

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD ON DECEMBER 28, 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: Gary Pearson, Mike Roeske  
Dir. DPW: Bill Whitfield  
Police Chief: Tim O'Grady  
Fire Chief: Barney Dillie  
Treasurer: Melissa Mullen

ABSENT: Trustee: Ed Fahs  
Attorney: Rich Buck

VISITORS: Patty Graves, Town Liaison; Chris Potter, The Spectator; Kathryn Ross,  
Olean Times Herald

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the pledge to the flag led by Mayor Shayler.

Mayor Shayler asked to take a moment to honor the life accomplishments of Tim Walsh, who left us one week ago today. Tim began his career with the Village Police Department as a dispatcher and moved all the way up to Chief of Police. He was a volunteer and leader through all of his life. The Mayor noted warm regards to Tim's wife, Margaret, and sons Robert, Mike and Bryan. As well as to Tim's brother, Shaun and his family, and sister, Mary Kate and her family. The Mayor finished with "Wellsville has another ambassador in heaven."

Mayor Shayler welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that Trustee Fahs was not able to attend tonight's meeting. He asked if any visitors had anything they wished to speak about and there was no response.

Trustee Roeske requested acceptance of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on December 14, 2020; Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Shayler made a motion to accept and approve Resolution No. 20/21-15 to allow the Village Justice to open a bank account for the court through Community Bank using the Village of Wellsville's Tax ID number.

**RESOLUTION NO 20/21-15  
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, New York, held on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 6:00 pm held at 23 North Main Street, Wellsville, New York 14895, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Mayor Shayler; seconded by Trustee Roeske.

**WHEREAS**, the Village Court requires a new, separate bank account for all court money transactions when Justices begin their term; and

**WHEREAS**, Village Justice Brad Thompson was elected to replace outgoing Justice Chris O'Connor; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Brad Thompson is hereby permitted to open such bank account in his name with Community Bank using the Village's Tax ID number.

This Resolution will take effect immediately.

On roll call:	Trustee Fahs	<u>absent</u>	Trustee Pearson	<u>AYE</u>
	Trustee Monroe	<u>AYE</u>	Trustee Roeske	<u>AYE</u>
	Mayor Shayler	<u>AYE</u>		

I, Wendy Seely, do hereby certify that Resolution #20/21-15 was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville, New York on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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Certified by the Village Clerk

**TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:**

**PEARSON:**

1. Trustee Pearson made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated December 28, 2020. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Pearson made a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2020. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Trustee Pearson made a motion to accept and approve the Bank Reconciliations for November 2020. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.
4. Trustee Pearson made a motion to accept and approve the Financial Reports for November 2020. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.
5. Trustee Pearson made a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's Journal Entries for November 2020. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

**MONROE:**

1. Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve the new membership application for the Wellsville Volunteer Fire Company: Emily Hand Spinks (tag# 157). Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

ROESKE:

1. Trustee Roeske made a motion to accept and approve posting, advertising if necessary, and filling the position of HMEO in the Streets Division that will be vacated on December 30, 2020 due to retirement of Craig Smith. Discussion noted that this position requires a CDL, and that a Class A license is preferred. It is a Grade 8 position, with a total of four HMEO positions with the Village presently. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Roeske requested executive session for a contractual matter.

FAHS:

1. Trustee Fahs was not present.
2. Trustee Roeske made a motion to accept and approve to appoint Jeff Gordon to the position of Line Supervisor at Grade 12, Step 4, at \$26.53 per hour effective Monday, December 28, 2020. The position was posted in accordance with Union Contract and Mr. Gordon was the only applicant for the position. The Allegany County Civil Service Department has also approved Mr. Gordon as an acceptable candidate for the position. Mayor Shayler asked if this is a promotion for Jeff and DPW Director Whitfield replied that it is. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O'Grady requested that the Board consider raising the current part-time officer wage from \$16 to \$17 per hour. He discussed the police budget and that there are no plans of hiring any more officers for some time. This increase equates to approximately an 250 hours, which would be an additional \$250, from the budget. Mayor Shayler made a motion to ask the Board to increase the part-time officers from \$16.00 to \$17.00 effective January 1, 2021. Trustee Pearson seconded the motion. Carried.

FIRE DEPT:

1. Fire Chief Dillie asked for the status of the Town Fire Protection Contract. Mayor Shayler noted that it is in progress. Trustee Monroe added that Trustee Fahs is preparing it for the January Fire Board meeting.

DPW:

1. Director Whitfield noted the retirement of long-time employee, Craig Smith. Craig will be leaving Village employment effective this coming Thursday, after serving 30 years with the Village of Wellsville. Director Whitfield stated his thanks to Craig for his service.

CODE OFFICER:

1. Code Enforcement Officer Wenslow was not present.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Buck was not present.

TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Mullen provided a "November 2020 Financial Highlights - Six Month Review" for the Mayor and Trustees, noting that most funds are running a little behind revenues. COVID-19 and the Governor's ruling that there will not be any electrical shutoffs has affected the Department of Public Utilities budget quite a bit. She noted that the General Fund is holding its own, but pension costs have gone up more than was expected/budgeted for.

Patty Graves, Town Liaison to the Village Board, noted that there is assistance (income-based) through ACCORD in Belmont, NY, to pay back utility bills. She said funds are getting renewed through the State, so the assistance programs will be continued. Mayor Shayler asked if payments are made directly to the utility company, and Patty replied yes, to the utility company or the landlord.

On a motion made by Trustee Roeske and seconded by Trustee Monroe, the Board moved out of regular session and into executive session at 6:32 pm. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Monroe and seconded by Trustee Pearson, the Board moved out of executive session and into regular session at 7:14 pm. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Monroe and seconded by Trustee Roeske, the meeting adjourned at 7:14. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Seely  
Village Clerk