

May 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Village Board began at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Office. Present were Mayor Jeffrey Oatman, Deputy Mayor Jeffery Kelley, Trustees: Erin LaPlante, and Todd Scoville. Also, present were Chairmen of the Water and Sewer Board David O'Hara, Superintendent of Public Works John Heller, Village Clerk Lynnette Carver, Chief of Police Redden, Codes Enforcement Officer DeBaise, NOCCOG representative Lisa Bellinger, Fire Dept. President Phil Denison, Norm Wallis, Ken Light, and Queen Central News Publisher Doug Cleveland.

A motion was made by Trustee LaPlante to approve the minutes from the prior meetings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley, and it was carried unanimously.

Chief Redden reviewed the police report with the Board. It is kept on file at the Police Dept., inclusive of:

- ❖ Chief Redden thanked the IGC organization for their generous donation.
- ❖ Chief Redden presented quotes for a new police vehicle.

Trustee LaPlante made the motion to approve Martin Daniels as a ride along with the police department. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelley made the motion to approve ordering a 2024 Durango Pursuit (V6) from Joe Cecconi's Chrysler Complex for \$61,240.37. The actual purchase will be in the next fiscal year (2025/26) from police department reserve funds. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Chief Redden presented quotes for tasers. Trustee LaPlante made the motion to purchase tasers from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for \$18,199.20. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Quotes were not presented as Axon is the sole source of this taser. The Village is receiving a grant to reimburse this expenditure.

NOCCOG representative Lisa Bellinger reviewed the NOCCOG monthly newsletter with the Board, highlights included:

- ❖ Webinars being offered include Building Climate resilience & Cornell Local Roads.
- ❖ Black River Water Shed Conference.

Fire Dept. President Phil Denison's reported:

- ❖ Total calls = 54 YTD = 230
- ❖ 1 Structure fire, 3 MDA's, 8 downed tree and wire calls

The Codes Enforcement Officer Vincent DeBaise reviewed his report with the Village Board.

Superintendent Heller reviewed his report with the Board. It is available upon request.

Trustee Scoville made the motion to approve the sale of the Sweeper for \$4,450.00 and the 4 in 1 bucket for \$820.00 on Auctions international. (See March 12, 2024 VB meeting minutes)
Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The DPW will be extending the Forest Park parking lot.

Superintendent Heller presented quotes for a plasma cutter. The cost will be covered by content replacement. Trustee Scoville made the motion to purchase the plasma cutter from Haun Welding Supply in the amount of \$3,800.00. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mayor Oatman made the motion to order two Solar powered radar speed displays from Traffic Systems Inc., in the amount of \$3,895.00 each. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

At the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners held on May 13th the recommendation was made for the Village Board of Trustees to hold a Public Hearing on the matter of a proposed water and sewer rate increase. Chairman O’Hara spoke to this subject. Trustee Kelley made the motion to hold a Public Hearing on June 11th at 5:30 during the regularly scheduled Board meeting concerning said issue. Trustee LaPlante seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Clerks report included:

A budget to actual report of the DPW Capital project report was presented.

Trustee LaPlante made the motion to approve the following property use request forms:

1. Chalk the Walk, May 24th
2. Camden Rotary Club Auction, July 13th
3. Fishing Derby @ Village Water Reservoir, June 8th.
4. VFW hotdog giveaway during summer concert series.

Trustee Scoville seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Carver read the summer concert series line up. Trustee LaPlante made the motion to approve.

- July 4th: Buffy & The Boyz
- July 11th: Matt & Thelma Chase
- July 18th: Honey Badgers
- July 25th: Loose Gravel
- August 1st: Nelson Brothers
- August 8th: Loco Brothers
- August 15th: Still Kickin
- August 22nd: Kickin It
- August 29th: NYS Old Time Fiddlers Association

Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Clerk Carver requested the a fiscal year end blanket transfers be approved. Therefore, a motion was made by Trustee Kelley to cover all depleted accounts until the end of the fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mayor Oatman, and it was carried unanimously.

In adhering to the annual tax collection requirements, Clerk Carver informed the Board that a legal notice has been placed in the paper for two weeks regarding the upcoming 2024/25 Village tax collection.

In addition, to the tax collection requirements, Clerk Carver requested that the 2024 tax warrant be executed by the Mayor. Therefore, a motion was made by Trustee Kelley to authorize the Mayor to execute the said 2024/25 tax warrant as stated below. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried.

To Lynnette Carver, Village Clerk

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the several persons named in the tax roll hereunto annexed, the several sums state in the last column hereof opposite their respective names, a total of \$650,624.73 for the following purposes:

For the Current Budget	\$ 584,843.74
For the charges for sidewalks	\$ 0
For charges for services (street lighting)	\$ 1,210.00
For Releived Water Rents & Penalties	\$ 27,278.97
For Releived Sewer Rents & Penalties	\$ 37,052.02
For Misc. charges	\$ 240.00

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO receive and collect such sums without additional charge between the first day of June and the first day of July 2024, both inclusive: and thereafter to

collect with such of the sums as have not been theretofore collected, an additional charge of five per centum for the first month or fraction thereof and one per centum for each month or thereafter until paid.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to file an account of unpaid taxes with the Oneida County Department of Finance no later than the 1st day of October 2024, in order that they may be relieved on the County tax roll in January 2025.

The Town is requesting the Village collaborate to hold a qualified rubbish day. (Date and location undecided). The Village would agree to pay the Town \$2000.00 towards this event upon receiving proper invoicing. The expense will be divided among and covered by all four departments (Codes, Administration, Police, and DPW). Mayor Oatman made the motion to approve this expenditure. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

At 7:32 p.m. Trustee LaPlante made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scoville and carried unanimously.

At 8:56 p.m. Trustee Kelley made the motion to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to regular board meeting already in session. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante and carried unanimously.

Clerk Carver presented the 1st payroll register of May for the Board's review. A motion was made by Trustee LaPlante to execute approval of the submitted register. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried unanimously.

A copy of the Treasurer's report was submitted for the Board's review and approval. A motion was made by Trustee LaPlante to approve the report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scoville and carried unanimously.

The April bank reconciliations were submitted for the Board's review and execution. A motion was made by Trustee Kelley to approve the statements as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scoville and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Scoville to pay all audited bills on Abstract #12 in the amount of \$154,758.41; inclusive of capital project payments totaling \$104,502.85. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried unanimously.

Trustee Scoville made the motion to set the pay rate for Jeremy Angel at \$22.40, effective June 2nd. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning unbudgeted expenses. Clerk Carver advised the Village Board that hiring a police officer will trigger a budget modification, resulting in the use of fund balance. Carver also advised the Village Board that the use of Fund Balance to cover personal services is not advised. Trustee LaPlante made the motion to appoint David Barone as competitive part time police Officer effective upon the successful completion of pre-employment requirements (medical and psychological examination). Trustee Scoville seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. was made by Trustee Kelley. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaPlante, and it was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynnette Carver
Village Clerk