

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DEC. 21, 2015 7 PM

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Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Mayor Neville, Trustees Conger, Morey, Holl and Evener, Tim Williams-Police OIC, Chad Shurtleff-DPW Supervisor, Steve Teeter-Electric Dept. Supervisor, Lee Shurtleff, Lester Coit, Christine Personius and Jaime Cone-Groton Independent

Trustee Morey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16th meeting, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Electric – Supervisor Teeter reported that the crew has been scheduled for safety school for the upcoming year in Endicott. There are eight sessions in all. Dept. completed its annual PESH training on Dec. 9. Dept. has been working on replacing older poles in the system. The Dept. also assisted the Town with cutting down trees.

Public Works – The Dept. did some last minute patching before the plant closed down on Sykes, Spring and West South St. Leaf pickup was completed by Dec. 1. The new machine worked well. The Dept. worked on a storm basin on Church St. that had not worked well for some time. Other storm drains were cleaned. A defective valve was dug up on near the Nursing Home. There was a major clutch and leaf spring repair on one of the dump trucks.

Supervisor Shurtleff noted that the 1989 Torco leaf vacuum and skid steer mounted snowblower are excess property and asked that they be taken to auction. Trustee Evener made a motion that the above-mentioned equipment be declared as surplus equipment and that they be taken to auction and sold, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Police – Lt. Williams reported that it has been calm the last month. Calls to date are at about 1,330. One laptop has been purchased and will be installed in the Tahoe and the laptop for the other car is ordered. Lt. Williams noted a recent case that was solved with the aid of Facebook and social media.

Joint Recreation – Trustee Conger reported that youth basketball is off to a good start with 50 boys and 50 girls. Background checks are being conducted on all coaches. Wrestling started on Dec. 8. There will be no winter cheerleading. Cabin Fever festival has been scheduled for March 5th; there will be roller skating, bounce houses and an obstacle course. We received a \$750 grant thru Tompkins County Tourism for the event. An AED for Memorial Park swimming pool has been ordered. Rec. Dir. Jennifer Jones has been in contact with SUNY Cortland about using students to perform a needs assessment for us. This will be completed by May of 2017. Trustee Conger noted that the Committee is looking to have the youth sports groups file annual reports and to set up a system of uniform bookkeeping.

Youth Services – Trustee Conger reported the following numbers in various programs: 10 middle school students in Holiday crafts, 12 elementary students in Groton Pride, 12 elementary students in Homework Helpers and Wacky Science. Four attended a county-wide program called Xxxxxx Ventures, which features women no in traditional jobs. Middle school kids assisted with the Halloween party at the American Legion.

Fire Dept. – Lee Shurtleff reported the Dept has responded to 650 ambulance calls to date, along with 200 fire and other calls. With the appointment tonight we will be back to two full-time paramedics. The Department property on Rt. 222 has been sold and closed. The Dept. has transferred the title on the Baken Ave. property to the School District.

Public comments:

Christine Personius reported that the Home for the Holidays celebration went well.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the claims presented for review, and to adjust the budget as follows:

WATER FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$3,038

To: Debt Service-Statutory Installment Bond Interest-9720.7-\$3,038

Seconded by Trustee Morey, carried. The above adjustments and claims paid are covered by the following lists of abstracts of audited vouchers:

GENERAL (A7)	\$112,780.12	JOINT REC (J7)	\$551.03
WATER (F7)	13,104.54	COM DEV (Housing Rehab)	18,875.00
SEWER (G7)	13,514.78	COM DEV (Micro Ent Grnt)	10,239.81
ELECTRIC (E7)	71,631.85	COM DEV (PI 15-12)	836.95

A public hearing was scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2016 at 7:30 pm to consider the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2016, a local law to override the tax cap.

Trustee Conger made a motion that the Village accept the CDBG Small Cities Grant from OCR in the amount of \$471,679 for drainage improvements in the Village and authorize the Mayor to execute documents as required, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

Trustee Evener made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to solicit requests for proposals for the administration of the above-mentioned grant, seconded by Trustee Holl.

Mayor Neville appointed MICHAEL HOWELL as Paramedic,-full time and JOSHUA MARKLEY, as Paramedic-Part time from the eligible lists. Trustee Evener made a motion to approve the appointments at rates of \$19.00 and \$15.91, respectfully for each position with 52 weeks of probation, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Evener made a motion that the contracts with the Town of Groton and Groton Fire Dept. in the amounts of \$117,500 for service in the fire protection district outside of the Village and \$128,500 for ambulance service outside of the Village, respectfully, be approved, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

There was a brief discussion in regards to various issues with the Municipal Building.

Trustee Evener made a motion to move into executive session in regards to a personnel matter in the Fire Dept., and to include Lee Shurtleff and Lester Coit in the session, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Holl made a motion to move out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried. There were no votes taken or resolutions adopted during the session.

The meeting was closed at 7:40 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles V. Rankin".

CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk