded project, homeowner would not give access. Keith - houses closer to Crittenden, first one, sump pump tied into sanitary sewer. Now back yard, back yards flooding. 4 tied into sanitary, need to extend line. Does board have a problem if I approach residents? Board approved. Will send letters out. Trustee Daluisio – concrete slab in front of LaPaloma, is that because of damage or part of project? Keith – part of project. Daluisio – monitoring wells now that people are home? Keith – not much difference, monitored weekly. Trustee Casell – anything on Crittenden Rd? Keith – nothing, Chris has sent email, but have not heard anything back, was told funding all set. Trustee Casell – any way to know when it goes out to bid, so we are not surprised? Keith – will email engineers to let us know ahead of time. Trustee Casell – thank you for doing the street lighting, I thought we talked about what kind of alternative we had for: LED white light capabilities, municipal benefits of being able to connect things, options for types of lights? Keith – 4,000 k which we chose or a 3,000 k. Trustee Casell, I would hate to make this move and find out there is better technology out there. Rather than go to the straight LED. I was hoping we would get some information on that. Keith – they did not offer anything but 2 different temperature bulbs. Trustee Warmus – do you know what other towns have them? Keith – the Town of Alden. Trustee Warmus – any in villages where they are closer together? Hate to do the Birch Creek deal where these are too bright. Keith – I can get a list. Trustee Casell – I would appreciate the opportunity to postpone it for 2 weeks, so I can look into it. See if there are any other technology out there.

**Attorney Trapp** - Joe and I have worked on the following local laws and would recommend that public hearings be set for probably the second meeting in June: Mercer parking, Ch 17 Ethics, Ch 78 topsoil, Ch 125 licenses, Ch 166 Short term rentals, Ch 205 waiver of penalties with water/sewer bills  
Nothing new on the franchise agreement front, but the Board can make a decision on internet  
Courts are slowly re-opening, but there is no set date for local justice court  
DPW union will be meeting with me in the middle of June to discuss the health insurance and one more issue that they want to raise  
no car show until 2021

Railroad fee - I responded to the request for the unsubstantiated payment, but I doubt that they will send the information. We should continue with the \$50 payment as set in the agreement and just wait until they respond - it will probably be an annual bill from them

The two ZBA hearings have been set for the middle of June and will probably be held with people in attendance

Crittenden Road - I sent an email to the County Attorney, but have not heard anything further

**Mayor Manicki** - H&R Block is requesting 2 handicapped parking spaces in front of his building on Broadway. Designated handicapped space behind building. Trustee Casell – share building, 2 tenants. Is there a state rule? Who puts in handicapped spots? Keith – would be first on Broadway. Non conforming spot. CEO \_ by law, handicapped spots must have a loading zone next to it. Trustee Casell – curb cuts? Space along side? CEO \_ you have to 8” adjacent isle, hydrant there. Current space in back is safest route to building. Keith – can pull in side driveway and drop off there, closest spot. CEO – handicapped ramp in rear. Not enough space on Broadway, rear entrance can be modified. Mayor – CEO & I will draft a letter.

**Trustee Casell** – back to Chief Greis’s comment about the budget & waiting for other shoe to drop. Keith is there any other projects; we need to review? Keith – only capital projects & CHIPS money currently. CEO – window project on hold. Trustee Daluisio – street sweeper working? Keith -yes done 2x a year.

**Trustee Overhoff** – Dump trucks speeding down Crittenden Rd. state police or sheriff’s patrol alerted? Trustee Casell – agree. CEO -Park St. part of school project. Trustee Overhoff – are village workers going to be tested? They do a fine job. Keith – no, board decided against it. Trustee Warmus – would it be wise to say something to Adam? Mayor – I will send Adam and police a note.

Mayor Manicki – 2020 census very important fill out your form, where we get money for projects. Trustee Casell emailed an article about recycling. Since pandemic started residential recycling up, keep recycling, including glass. Thank everyone, for soldiering on thru mess. Face to face meeting hopefully soon.

#### **UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Trustee Warmus seconded by Trustee Casell, to adjourn from the regular meeting 7:50 pm with a moment of silence for RoseMarie Agone, Betty Eastwood & Janet Seitz. On the question – no comment, 5 ayes. Carried.

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith,  
Village Clerk