

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2021, AT 5:45 PM IN THE TRUSTEES' BOARD ROOM, 23 NORTH
MAIN STREET, ALLEGANY COUNTY, WELLSVILLE, NEW YORK.

PRESENT: Mayor: Randy Shayler
Deputy Mayor: Jeff Monroe
Trustees: Ed Fahs, Gary Pearson, Mike Roeske
Dir. DPW: Bill Whitfield
Police Chief: Tim O'Grady
Fire Chief: Barney Dillie
Treasurer: Melissa Mullen

ABSENT: Attorney: Rich Buck

VISITORS: Mindy Scott; Lindy White; Dawn Ketchner; Mike Raptis; Patty Graves,
Town Liaison; Chris Potter, The Spectator; Kathryn Ross, Olean Times
Herald

A Public Comment Session opened at 5:45 pm in reference to the Village Police Reform & Reinvention Plan. Committee members: Lindy White, Dawn Ketchner and Mike Raptis, along with Chief O'Grady, were available to answer any questions. Kathryn Ross asked what was found to be the biggest change out of the plan discussions. Chief O'Grady noted that there wasn't anything radically different to police operations, other than some trainings. Mike Raptis also noted that there weren't a lot of changes, and that there were no policy changes. He also stated that since Wellsville is a small town, it's different than for police departments in cities where they have offices and officers aligned for more large-scale developments. Trustee Roeske asked about mental health professional involvement and Lindy White explained the relationship that the Wellsville Police Department and Allegany County Services already has established. She added that the Police Department is very communicative with the County's services and often reaches out to them. Mayor Shayler added that we are very fortunate to be in a different environment, where our numbers are small, but exceptional. Chief O'Grady noted that a Resolution will be available at the next Board meeting for approval to forward Wellsville's Plan to Albany, along with the 500 other police agency plans from across New York State. Mayor Shayler explained that there was no "template" given to follow to develop individual plans, so all of those received by the State will be unique and different from each other. Dawn Ketchner thanked Chief O'Grady for all of his help in working on this and that she had learned a lot from the process. Chief O'Grady returned the thanks to her and to the committee. Mayor Shayler gave a sincere thank you for all efforts made.

The regular board meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the pledge to the flag led by Trustee Roeske.

Mayor Shayler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Trustee Monroe requested acceptance of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on February 8, 2021; Trustee Pearson seconded the motion. Carried.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Shayler noted receipt of notification from Rigas and Raptis Inc., DBA Texas Hot Restaurant, renewing their business liquor license for the period of 4/1/2021

through 3/31/2023, as required by the NYS Liquor Board. The Mayor extended to Mr. Raptis the Village being very supportive of their continued operation.

2. Mayor Shayler made a motion to accept and approve the donation of meter coins collected between Thanksgiving 2020 and New Year's Day 2021 from the Village's parking meters to go to the Thelma Rogers Historical Society, as previously selected. This year's total collected is \$1,234.26. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:

PEARSON:

1. Trustee Pearson made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated today, February 22, 2021. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Pearson made a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report; Bank Reconciliations; Financial Statements; and Posted Journal Voucher Report, all for January 2021. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

MONROE:

1. Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve the Application for a Special Event Permit from the Grant Duke Hose Company and the Emerald Hook and Ladder for Golf Ball Drop Spring 2021 to be held on May 1, 2021 at 80 Stevens Street, Wellsville. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

ROESKE:

1. Trustee Roeske requested executive session for a contractual matter.

FAHS:

1. Trustee Fahs made a motion to request Board authorization for Mayor Shayler to sign Federal Aid – Local Projects Utility Work Agreement for the Madison Street Bridge over the Western NY & PA Railroad Replacement Project involving the 34.5 kV electric lines located transverse overhead to the bridge structure. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.
4. Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept and approve creating an additional Utility Plant Operator position and to solicit for the position in accordance with the AFSCME Local 2574 A&B Agreement after appropriate filing of paperwork with the Allegany County Civil Service Department. DPW Director Whitfield noted aiming to hire for this position by April or May of 2021 to allow for overlap training with Dana Harris, who will be retiring at the end of June of 2021. Trustee Pearson seconded the motion. Carried.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O'Grady had nothing to discuss.

FIRE DEPT:

1. Fire Chief Dillie requested executive session to discuss a legal matter.

DPW:

1. Director Whitfield added some comments regarding the Utility Work Agreement for the Madison Street Bridge Replacement Project, noting that we are involved in the project since we own the superstructure. The design of the project is handled through Allegany County. Bidding will occur at the end of April 2021, with an anticipated closure of the bridge to be sometime this summer. It is expected to be closed for a period of 12 to 18 months. The Municipal parking lot will remain open and accessible.

CODE OFFICER:

1. Code Enforcement Officer Wenslow was not present.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Buck was not present.

TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Mullen had nothing to discuss.

Town Liaison Patty Graves requested more information on the requested executive sessions. She asked if the legal matter for the fire department was for a current litigation. Fire Chief Dillie stated it was not, that it was new. Mayor Shayler noted that we would not do that executive session. Ms. Graves stated that Trustee Roeske's request for the contractual matter needed more information. Mayor Shayler noted that we would not do that executive session.

On a motion made by Trustee Roeske and seconded by Trustee Monroe, the meeting adjourned at 6:12. 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.