

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2019, AT 6:15 PM IN THE TRUSTEES' BOARD ROOM, 23 NORTH
MAIN STREET, ALLEGANY COUNTY, WELLSVILLE, NEW YORK.

PRESENT: Mayor: Randy Shayler
Deputy Mayor: Jeremy Cole
Trustees: Jeff Monroe, Mike Roeske, Ed Fahs
Dir. DPW: Bill Whitfield
Treasurer: Earl Johnson
Code Officer: Jo Fenske
Police Chief: Tim O'Grady
Fire Chief: Barney Dillie

VISITORS: AJ Scarpa; Jesse Slocum; Eric Walynski ; New Visions Students: Analiese Babbitt, Renee Schoonover, Griffin Majewski, Elijah Legacy, Loralai Crawford; Patty Graves, Town Liaison; Randall Chase; Sheila Hull; Chris Potter, The Spectator; Michael Baldwin, Regional News

The meeting opened at 6:15pm, following the Annual Organizational Meeting that began at 6:00pm, and having already given the pledge to the flag at the start of the Unsafe Building Hearing that began at 5:30pm.

Mayor Shayler requested acceptance of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 25, 2019. Trustee Cole made a motion to accept the minutes and Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Shayler welcomed the visitors present and offered the floor to anyone who wished to speak. Students from the New Visions government class were in attendance once again, after some had attended the last Board meeting as well, to observe the workings of a Municipal Board.
2. AJ Scarpa returned tonight to report on the rehab progress of the property at 47-49 Martin Street. She, as manager for the out-of-area owner, noted that a contractor has been found and accepted by the owner, and that she is just waiting for receipt of money from the owner to get the work started. Ms. Scarpa indicated that she will let the Board know updates on the progress. Trustee Fahs made a motion to suspend the unsafe building action at this time; Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Visitor Eric Walynski indicated he and his family are new to the area and simply wished to attend the Board meeting tonight.
4. Visitors Randall Chase and Sheila Hull returned tonight for a progress update on their pending situation by their home located on 376 S. Main Street. Mayor Shayler and Code Officer Fenske informed them that the Village Attorney, Rich Buck, is actively working on this zoning case that's been in the works for some time now, to include obtaining more information and working with the Village Justice to schedule legal action against the violators. Mayor Shayler noted he had heard from Attorney Buck about his filing with the court, as well as assisting in the training of Justice O'Connor on Code

Enforcement issues. The Zoning Board of Appeals will be brought in for training and scheduling as well.

TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:

COLE:

1. Trustee Cole made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated December 9, 2019. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.

MONROE:

1. Trustee Monroe had nothing to discuss.

ROESKE:

1. Trustee Roeske had nothing to discuss.

FAHS:

1. Trustee Fahs had nothing to discuss.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O'Grady informed the Board of the police department's intention to close the jail cells located in the 46 S. Main Street location, due primarily to the recent bail reform changes. They're also only using the cells one to two times a year now. They cannot officially decommission the cells until renovations are completed, of which Chief O'Grady indicated he will be reaching out to the DPW to assist in actions such as: removing benches, capping the water and installing lights.
2. Discussion continued regarding the parking issues in the Municipal Lot, primarily focusing on the 17 parking spots along the west side of the parking lot presently intended for use by apartment dwellers with permits obtained by the Village Clerk's office. Discussion has covered options such as having the landlord purchase permits for their tenants or having the tenant purchase the permits. Mayor Shayler added the fact that we may be overstepping our responsibility and perhaps should do away with the permits altogether (minus handicapped spots), but still needing to ticket during the 2:00-6:00am in the middle of the parking lot to allow for snow plowing. Chief O'Grady noted the parking law needs to be updated with a new plan.

FIRE DEPT:

1. Fire Chief Dillie had nothing to discuss.

DPW:

1. Director Whitfield updated on the second digester at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and that it is seemingly working alright.
2. Regarding the WWTP project, there will be a meeting on Wed., December 18 at 10:00am to discuss the project schedule and everyone is welcome to attend. They're looking at late February, early March to begin the bidding process, with construction expected a month later. Director Whitfield has a power point presentation to share on the SCADA system, but it's too large to send via email. He can be contacted for further information.

TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Earl Johnson wished to thank the staff members of the Utility Billing Office (Beth Day, Glen Lowery, Kristie Hamlin), Code Enforcement Office (Jo Fenske) and the Village Clerk's Office (Wendy Seely and Meghan Stonemetz) for the organization and conduct of the recent move from the municipal building at 156 N. Main Street to the new offices located at 23 N. Main Street (formerly the Burrous Building). He further thanked the DPW (Director Bill Whitfield, Brad Mattison and crew) for their much appreciated assistance as well. The offices were closed for only one day and business was back in motion today, Dec. 9, 2019.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Roeske, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Seely
Village Clerk