**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MEETING**

**MAY 17, 2021**

Mayor Michael VandeVelde presiding

MEMBERS: Mike Catalano, Dennis Lutes, Judy Einach, Josh Freifeld

OTHERS: Vince Luce, Ed LeBarron, Andrew Thompson, Rob Genthner, Bonnie Rae Strickland, Chris Reese, Blair Koss, Mike Cipolla, Josh Melquist, Marybelle Beigh, Cristie Herbst, Pete Holt, Sandra Brown, John Hemmer, Marilyn Hemmer

**MAYOR/BOARD**

WACS BUDGET PRESENTATION

A presentation in explanation of the School budget was given by Superintendent Mike Cipolla and Josh Melquist, School Business Official. They gave an overview of the school budget increase of $428,431 or a 2.59% increase from a budget-to-budget school year. Asking taxpayers to adopt a 1.14% tax levy increase.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 19TH

**The board made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19th by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**

Discussion regarding the request from the Legion to place Veteran banners was tabled until the June meeting.

BID FOR CCHS RESTORATION AND REPAIR ON MCCLURG

**The board made a motion to approve the updated quotes and to use the remainder of the hail damage reserve for the restoration and repairs to McClurg Mansion exterior and front porch by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**

It was noted thelease was drafted in 1950 so it might be time to review that.

FARMER’S AND ARTISAN’S MARKET/FLEA MARKET INFORMATION

**The board made a motion by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to approve for the Vintage and Antiques Flea Market for the 3rd Saturday in June.** The Farmer’s Market will begin Saturday, May 29th.

SERVING UP SMILES

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Lutes and was carried unanimously to approve for the use of Welch Field and the electrical power by the “Serving Up Smiles” mobile Ice Cream Trailer for Wednesday and Thursday nights from 5/19 through 8/26/21.**

It was noted that **l**ast year they donated 10% of their sales.

PATTERSON LIBRARY “MAGICIAN FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM”

**The board made a motion by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Lutes and was carried unanimously to approve the request by Patterson Library for their “Magician for Summer Reading Program” in Moore Park and to have free use of the electric outlet.**

FIRST FRIDAYS/2021

**The board made a motion by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to approve the request to allow First Fridays on both the North and South sides of Main Street within the confines of First Friday, allow food trucks on Main St. and Moore Park, and to relax the open container laws on those dates and times.**

KENTUCKY DERBY

There will be a celebration of our own Kentucky Derby winner from 1909, Vincent Powers, Saturday, May 29th with the open container law relaxed for this event as well.

Noted also, there will be Food Trucks, and horse and carriage rides.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

**The board made a motion to approve to have the Memorial Day Parade, on Memorial Day, by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Lutes and was carried unanimously.**

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION/UNION

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

REPORT

**The board made a motion to approve the Police Report for April by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

REPORT

**The board approved the Fire Department report as presented by Chief Chris Reese and the motion was made by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**

The Chief reported thatTruck 291 has been repaired and is back in service.

PROMOTION

**On a motion made by Trustee Freifeld seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously, the board approved appointing Jake Alonge to position of Lieutenant of the Cascade Hose Company.**

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

REPORT

Trustee Josh Freifeld/Rec. Department Liaison gave the report in Andrew’s absence.

**The board made a motion to approve the Rec. Dept. report by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously.**

SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to approve the seasonal employees as seen on the listing submitted.**

Trustee Freifeld gave acknowledgement to Ed LeBarron and the Public Works Department employees for the work done on the Welch Field Roof.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**The Code Enforcement report was approved on a motion made by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**

KEY BANK SALE

The Code Officer noted that the Key Bank building has been bought by the Antique Store owner, and he is doing general cleanup, repair and renovations to the building. They will be doing the spray coating of the parking lot to include Eason Hall’s portion at no charge to the Village. Their intention is to rent out the building for use as office spaces.

ELECTRIC RATES DISCUSSION

Bill Freitag from Bollam & Sheedy gave a presentation regarding future Electric rates and recommended not to do a rate increase at this time. The last rate increase was in 1999 done by the New York Power Authority when we were under their regulation. We are now under the Department of Public Service Commission regulation. Your rates of the operations and how you have managed those since 1999 has allowed you to develop very good cash flow even though it has been deteriorating consistently for the last three years.

At the end of May 2020 still had about 3.8 million dollars in the electric utility which is very good compared to the other municipalities of your size in New York State. Your rates are no longer supporting the day-to-day operations and are basically surviving on your successes of your earlier years. Currently your cash flow is very strong. All the years that you did do well is allowing you to stay strong right now. He recommends to defer a rate increase at this time and continue to make the capital improvements that are necessary for safe and reliable energy so you can get more for your money in the future. He noted that Westfield has always been well-managed. Bill suggested borrowing for future capital projects instead of spending down our savings.

The board noted their thanks and appreciation for a great presentation.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

PROJECT UPDATE

Ed reported on the ongoing projects. One item he noted is the Gazebo is close to completion and a community organization that is going to paint it.

REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously to approve the transfer funds of $12,000 from Asphalt fund into the Parks Miscellaneous.**

EMPLOYEE PROBATIONARY EXTENSION

**The board made a motion by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to approve for an extension of the 6-month probation period for an additional 6-month time for Nicholas Vacanti who still requires his CDL which had been delayed due to electronic issues at the DMV.**

PERSONAL DAYS

**The board made a motion by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Lutes and was carried unanimously to extend the use of Personal days to July 31st, 2021 for all employees.**

**WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT**

AWARD ANNUAL SUPPLIES BID

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously to approve the following low bidders for the Annual Supplies.**

Andrew noted that all the prices are pretty much in line, with the exception of the chlorine, which was a 50% price increase from last year.

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| Liquid Chlorine | JCI Jones | $120.00/CWT |
| Liquid Propane | NOCO | $ I .33/gallon |
| Hydrofluosilicic Acid | Slack Chemical | $5.84/gal |
| Hypochlorite Solution | Slack Chemical | $ 1.248/gal |
| Carus 3050 Zinc/Poly | Clean Waters | $ 1.67/gal |
| Liquid Coagulant(AS2811) | Applied Specialties | $3.392/gal |
| Zetag - Polymer | Clean Waters | $2.39/lb |
| Aluminum Sulfäte | ChemTrade | $313/dry ton |
| Phosphoric Acid | Slack Chemical | $ 8.44/gal |
| Aqua Ammonia | Slack Chemical | $587.38/Ton |

TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING BID

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to approve the bid extension of the 2020 Tree Removal and Trimming bid from Bentley Tree Service who agreed to use the same per foot cost as last year for a total of $37,728.00.**

GROWERS PLANT MANHOLE

**The board made a motion by Trustee Lutes, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to approve hiring MDA Engineers to design a new manhole near Grower’s plant within the CSX right-of-way with an**

**estimated price of $20,000.**

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TRUCK

**The board made a motion by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Lutes and was carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a Hybrid Truck from NYE Automotive in the amount of $43,529; IEEP will contribute $12,500 towards that purchase price as it is a Hybrid. The 2014 F150 Explorer will stay in rotation in the Village fleet.**

The other received from Van Bortel Ford, Inc. which was the low bidder, did not meet the specifications of the bid.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

APPROVE ANNUAL GENERAL LINE CONSTRUCTION BID

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Catalano and was carried unanimously to approve all items that were bid for the Line Construction to Irby who is holding the pricing through July 31st when the product pricing will be reviewed against market indices. And to award the bid to Stella Jones for the Poles.**

The other bid received was from Bell Lumber & Pole Co.

**TREASURER**

APPROVAL OF REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORTS

**The board made a motion to approve the revenue and expense reports by Trustee Lutes, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

**CLERK**

WARRANTS

**The following warrants were approved on a motion made by Trustee Lutes, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

**Sewer W#56 $11,722.90**

**Electric W#54 22,654.61**

**Water W#54 1,866.63**

**General W#52 18,975.07**

**Sewer W#57 23,877.67**

**General W#54 72,727.09**

**Electric W#56 213,636.04**

**Water W#56 8,730.72**

DOG CONTROL REPORT

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to approve the Dog Control report.**

**VISITORS**

APPROVAL OFHISTORIAN POSITION

**The board made a motion by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Marybelle Beigh as a non-paid employee in the position of Historian.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**The board made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the Union Contract and a Legal matter by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Lutes and was carried unanimously.**

**Following the Executive Session, the board made a motion to re-enter regular session by Trustee Catalano, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

ACTION:

There was no action taken resulting from the Executive Session.

**There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**