

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD ON APRIL 12, 2021, AT 6:00 PM AT THE AMERICAN LEGION CONFERENCE ROOM,  
23 JEFFERSON 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: Kevin Fleischman  
Treasurer: Melissa Mullen  
Attorney: Rich Buck and David Pullen

ABSENT: none

VISITORS: Jennifer Rudolfs; Bradley Mattison; Rod Winans; Bill Day Jr.; Darwin Fanton; Chris Martelle; Vicki Middaugh; Gregory Gunzburger; Tim Aiken; Angela Glickstein; Patty Graves, Town Liaison; Chris Potter, The Spectator; Kathryn Ross, Olean Times Herald

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

Trustee Roeske requested acceptance of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on March 22, 2021; Trustee Pearson seconded the motion. Carried.

Mayor Shayler welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that we were not in our normal location so as to allow for members of Jones Memorial Hospital to give a presentation on their upcoming expansion project at the hospital. Jim Helms, CFO/VP of Finance, led the discussion, with members of the construction team and the University of Rochester Project Manager present as well.

After the presentation concluded, Mayor Shayler welcomed the rest of the visitors present and asked if anyone had anything they wished to discuss. There was no response.

**MAYOR'S BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Shayler announced receipt of L'talia Restaurant's 30-day advance notice required for their liquor license application due to ownership change, as required by the NYS Liquor Authority.
2. Mayor Shayler announced recognition of April 29, 2021 as Arbor Day in the Village of Wellsville and read the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our cities increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of the business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Wellsville, New York has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Randy Shayler, Mayor of the Village of Wellsville, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2021 as Arbor Day in the Village of Wellsville, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's Community Forestry Program; and

**FURTHER**, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of April 2021. Randy Shayler, Mayor

3. Mayor Shayler shared a proclamation for "Patrick McKinley Day" that he presented to Pat McKinley today during a visit to Pat's home by a procession of numerous emergency vehicles driven by volunteers who had worked with Pat through the years. He noted that it was a privilege to deliver this to Pat, who certainly appreciated all the well wishes from his peers. Mayor Shayler noted that Andrew Harris was instrumental in coordinating this effort. The proclamation reads:

## **PROCLAMATION**

In honor of and respect for his years of service to all residents of Wellsville and to emphasize the immeasurable positive impact of his efforts, it is a privilege to provide this Patrick McKinley Proclamation.

**WHEREAS**, Pat McKinley has been a longtime member of the Emerald Hook and Ladder fire company and the Wellsville Ambulance Corps responding to emergency calls throughout the Town and Village of Wellsville; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat McKinley began in 2007 providing necessary evening transportation for patrons leaving Wellsville dining and entertainment establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat McKinley, before the 2020 Covid-related reduction in demand for his services, provided homebound transportation for tens of thousands of riders; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat McKinley's efforts have resulted in countless driving privileges preserved and lives saved; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat McKinley has become known as "The Captain" throughout the area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Randy M. Shayler, Mayor of Village of Wellsville, under my name and seal, am proud and honored on this twelfth day of April, 2021, to record in the history books of the Village of Wellsville, and name this day, and every April 12<sup>TH</sup> hereafter,

**PAT McKINLEY DAY**

And I encourage every Designated Driver in Wellsville to now be referred to as a

**DESIGNATED CAPTAIN.**

4. Mayor Shayler requested an Attorney/Client meeting to follow the regular meeting.

**TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:**

**PEARSON:**

1. Trustee Pearson made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated today, April 12, 2021. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.

**MONROE:**

1. Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve Kevin Fleischman as Fire Chief. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve Rod Winans as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve Bill Day Jr. as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief. Trustee Pearson seconded the motion. Carried.

**ROESKE:**

1. Trustee Roeske made a motion to accept and approve continuing the bi-weekly billing of fuel usage for another three months to the Village, Town, School, Fire and Ambulance. Previous board motion covered up to April 11, 2021. Mayor Shayler noted to continue through the end of July. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried. Patty Graves made note that the Town Board meets only once a month, that's when their payments are approved.
2. Trustee Roeske made a motion to accept and approve awarding the sidewalk/curb replacement project to acceptable low bidder, Millennium Construction, with a total amount of \$113,775.00. This project is funded through the DASNY Downtown Grand and CHIPS. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

**FAHS:**

1. Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept and approve, while continuing to work with our engineering firm, to move forward with the re-bid of the WWTP Upgrade Project with new, reduced scope and new estimated overall cost of

\$16,338,170.40. The first bid was higher than the Village wanted. Trustee Pearson seconded the motion. Carried.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O'Grady requested approval to put five (5) impounded vehicles out to bid for scrap or sale. He noted that the owners/operators were sent certified letters on February 18 stating to have vehicles removed by March 31, 2021 or else they would be scrapped. There are two vehicles with titles, with consideration given to sell them for the amount the Village paid to have them towed, \$100. Trustee Fahs made a motion to enable Chief O'Grady to proceed with this endeavor, with \$100 minimum bid for each to be sold. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

FIRE DEPT:

1. Fire Chief Fleischman requested acceptance and approval of new member application for Zachary A. Roberts, tag# 148, at the Emerald Hook and Ladder Company #3. He stated that Zachary has met the background requirements, signed by the past chief. Trustee Pearson made a motion to accept this new member application; Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

DPW:

1. Director Whitfield requested an Attorney/Client meeting to discuss the employment history of a certain employee.

CODE OFFICER:

1. Code Enforcement Officer Wenslow discussed there being code issues with the apartment building located at 10 E. Fassett Street, AKA the former Hellenback building. Mayor Shayler noted there will be a hearing on Wednesday, 4/14/21 at 9:00 am to declare the building as an unsafe property.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Buck had nothing to discuss.

TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Mullen stated there will be a Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year Budget 2021/22, scheduled for Monday, April 19, at 6:00 pm, located in the board room at 23 North Main Street.
2. Treasurer Mullen requested an executive session regarding a personnel grievance.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Roeske, the Board moved out of regular session and into an Attorney/Client meeting at 6:55 pm. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Roeske, the Board moved out of the Attorney/Client meeting and into regular session at 7:57 pm. Carried

Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept and approve hiring Eric Welninski as a Utility Plant Operator effective May 3, 2021, starting at Grade 9, Level 1 at \$18.40 per hour in accordance with the AFSCME Local 2574 A & B Agreement. Trustee Pearson seconded the motion. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Roeske and seconded by Trustee Fahs, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Seely  
Village Clerk