

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD ON MAY 11, 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  
Dir. DPW: Bill Whitfield (via teleconference)  
Police Chief: Tim O'Grady (via teleconference)  
Fire Chief: Barney Dillie  
Treasurer: Melissa Mullen

ABSENT: Attorney: Rich Buck

VISITORS: none

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

Trustee Fahs requested acceptance of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on April 27, 2020; Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

Mayor Shayler welcomed everyone to the meeting. He began with a note of collective condolences to Village employee, Brian Brizzee, and his family on the passing of his mother yesterday.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Shayler discussed the conference call he participated in with Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul regarding the regional re-opening of New York State businesses, etc. due to COVID-19. The Mayor learned that an entire region must meet the criteria necessary to protect public health before it will be re-opened. Even though we are much smaller than other parts of our region, such as Erie County, there will be no separating out from the region. It must be cleared as a whole. Ms. Hochul explained that the process will occur in two-week increments and that businesses need to have a re-open plan in place. The Mayor noted that the Village's plans should be by department and include things like whether or not to require masks and what will be required with public interactions. He continued that we should set the example with a strict stance to take care of the population.
2. Prior to tonight's meeting, American Legion Commander, Brent Roberts, requested if there would be a Memorial Day parade this year, which Mayor Shayler declined. Fire Chief Barney Dillie asked if Memorial Services would also be cancelled and the Mayor noted that as long as those participating spread out and maintain social distancing, that the Board would accept a permit request for Memorial Park, since that is in our jurisdiction, and that it would their call regarding the cemetery services. The Mayor made Trustee Jeremy Cole the approval person to contact.
3. Since the next Board of Trustee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 25, which is Memorial Day, it was determined to reschedule it for the following day, Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

4. Trustee Cole made a motion to accept and approve for the Mayor to reappoint Joanne LaForge of Wellsville as a designated representative on the ACCORD Board of Directors to serve on the Mayor's behalf. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.
5. Mayor Shayler wrote a letter to the community that was included with recent utility bill mailings that gave an update and words of encouragement to Wellsville residents. He also requested help in publically recognizing those individuals who have gone above and beyond in helping out in the community by requesting names and special actions to be forwarded to us via mail, email or phone to allow for recognition.
6. Mayor Shayler discussed the option of requesting from the Governor to defer the tax due date by a few weeks this year. Instead of June 30<sup>th</sup> as the last day to pay Village taxes without penalty, we can request that deadline to be deferred for 21 days, to July 21<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Cole made a motion to allow the Mayor to request of the Governor to move the due date to July 21<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.

#### TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:

##### COLE:

1. Trustee Cole made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated May 11, 2020. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Cole stated that the efforts to sell the Municipal Building have been postponed to June. Further discussion noted that the clock on the sidewalk in front of the building does not go with the building. The Village will retain ownership of the clock.

##### MONROE:

1. Trustee Monroe requested executive session to discuss the Town Fire Contract.

##### ROESKE:

1. Trustee Roeske made a motion to accept and approve permanently appointing Austin Crawford to the position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator (HMEO) effective Monday, May 11, 2020. Mr. Crawford has satisfied all the requirements set forth with the position as approved by the Allegany County Civil Service Department on May 6, 2020. This appointment will move Mr. Crawford to Grade 8, entry level, at \$17.55 per hour in accordance with the AFSCME Local 2574 A&B Contract. Trustee Cole seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Roeske made a motion to accept and approve eliminating the MEO position vacated by Austin Crawford. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.

3. Trustee Roeske shared information from the Planning Board. He noted that Vicki Joyce-Middaugh has taken photographs of Wellsville's Main Street buildings in hopes to update those presently posted on the County's website. Trustee Roeske will follow-up with Joe Budinger for direction.

FAHS:

1. Trustee Fahs requested a brief executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O'Grady discussed the issue of overnight parking at Island Park. He was told by Town Highway Superintendent Dean Arnold that he would have the trucks in question out of there by June 1<sup>st</sup>, and that he had given them permission for truck repair. Mayor Shayler added that we will readdress this next at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting, where, if necessary, a decision to write a resolution to correct this will be discussed again.
2. Chief O'Grady also spoke on a situation where visitors are parking campers outside Village resident homes and running extension cords out of houses for electricity. The Board agreed that the Chief keep an eye on this to see if it continues as a possible issue needing further attention later.

FIRE DEPT:

1. Chief Dillie stated that Fire Department elections have been postponed 60 days from their originally scheduled dates. June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be company elections, followed by June 4<sup>th</sup> for the Fire Chief elections.
2. Chief Dillie requested that the Fire Department Treasurer, Karen Pratt, set up a meeting with Village Treasurer Melissa Mullen regarding combining Town Contract numbers with the Village. Karen will reach out to Melissa to set this up.

DPW:

1. Director Whitfield noted that on Monday, May 18, railroad personnel will be in the Village to replace the Pearl Street railroad crossing, thus closing Pearl Street at Loder Street, as well as at Railroad Avenue. This repair will continue through Thursday or Friday of that week. And then again, on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the State Street crossing will be replaced, closing the street from Walgreens to LaGra. This repair will continue through Friday of that week.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Buck was not present.

TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Mullen noted that after talking with Bond Council, there may be a concern about not legally being able to have permissive referendums during COVID-19, since people are not able to follow the normal procedures to oppose. Mayor Shayler asked that Melissa reach out to our attorneys (Seth Pullen) for advice. We can call an emergency board meeting if necessary regarding keeping the Niles Hill substation project on course.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Monroe, the Board moved out of regular session and into executive session at 7:33 pm. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Cole, the Board moved out of executive session and back into regular session at 9:30 pm. Carried.

Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept the retirement notice from Code Enforcement Officer Jo Fenske, thanking her for her years of Village service. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Monroe and seconded by Trustee Fahs, the meeting adjourned at 9:31. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Seely  
Village Clerk