

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2019, AT 6:00 PM IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TRUSTEES BOARD
ROOM, 156 NORTH MAIN STREET, ALLEGANY COUNTY, WELLSVILLE, NEW YORK.

PRESENT: Mayor: Randy Shayler
Deputy Mayor: Jeremy Cole
Trustees: Ed Fahs, Jeff Monroe, Mike Roeske
Dir. DPW: Bill Whitfield
Treasurer: Earl Johnson
Fire Chief: Barney Dillie

ABSENT: Police Chief: Tim O'Grady

VISITORS: Dan Martelle; Chris Martelle; Ron Lanphier; Doris MacFarquhar; Mike Baldwin, Regional News; and Chris Potter, The Spectator

The meeting opened at 6:00pm, the pledge to the flag was led by Clerk Wendy Seely.

Mayor Shayler requested acceptance of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2019. Trustee Cole made a motion to accept the minutes and Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.

Mayor Shayler offered the floor to the visitors present. Dan Martelle spoke first about the duplex home next door to him at 139 and 139 ½ Harder Place. He discussed at length his concerns about the unsanitary conditions, as well as the safety of the occupants, particularly the children. He indicated that there are a large number of people living there and with the state of the property, it could be difficult to get out in case of a fire. He noted some windows do not meet code and that the porch has boarded up sides. The garbage at the property lures mice, rats and snakes, and there are at least ten dogs on the premises, of which he would like to address the current zoning law to see if that needs to be adjusted to prevent so many in a home. He said the dogs cause a strong, offensive odor and that he has to clean up his own yard, shoveling dog poop, when he doesn't even have a dog of his own. Mr. Martelle summarized his concerns, asking for the Code Enforcement Officer and the County to get together and address this residence. Trustee Cole stated he's the liaison with Code Enforcement and will take this on. Mr. Martelle intends to visit Board meetings regularly to help encourage change.

The next visitor to speak was Mrs. Doris MacFarquhar who began with a request for the Board meeting minutes to be made up-to-date on the Village website. She also asked for an update on 23 North and for more information to be provided in the future, perhaps distributed as a flyer with the utility bill, so that people aren't wondering what's going on behind closed doors. She was also asking questions like if we have the \$100K to make the move from the Municipal Building to 23 North, which Mayor Shayler assured her we do.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept and approve the Special Event Permit from Ardent Solutions for a World Suicide Prevention Day Walk to be held Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019 from 5:00-8:00pm. The Walk will begin at the David A. Howe Library, continue down to the end of North Main Street (on the sidewalk), and return to the Library. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

2. Trustee Cole made a motion to appoint Tina Jackson to the part-time position of School Crossing Guard/Meter Attendant with a starting rate of \$12.00/hr, effective Monday, September 2, 2019. This fills the position vacated in July by Gene Melasi. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Discussion was continued regarding the damage caused by vehicles (particularly trucks) driving over the corner at Brooklyn and West State Streets. It is believed that enforcement of the local law will help, to include signage changes and ticketing, as necessary. Hopefully word-of-mouth will assist 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 August 26, 2019. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Cole made a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2019. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

MONROE:

1. Trustee Monroe made a motion to move forward with replacement of vacuum breakers and transmission switches at the Niles Hill Substation. This work is considered emergency repair as recommended by electrical engineer O'Brien & Gere. As noted by DPW Director Whitfield, it is not to exceed \$10K for the design portion and is in the budget. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Monroe made a motion to approve the reallocation of this year's capital reserve plan monies for chlorine residual stirring and use it for chlorine analyzers and reservoir telemetry which was damaged by a lightning strike. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Trustee Monroe made a motion to authorize the DPW Director Whitfield to sign the pole attachment agreement with Armstrong Telecommunications, Inc. at \$11.98 per pole per year. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

ROESKE:

1. Trustee Roeske had nothing to discuss.

FAHS:

1. Trustee Fahs made a motion to create a Village Fire Advisory Committee, appointed by and reportable to the Village Board. The committee shall be comprised of one past captain from each of the following Companies: Grant

Duke Hose #1, Dyke Street Engine Co. #2, Emerald Hook & Ladder Co. #3, the Wellsville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc, and one rep from the Chief's office. Members of the committee shall not be serving as a current officer (other than the Chief's rep) and preferably have at least 15 years of service to the Company. Trustee Fahs added that on August 15th, Attorney Buck arranged a meeting for questions and answers, and said Attorney Buck and Mark Butler did a very good job and would like to thank them for their expertise. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Trustee Roeske opposed. Carried.

2. Trustee Fahs requested executive session for a pending legal matter.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O'Grady was not present.

FIRE DEPT:

1. Chief Dillie discussed implementing a Department of Labor/PES Health Inspection and his desire to actively make attempts to be more efficient and safe in sending proper apparatus on scene.

DPW:

1. Director Whitfield noted that leaves will not be left at the roadside in plastic bags this year, but instead go back to the regular piling between the sidewalks and road.
2. Director Whitfield stated that the Chief Mechanic has informed him of numerous issues with our 10-wheel dump truck that is up for inspection. Repair of those issues will cost upwards to \$3K, so there is beginning discussion on replacement. \$100K is already approved in the Capital Plan for this, with an additional \$30K possibly being reallocated from a pickup truck purchase plan.

TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Johnson had nothing to discuss.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Cole, the Board moved out of regular session and into executive session at 7:36 pm. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Cole and seconded by Trustee Fahs, the Board moved out of executive session and back into regular session at 8:41 pm. Carried.

Trustee Fahs made a motion to approve the donation of seven Police Officers to a sick bank for a fellow Police Officer out on disability. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Monroe, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Seely
Village Clerk

Per NYS Amendment to the State's Open Meeting Law, public records already available under FOIL, in addition to any resolution, law, rule, regulation, policy or any amendment, that is scheduled to be the topic of discussion at an open meeting, are available upon request to the extent practicable as determined by the Village of Wellsville. The Village of Wellsville will post board meeting agenda and minutes on its website at www.wellsvilleny.com.