

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2020, AT 6:00 PM IN THE TRUSTEES' BOARD ROOM, 23 NORTH
MAIN STREET, ALLEGANY COUNTY, WELLSVILLE, NEW YORK.

PRESENT: Mayor: Randy Shayler
Deputy Mayor: Jeff Monroe
Trustees: Jeremy Cole, Ed Fahs, Mike Roeske
Asst. Dir. DPW: Brad Mattison
Police Chief: Tim O'Grady
Fire Chief: Barney Dillie
Attorney: Rich Buck

ABSENT: Treasurer: Earl Johnson
Dir. DPW: Bill Whitfield

VISITORS: Darren Jones; Heather Cramer; Angela Glickstein; Mike Raptis; Vicki
Joyce-Middaugh; Chris Potter, The Spectator; Michael Baldwin, Regional
News

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the pledge to the flag led by Trustee Jeremy Cole.

Trustee Cole requested acceptance of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on
February 10, 2020; Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

Mayor Shayler opened the floor to the visitors present. First to be acknowledged was
Angela Glickstein who simply wished to pay her respects to the Mayor and salute him on
his accomplishments. Trustee Cole added to thank Ms. Glickstein for coming to the
meeting and welcoming her and her husband to the area, noting we have a good town
with a nice library. He added, "as the French would say: we don't have money, but we
have ideas."

Next to speak was Darren Jones and Heather Cramer from The Grand Theatre. Darren
began that things are not good with the theatre. He stated he's owned the theatre now
for 16 years and for at least the last three years, it's been quite a task carrying the
financial load. He has reached out for help with the County and with the State, but
especially wanted to inform the Board of the potential of having to consider closing its
doors. After seeing an article in the newspaper regarding a Hornell theatre, and their
Mayor stated "if only they came and asked" for assistance, their local government may
have been able to help them out, Darren thought he should at least do the same for our
municipality. Heather Cramer shared an extensive community assessment and stated
again how they are very eager to find guidance and suggestions for a point in the right
direction. Mayor Shayler discussed that they reach out to the Economic Development
Board, who had spoke with Mr. Jones previously, but that they should readdress that
group for additional guidance. Attorney Buck shared his familiarity with an East Aurora
theatre, who could be another avenue to reach out to.

Mike Raptis provided a copy of a letter he composed regarding his concerns with the
horse drawn vehicles on the Village streets and their depositing of fecal matter that needs
to be cleaned up, just as the laws that require such cleanup of walking dogs, etc.
Attorney Buck and Chief O'Grady both noted their research on such topics turning up
blocked with religious defenses. Mayor Shayler requested Trustee Roeske to begin
addressing this topic. Mr. Raptis noted that the Town Supervisor is looking into it as well.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Shayler read a letter from former Trustee Jamie Herman that stated his sincere thanks to the Village of Wellsville for surplus water equipment donation to rural communities.
2. Mayor Shayler announced that the District IV Meeting, hosted by Karl Graves, Gary Barnes and Steven Havey, will be held here in our Board room at Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
3. Mayor Shayler stated that there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the future for 23 North Main, date to be determined. Invitations will be sent out.
4. Mayor Shayler noted that American Legion Post 702 is turning 100 years old this year. There will be a celebration on Saturday, March 14 where Deputy Mayor Jeff Monroe will represent the Village with a Proclamation marking that following week as "American Legion Week" in the Village of Wellsville.
5. Mayor Shayler shared that on Thursday, February 27, 2020 there will be a presentation on the new Madison Street Bridge, in which the County is handling. The Mayor voiced his concern with the entry to the Municipal lot; however, Brad Mattison learned from a previous meeting that it will not be an issue.
6. Mayor Shayler made a motion to appoint Eric Welninski to the Village Planning Board effective immediately. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.
7. Mayor Shayler added that everyone needs to keep a heads up on budget thinking. With a new Treasurer in the works, everyone will need to assist him/her in their transition to the Village. Revenue has been greatly affected by the drop of assessed valuation (\$2.8M), which Kmart alone is \$2.4M of that. There will be tough decisions to make.
8. Mayor Shayler requested executive session for discussion of matters leading to the employment of a particular person.

TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:

COLE:

1. Trustee Cole made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated February 24, 2020. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Cole made a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2020; Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Trustee Cole made a motion to accept and approve the Financial Report for February 2020; Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.

4. Trustee Cole noted that he is in the process of setting up an appointment with Rhonda Golish of Wilkins Realty Appraisals in Andover, New York, to check out the Municipal Building. He requests the assistance of Bill Whitfield and/or Brad Mattison to coordinate a time to go through the building with them as well. Brad Mattison confirmed that the remaining furniture is listed on a deaccession list provided to the other Village offices to see if others can use it.
5. Trustee Cole has reached out to the David A. Howe Library for an old 1908 placard they've had in storage to return it to be attached back on the Municipal Building.

ROESKE:

1. Trustee Roeske made a motion to accept and approve permanently appointing Austin Crawford to the position of MEO, effective February 25, 2020 as he has successfully completed his probation period. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

MONROE:

1. Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve the removal of Andy Barrett from the rolls of the Wellsville Fire Company. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve adding Bryce Black (tag #092) to the rolls of the Dyke Street Engine Company. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
Mayor Shayler asked if we get background information on new members and Chief Dillie noted that the County Sheriff's Department does a background check before their name is brought to the Village Board. Additionally, training is not required; however, they cannot go to a scene until proper training is received. Chief Dillie will look at the current procedures and move to streamline and improve documentation.
3. Trustee Monroe has a copy of the preliminary fire budget and will provide copies to the Board.

FAHS:

1. Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept and approve awarding the bid for the Niles Hill Substation 38kV breaker replacements to the low bidder: Northline Utilities, in the amount of \$79,600. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept and approve awarding the bid for the General Line Construction Materials as follows:
 - a) Items 4, 25, 33 and 34 to Hull Electric (total \$738.75)
 - b) Items 2, 6-10, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 35 to Graybar Electric (total \$3,953.28)

c) Items 1, 3, 5, 11-16, 18, 21, 23 and 26-32 to Stuart Irby (total \$4,482.80)
Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

3. Trustee Fahs noted that Code Enforcement is continuing with refining the Rental Registry.
4. Trustee Fahs requested a brief executive session.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O'Grady had nothing to discuss.

FIRE DEPT:

1. Chief Dillie gave a heads up on the budget submitted, and that he will be taking it back to the Companies' March meeting for a preliminary review. It seems to be more involved than in the past for long-term planning. Mayor Shayler asked how much time Chief Dillie would need for the process and the Chief stated he'd have it back by the next Board meeting on March 9, 2020.

DPW:

1. Director Whitfield had nothing to discuss.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Rich Buck had nothing to discuss.

TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Earl Johnson was not present. Village Clerk Seely had nothing to discuss in his absence.

Vicki Joyce-Middaugh, as Chair of the Village Planning Board, requested assistance from the Mayor in trying to fill the vacancies in membership for the Planning Board. Mayor Shayler noted that Eric Welninski has just been appointed tonight (prior to Vicki arriving). Vicki indicated that there are two more openings. She continued to note the need to update the Village's Comprehensive Plan and that the Town Planning Board wants to work together with the Village on this as well. She discussed that there is grant money out there and wants to pursue training to help get it right. Attorney Buck stated that Kier Dirlam, Director of Planning for Allegany County, is a good contact, as well as Pace College having programs. Mayor Shayler noted that Michelle Denhoff is a good contact as well. Lastly, Vicki noted that the photographs on Allegany County's website are outdated by upwards to twenty years and that we need to strive to market Wellsville better. She will pursue getting that updated.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Cole, the Board moved out of regular session and into executive session at 7:19 pm. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Monroe, the Board requests State Legislature to enact a Special Law via Home Rule Request to provide that the Village of Wellsville offices of Treasurer, Director of Public Works and Code Enforcement Officer may be held by a person who is not a resident of such village, provided that such person resides within Allegany County or an adjoining county within the state of New York. Carried, by unanimous vote.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Monroe, to accept and approve the Mayor's immediate appointment of Melissa Mullen to the position of Village Treasurer, contingent upon the successful resolution of the Home Rule Request, at a annual salary of \$70,720. Carried, by unanimous vote.

Mayor Shayler made a motion for a one-time deviation of the Employee Handbook Retirement/Sick Pay policy to offer Earl Johnson the opportunity to convert accrued sick time to vacation time at the rate of two sick days = one vacation day thru retirement date of 5/4/2020. All remaining sick time as of 5/4/2020 to be paid at the rate of 50%. Trustee Cole seconded the motion. 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 8:54 pm. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Monroe and seconded by Trustee Cole, the meeting adjourned at 8:55. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Seely
Village Clerk