

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 15, 2016 7 PM

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Mayor Neville opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Present were: Mayor Neville, Trustees Conger, Morey and Holl, Steve Teeter-Electric Utility Supervisor, Chad Shurtleff-DPW Supervisor, Lance Coit-Deputy Fire Chief, Tim Williams-Police OIC, Peter Grossman-Attorney for the Village, Brian Bartlett, Kayla Esparza, Aaron Windsor, Christine Cotton

Absent was: Trustee Evener

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2016 meeting, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

From: Contingent Fund-1990.4-\$3,300

To: Community Promotion-Other Exp-6420.4-\$600
Youth Services-Pers Srves-7310.1-\$2,700

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

GENERAL (A3)	\$125,892.50	JOINT RECREATION (J3)	\$5,871.04
WATER (F3)	25,407.21	COM DEV (PI 16-8)	2,925.56
SEWER (G3)	9,578.18		
ELECTRIC (E3)	55,696.39		

Electric – Supervisor Teeter that the crew recently completed pole top rescue training. This training is a requirement of OSHA. The Dept. replaced a pole on Elm St. that was in poor condition. Fifty more LED street lights have arrived. Elm Street now has the new LED lights the entire length and the Dept. has started on Spring St. The next street after that will be Clark Street, and that will complete the main thru-fares, then we will start on the side streets. Dept. will be provided various temporary services for Olde Home Days. The Dept. is also rebuilding some of the secondary on the side streets.

Dept. of Public Works – The Dept. has been regularly sweeping the streets and has done some lawn mowing. The summer help power washed and degreased the fuel tanks at the garage. A new 6 inch meter has been installed in the pump house on Conger Blvd. The Sykes Street retention pond was

dredged of about 24 inches of silt. The Dept. will begin preparations for paving. Elm Street from the end of the sidewalk leading to the Elementary School to Mack Street plus all of Carpenter Ave. The Dept. has raised some sewer man holes so they are now flush with the surface. New signage has been added coming of Sovocool Hill.

Fire Dept. – Deputy Chief Coit notified the Village Board that Chief Jaime Babcock has resigned as Fire Chief due to an injury. The position will be filled at a general election on Sept. 22. Deputy Chief Coit reported that there has been 400+ ambulance calls to date. There has been two fatalities within the district recently. The Dept. is maintaining the schedule pretty good for the ambulance, the ambulance is staffed 95 y 98% of the time. There has been 150 fire calls o date. The County has installed two units in one ambulance and one pumper. The Dept. partipated in the Nation Night Out sponsored by the Girl Scouts. For Olde Home Days, the Dept. will be sponsoring a waterball contest on Saturday and will be cooking food for the Legion during the event. Dept. Golf Day will be Aug. 28. It is now an open tournament to the public and is called the Phil Shurtleff Memorial tournament.

Recorded for membership in the Fire Dept.: Daniel Searles, Sr. – Pioneer Hose Co. #1.

Parks and Recreation – Trustee Conger noted that about 30 to 35 are attending the arts and crafts at the park each day. The book swap station has been used by a few families. The summer camps are winding down with only “Not a Bummer of a Summer” remaining. This is for those who couldn’t attend some of the other camps. Concerts are going well, the final one (that we sponsor) will be on Thursday with the Cortland Old Timers Band. Numbers for swim lessons was 318 (with some duplication). The local food pantry benefitted from the Guards Give Back Night. The pool ran smoothly this year. Jeff Cronk will be running cross country again this fall. Life Long will be sponsoring a senior program on three Wednesdays during September. The usual football, cheerleading and soccer programs will be underway soon.

Youth Services – Trustee Conger noted that the camp numbers were down about 5 per week. The age of the children seem to be trending younger. The staff did very well this summer. Lunches were brought in from Ithaca each day for the camp and the Library. The youth employment service funded two at the camp and one for arts and crafts at the park. Monica is working with Workforce New York to place more youth in jobs. Youth services will be sponsoring a “nurf war” at Memorial Park on Aug. 26.

Sewer - Trustee Morey reported that the plant is running smoothly. The probes have been cleaned and it is providing better readings. The press is processing the sludge efficiently. The summer help assisted in painting the pipes in which certain colors indicate certain processes. Two interns from Clarkson University have been taking samples and assisting at the plant, learning about its operation.

Police – Lt. Williams noted that the Dept. has had 1,227 calls to date. Summer firearms training was just completed. The three new hires have been taking shifts, with Pinette starting on his own next month. The new Charger has been delievered to the dealer, just awaiting for the cage to be installed. The Dept. is preparing for the Olde Home Days weekend; we are in good shape on staffing.

Public comments:

Christine Cotton – 302 North Parkway – thanked the DPW for the good job they did on improving Roosevelt Ave/Liberty Street. She also thanked Lt. Williams for his assistance involving a break in on her property.

Aaron Windsor – 306 North Parkway – noted that the neighborhood has a problem with feral cats. They have been abandoned and the owner of 308 North Parkway feeds them. Ms. Cotton concurred that she has had these cats on her property also. Discussion as to solutions to the problem followed.

Trustee Conger made a motion to approve an exception to the noise law for Benn Conger Inn for Saturday, Sept. 16 from 6 to 11:30 pm, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Admin. Rankin reported that the budget in error has reserve transfers budgeted twice. Upon conclusion of discussion, Admin. Rankin will provide a proposed budget adjustment for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

There was further discussion in relation to sidewalks.

Admin. Rankin noted that the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Care Consortium is considering a 5% increase in premium for 2017.

Mayor Neville appointed CHAUNCEY BENNETT III as a part-time police officer. Trustee Holl made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Trustee Conger, carried.

Trustee Conger made a motion to move into executive session to consult with the Village Attorney, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

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

Trustee Conger made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for improvements to Memorial Park with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York in the amount of \$140,000, seconded by Trustee Holl, carried.

Trustee Holl made a motion that \$3,716.06 from the microenterprise grant for Jeff Toolan be reallocated to Bun Appetit Bakery, seconded by Trustee Morey, carried.

The meeting was closed at 8:32 pm.



CHARLES V. RANKIN
Village Clerk

BID OPENING
CAB & CHASSIS AND UTILITY BODY-DPW SERVICE TRUCK
SEPT. 9, 2016 9:30 AM

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Present were: Village Administrator Chuck Rankin, Chad Shurtleff-Supervisor, DPW

There was one complete bid submitted:

Delacy Ford, Inc - \$42,435.86

There was another bid submitted that was not submitted via the requirements outlined in the specifications and was deemed incomplete.

The award of the bid will be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.



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