

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, in the Village Hall. Mayor Westcott opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Trustee Blumrick, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Barr, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Clerk-Treasurer Schweigert, and Daniel E. Seaman, attorney. Deputy Mayor Conley was absent due to illness. Clerk Schweigert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were a few residents in attendance, as well as James Sinner from the Western New York Observer.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019, meeting. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve WWTP Upgrade Project payment request No.19 in the amount of \$6,656.19 from CIR Electrical Construction Corp as approved by Wendel Engineering. (This amount is included in the Abstract 8-19/20 totals.) Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to approve payment of claims submitted on Abstract No. 8-19/20 in the following amounts: General: \$59,379.67; Water: \$14,666.53; Sewer: \$13,548.59; Capital Improvement: \$6,656.19, for a total of \$107,799.54. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve payrolls no. 15 and 16 for periods ending December 21, 2019, and January 4, 2020. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted for December 2019.

The Public Works report was submitted and accepted for December 2019.

The Village and Town Police reports were submitted and accepted for December 2019, with Chief Swick reading the highlights.

The fire report was submitted and accepted for December 2019, with Chief Volkosh reading the highlights. He reported that a member of the Middleport Fire Department recently graduated from the academy, which is a grueling undertaking. He also reported that they are fortunate to still be gaining members, unlike many other volunteer fire companies. The MFD also submitted their annual financial report, as well.

The Building Inspectors report for 2019 was submitted and accepted.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to approve the 2020 Fire Contract with the Town of Hartland in the amount of \$44,611 (which includes \$750 sent directly to the Town of Royalton towards the cost of annual physicals). Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to appoint Mayor Westcott as Budget Officer for the ensuing year. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to appoint Mrs. Patricia Reale and Mrs. Doris Hinkson as election inspectors for the March 18, 2020, Village election. Chairperson to be appointed by the Clerk-Treasurer. Carried, with all present voting aye.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to set compensation at \$15.00 per hour for election inspectors for the March 18, 2020, Village election. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Correspondence was read:

- Received a request from the Loyal RoyHart Youth Football and Cheer league has requested use of the Scout House on several Sundays throughout the year for meetings. Clerk Schweigert advised the Board that Sundays are popular days for renting the Scout House, and the Village would lose revenue if a resident wanted to rent the Scout House on a day the Loyal Football people were using it for their meetings. Discussed. The Board authorized use by the Loyal Football group on the Sundays requested with the following conditions: As Saturdays & Sundays are days that the Scout House is most frequently rented, if anyone wants to rent it on a day the organization has requested it for a meeting, the person asking to rent it will be allowed to do so & the organization will be notified. If this happens, we will ask your organization to do one of the following: change the time of your meeting, change the date of your meeting, or ask you to find a different place for your meeting on the date in questions. The Loyal group will be advised they may use the Scout House with the conditions as set by the Board.
- Received letters of congratulations from NYS Senator Robert Ort and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for being awarded the Disinfection Project grant.
- Received a negative SQRA Declaration from the Royalton Hartland School district regarding their 2019 Capital Improvement Project.
- Mayor Westcott received a letter regarding Flood Zones in the Village and proper licensing for any projects that may be identified for flood zone areas.

Old business:

Discussed the street light purchase vs upgrading to LED bulbs only. The county-wide street light purchase through the Power Authority is back on and moving forward. Upgrading to LED bulbs with National Grid retaining the lights would save the Village money. Discussed. Clerk Schweigert will forward the information regarding both possibilities to the Board so they may review it prior to being discussed at the February Board of Trustees meeting.

Mayor Westcott asked Attorney Seaman if there was any update on the LOSAP proposal. Discussions have been held but nothing has been offered by the Town of Royalton's attorney on paper yet.

Mayor Westcott asked Attorney Seaman about the possibility of having his office do Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals training as they have done in the past. Mr. Seaman advised that training is available online, but he will look into having his office setting something up. Clerk Schweigert will find the online training and forward information to the Planning and Zoning board members.

Mr. Bobbitt advised the Board that an additional piece of equipment is needed to upgrade to new water/sewer reading meters. Although it was part of the original quote, approval for this was overlooked when approval was given to purchase the new meters based on the single source resolution previously voted on by the Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to authorize the purchase of the Neptune Mobile Data Collector at a cost of \$9,166.30 from Ti-Sales, the single source vendor as approved by the Board of Trustees. Carried, with all present voting aye.

New business:

Mayor Westcott reminded those present of some upcoming events in the Village:

- A meeting will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at 6 pm in the High School Media Center regarding the plans for the replacement playground on the school grounds.
- The Mr. Ed's Annual Super Bowl Run will be held on February 2, 2020. This run sponsors a scholarship at the school.

Trustee Barr asked if the Village does anything to welcome new businesses. New residents and businesses are sent a welcome packet with information about the Village.

Trustee McAvoy asked about the \$300 million he heard the State is allocating for the canal. Discussion ensued. Mr. Bobbitt advised him that there is some NYS DOS grant money available for pursuing that would allow electric upgrades for boaters.

Trustee Blumrick asked about ownership of unlit lights in the parking lot at the Middleport Family Health Center. Discussion ensued. Determined the lights belong to the owner of the drug store, and it would be his responsibility to restore the lights.

Next regular Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. due to the Presidents Day Holiday.** The Village Hall will be closed Monday, February 17, 2020, for this holiday.

A motion was made by Trustee McAvoy, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to enter into Executive Session for purposes of consultation with the Village's attorney. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Executive Session opened at 7:48 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Blumrick, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to return to General Session. Carried, with all present voting aye.

General Session reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Barr, and seconded by Trustee Blumrick, to adjourn. Carried, with all present voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert
Clerk-Treasurer