

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON JUNE 22, 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, Mike Roeske
Dir. DPW: Bill Whitfield
Police Chief: Tim O'Grady
Fire Chief: Barney Dillie (arrived late)
Treasurer: Melissa Mullen

ABSENT: Trustee: Ed Fahs
Attorney: Rich Buck

VISITORS: Patty Graves, Town Liaison

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the pledge to the flag led by Mayor Shayler. Electricity had just gone out due to strong winds and rain, but emergency lights lit the board room.

Mayor Shayler welcomed Patty Graves to the meeting. She asked to thank Ed Fahs and Jeff Monroe for their continued work on the Fire Contract.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Shayler requested executive session for a contractual matter.
2. Mayor Shayler noted that the first meeting for the Police Department contract negotiations will begin this coming Friday, June 26, 2020. Trustee Fahs will be participating. Mayor Shayler thanked Chief O'Grady for the information provided.
3. Mayor Shayler stated that there will be a parade on the 4th of July, but not the traditional one held in Andover. There will be a "cruise" of vehicles wishing to participate, headed up by Bob Mangels from WJQZ radio. Chief O'Grady added that the mass of motorcycles intends to make an appearance, led by a police car with hazard lights on. Trustee Roeske will check with Fire Chief Dillie if fire trucks will be included as well.

TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:

COLE:

1. Trustee Cole requested executive session for a contractual matter.
2. Trustee Cole made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated June 22, 2020. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

MONROE:

1. Trustee Monroe noted that Michael Baldwin's Regional News listed an article regarding Village Board meeting agendas and minutes not getting posted in a timely manner on the Village's website, as required. Village Clerk Seely took responsibility for the recent delays not being timely primarily due to a busy time in the office being the end of the fiscal year. She noted they will be posted in a timely manner from here out.
2. Trustee Monroe stated the Town Fire Contract discussion and vote planned for today will be held off until the next scheduled board meeting on July 13, 2020.
3. Trustee Monroe made a motion for the Board to sign the Village Appropriations to the Fire Department releasing the checks to the Fire Board. Trustee Cole seconded the motion. Carried.
4. Trustee Monroe requested a brief executive session for a contractual matter.

ROESKE:

1. Trustee Roeske stated that the fencing along the Arterial should be addressed as it is falling down in areas, with an abundance of weeds. He wondered if it's the State who maintains it. Mayor Shayler said he will look into that.

FAHS:

1. Trustee Fahs was not present.
2. Mayor Shayler made a motion to accept and approve to move forward with the new National Grid offer for the Village's purchase of the nine (9) street lights at Hillside Homes. The new offer has been reduced from \$1,544.00 to \$282.84, with a \$1,600.00 security for the required disconnect. The next step will be an agreement between the Village and National Grid, which will be brought back to the Board for approval of Mayor's signature. Trustee Cole seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Mayor Shayler made a motion to accept and approve Resolution No. 20/21-03, subject to a permissive referendum, To Purchase Pneumatic POS and Valves. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO 20/21-03
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TO PURCHASE PNEUMATIC POS & VALVES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, New York held on June 22, 2020, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellsville Trustees have approved the 2020-2021 Annual Budget which includes a Capital Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellsville, in discussion with the Department of Public Works, has deemed it necessary to purchase PNEUMATIC POS & VALVES to be utilized by the Water departments, and

WHEREAS, the price of this equipment will be an amount that shall not exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000), which shall be appropriated from the Water Fund Capital Reserves, and

WHEREAS, this resolution is subject to permissive referendum per public notice which will be given through the official newspaper within 10 days and which would require 20% of the registered voters as of the last election to file a petition with the Village Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville does hereby authorize the purchase of a PNEUMATIC POS & VALVES.

Dated: June 22, 2020; this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Trustee Monroe.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville by roll call:

Trustee Cole	<u>AYE</u>	Trustee Fahs	<u>absent</u>
Trustee Monroe	<u>AYE</u>	Trustee Roeske	<u>AYE</u>
Mayor Shayler	<u>AYE</u>		

I, Wendy Seely, do hereby certify that Resolution #20/21-03 was passed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, New York held on June 22, 2020, and is incorporated in the original minutes of that said meeting, and that said Resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Certified by the Village Clerk

- Trustee Cole made a motion to accept and approve Resolution No. 20/21-04, subject to a permissive referendum, To Purchase/Replace Underground Primary Cable (Brookhaven Cable Project). Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO 20/21-04
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**TO PURCHASE/REPLACE UNDERGROUND PRIMARY CABLE
(BROOKHAVEN CABLE PROJECT)**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, New York held on June 22, 2020, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellsville Trustees have approved the 2020-2021 Annual Budget which includes a Capital Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellsville, in discussion with the Department of Public Works, has deemed it necessary to purchase/replace underground primary cable (Brookhaven Cable Project) to be utilized by the Electric departments, and

WHEREAS, the price of this equipment will be an amount that shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), which shall be appropriated from the Electric Fund Capital Reserves, and

WHEREAS, this resolution is subject to permissive referendum per public notice which will be given through the official newspaper within 10 days and which would require 20% of the registered voters as of the last election to file a petition with the Village Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville does hereby authorize the purchase of a underground primary cable (Brookhaven Cable Project).

Dated: June 22, 2020; this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Trustee Monroe.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville by roll call:

Trustee Cole	<u>AYE</u>	Trustee Fahs	<u>absent</u>
Trustee Monroe	<u>AYE</u>	Trustee Roeske	<u>AYE</u>
Mayor Shayler	<u>AYE</u>		

I, Wendy Seely, do hereby certify that Resolution #20/21-04 was passed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, New York held on June 22, 2020, and is incorporated in the original minutes of that said meeting, and that said Resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Certified by the Village Clerk

- Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve Resolution No. 20/21-05, subject to a permissive referendum, To Purchase a Lawn Mower. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO 20/21-05
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

TO PURCHASE A LAWN MOWER

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, New York held on June 22, 2020, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellsville Trustees have approved the 2020-2021 Annual Budget which includes a Capital Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellsville, in discussion with the Department of Public Works, has deemed it necessary to purchase LAWN MOWER to be utilized by the Electric departments, and

WHEREAS, the price of this equipment will be an amount that shall not exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000), which shall be appropriated from the Electric Fund Capital Reserves, and

WHEREAS, this resolution is subject to permissive referendum per public notice which will be given through the official newspaper within 10 days and which would require 20% of the registered voters as of the last election to file a petition with the Village Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville does hereby authorize the purchase of LAWN MOWER.

Dated: June 22, 2020; this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Trustee Roeske.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville by roll call:

Trustee Cole	<u>AYE</u>	Trustee Fahs	<u>absent</u>
Trustee Monroe	<u>AYE</u>	Trustee Roeske	<u>AYE</u>
Mayor Shayler	<u>AYE</u>		

I, Wendy Seely, do hereby certify that Resolution #20/21-05 was passed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, New York held on June 22, 2020, and is incorporated in the original minutes of that said meeting, and that said Resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Certified by the Village Clerk

- Trustee Roeske made a motion to accept and approve Resolution No. 20/21-06, subject to a permissive referendum, To Purchase West State Street Substation Batteries. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO 20/21-06
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

TO PURCHASE WEST STATE STREET SUBSTATION BATTERIES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, New York held on June 22, 2020, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellsville Trustees have approved the 2020-2021 Annual Budget which includes a Capital Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellsville, in discussion with the Department of Public Works, has deemed it necessary to purchase WEST STATE STREET SUBSTATION BATTERIES to be utilized by the Electric departments, and

WHEREAS, the price of this equipment will be an amount that shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), which shall be appropriated from the Electric Fund Capital Reserves, and

WHEREAS, this resolution is subject to permissive referendum per public notice which will be given through the official newspaper within 10 days and which would require 20% of the registered voters as of the last election to file a petition with the Village Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville does hereby authorize the purchase of WEST STREET SUBSTATION BATTERIES.

Dated: June 22, 2020; this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Trustee Monroe.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville by roll call: Trustee Cole AYE Trustee Fahs absent
Trustee Monroe AYE Trustee Roeske AYE
Mayor Shayler AYE

I, Wendy Seely, do hereby certify that Resolution #20/21-06 was passed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, New York held on June 22, 2020, and is incorporated in the original minutes of that said meeting, and that said Resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Certified by the Village Clerk

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O'Grady discussed the individual who requested to be added to the agenda tonight, but who did not appear, most likely due to the heavy storm that hit just prior to the beginning of the scheduled meeting. Chief O'Grady had previously taken a formal complaint from him (Jesse Clark), who lives at 109 Madison Street. The complaint basically includes his apartment door getting kicked in and now he wants it taken care of. Mr. Clark apparently has threatened Officer Sherman in the past, but COVID-19 restrictions kept him from being handcuffed and taken in to the police station.
2. Chief O'Grady noted that Town Highway Superintendent Dean Arnold spoke with him recently, thinking that Chief O'Grady was doing Code Enforcement checks (i.e. high grass, etc.). Chief O'Grady does make some rounds as he can. Chief asked DPW Director Whitfield who mows the right-of-ways, which Director Whitfield noted that DPW personnel take care of that.

DPW:

1. Director Whitfield discussed bringing on an additional aide through the Steuben County Pro-Action program to assist with building cleaning and maintenance. This is a grant-based program, at no cost to the Village, and is approved by the Union. Mayor Shayler made a motion to allow Director Whitfield to continue conversations with the Pro-Action program to bring on a second person from the program, at no cost to the Village. Trustee Cole seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Director Whitfield shared that we've received a CHIPS memorandum from the State indicating monies for the Village, at the same amounts as last year: \$148K and \$39K from the Pave NY program. Paving will be on all of Broad

Street, E. Fassett, Miller, Stevens, E. Hanover. The Village's paver will cover N. Highland and Hamilton Streets.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Buck was not present.

TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Mullen requested executive session to discuss Code Enforcement Officer employment.
2. Mayor Shayler shared that business owner Joe Holla contacted him regarding the pool of water created by today's heavy rain at the newly built bump outs on Main Street. DPW Director Whitfield will address this.
3. Treasurer Mullen noted that Director Whitfield was able to find a very large savings on the Village National Fuel bill. He found that the IDT supplier for National Fuel charged over double what National Fuel itself charges, providing a savings of \$18K per year.
4. After some public requests, Treasurer Mullen discussed offering to waive the \$15.00 yard sale permit fee for Village residents for this season. Trustee Roeske made a motion to waive the yard sale permit fee for the rest of June and all of July 2020, while still requiring residents to complete the application and follow the same rules. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

DPW Director Whitfield shared that the National Grid feeder line from the west is presently out and is what has caused a Village-wide power outage. They are trying to see if the east can supply electricity in the meantime, while local generators are kicking in. He also noted that, per NYMPA, the Governor has extended no shut-offs for payment delinquencies to COVID-19-affected families for an additional six months.

FIRE DEPT:

1. Chief Dillie shared a manpower report, which is attached to the June 2020 Fire Board minutes, which indicates a fire department total of 4,103.32 manpower hours, equivalent to approximately \$60K donated work. He also noted there was a total of 181 alarms for the year, which is down from the normal 240-260. However, false alarms have shown a decrease (i.e. Microtel and the Manor).
2. Chief Dillie requested executive session for a contractual matter.

On a motion made by Trustee Cole and seconded by Trustee Monroe, the Board moved out of regular session and into executive session at 6:59 pm. Carried.

Mayor Shayler made a motion to ask Treasurer Mullen to put together an offer letter to extend to Richard Wenslow to begin immediately as Code Enforcement Officer. He will work part-time and receive \$27.00 per hour, with no benefits. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Monroe and seconded by Trustee Roeske, the Board moved out of executive session and back into regular session at 7:15 pm. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Cole and seconded by Trustee Monroe, the meeting adjourned at 7:15. 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.