

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021, AT 6:00 PM AT THE TRUSTEE 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
Police Chief: Tim O'Grady
Asst Dir DPW: Brad Mattison
Fire Chief: Kevin Fleischman
Elec Utility
Superintendent: Ryan Stisser

ABSENT: Treasurer: Melissa Mullen
Code Officer: Rich Wenslow
Attorney: Rich Buck

VISITORS: Shirley Giopulos; Magin Dunaway; Mike Marsh; Steve Main; Janet Kemp
and Bill Sweet; 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 Monroe.

Mayor Shayler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Trustee Pearson requested acceptance of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held on June 15, 2021; Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.

Mayor Shayler asked for the visitors to present their topics. Shirley Giopulos, along with her husband, John, stated that they have been proud members of the Village of Wellsville for 90 years. She noted that she headed up the Village photograph project back in 2005, of which photos were recently added to the new home of the Village of Wellsville Trustee Board Room. She thanked Village Clerk Seely for her efforts in getting them back up on the walls. Mrs. Giopulos next described her desire to improve the look of the main entrances to the Village (specifically at the Riverside/Country Club area, the arterial to Main Street entrance, and at Colligan Park), possibly with the help of a landscaper to add plants and flowers. Mayor Shayler noted that this would be a great project for the Otis Eastern Summer Crew and asked if Mrs. Giopulos would be willing to direct these efforts by providing guidance, of which she agreed. The Mayor said he would have the summer crew coordinator get in touch with her and that the Village will provide the necessary material. Mayor Shayler made a motion to provide whatever shrubbery, etc., to Mrs. Giopulos' specifications, that will allow for the Otis Eastern Summer Crew to spruce up the entrances to the Village. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

Next to speak was Magin Dunaway, on behalf of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce, to discuss the Wine Walk 2021 to be held in September. She stated that discussions are in the early stages and include adding to the previous Wine Walk format with things like bringing in food vendors and setting up tents, inviting acoustic music players, while trying to recruit new Chamber members as well. Mayor Shayler noted to obtain reactions and work with any affected Main Street food businesses first and foremost regarding bringing in food vendors. He added that the Village Board is all for their efforts, as long as they

keep their ducks in a row, to include the necessity to keep informed and get approval by the Allegany County Health Department. Trustee Roeske made a motion to lift the open container law for Wine Walk participants from noon to 5:00 pm at the approved 2021 Wine Walk to be held in September. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.

Mike Marsh attended the meeting tonight to share his experience and thoughts on the history of the flooding that occurs on Williams Avenue in the Village, as has been discussed in the past couple Village Board meetings. He described how, since the flood of '72, that culvert has been dug out several times. He continued about how the culvert itself hasn't always been the problem, but that the spoil, or berm, that has occurred after being dug out numerous times over the years has made a natural dam that allows for additional flooding to the houses nearby. He invites anyone to come and walk the hill and he'll point out the efforts through the years that no longer are working. DPW Assistant Director Brad Mattison, who has previously met and spoke with Mr. Marsh, stated that there's a watershed study currently in the works to see what can be done to properly attend to this issue. He anticipates receiving results in about a month or so. Mayor Shayler asked Mr. Mattison to keep Mr. Marsh, and other residents, informed of that process.

Steve Main also spoke on the flooding and how the Village DPW, back in 1975, put dams up the creek that held well for years. He added that the Village, Town and landowners could apply for grants for assistance. Mr. Main continued that the diversions of the water are the real problem and that there is no longer the vegetation that used to be there to slow down the flow, as well as lack of drainage. Mayor Shayler stated that these are all very good points and that the Village will continue to search for definitive measures to address this issue, as well as look for grant assistance.

Lastly, Janet Kemp and Bill Sweet attended the meeting again tonight to follow up on the previous Board meeting question of paving Whitney Avenue. Trustee Roeske researched this topic and found in board minutes from April and May of 1947 that Whitney Avenue was determined to be an accepted street, therefore allowing for the Village to apply millings. DPW Assistant Director Mattison asked that they remain patient as the Village is heavily involved in its paving season right now, but will tend to it as soon as possible. He reminded them also that it takes a while to build a good base that will keep it from being pushed away by snow plowing.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Shayler shared with the Board a letter and pictures received by Jim Raptis pointing out the need to give attention to the Municipal parking lot. He pointed out the need for curb work, pothole repair, attention given to Eaton Court, as well as the grassy area in need of trimming. DPW Assistant Director Mattison stated that lot is on the schedule for this year's paving and will be worked on soon.
2. Mayor Shayler made a motion to accept and approve the Special Event Permit for the Better Days Block Party scheduled for Saturday, July 10, 2021, from 7:00 pm to 1:00 am. The event will take place on Main Street in the block area of Jefferson and Pearl Streets. He continued that approval is contingent on the receipt of a map with barriers and parking noted, approved by the business owner in the area (Beef Haus). The open container local law will be lifted, within the fenced-in area, for the period of 7:00 pm, July 10, through 1:00 am, July 11,

2021. The noise ordinance will also be extended to 1:00 am for that area. Trustee Pearson seconded the motion. Carried.

3. Mayor Shayler made a motion to accept and approve the Peddling and Soliciting Application for the sale of Southwestern Advantage educational resources (reading books, learning apps, etc.). The timeframe for selling is June 28 through August 12, 2021, during the hours of 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. The Mayor added that the application approval is contingent on receipt of the \$50 permit fee, a clear background check, and with the understanding that any peddling and soliciting permit can be rescinded with well-founded complaints. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
4. Mayor Shayler shared that the American Legion Post #702 Commander, Brent Roberts, has informed the Village Board of their intent to renew their liquor license.

TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:

PEARSON:

1. Trustee Pearson made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated today, June 28, 2021. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

MONROE:

1. Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve changing the Fire Board treasurer and secretary salaries, as were approved by the Wellsville Fire Board in recent months. He noted to inform Treasurer Mullen that it will require a budget adjustment. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve the Application for a Special Event Permit for the Dyke Street Engine Co. #2 Chicken BBQ to be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The location will be at the fire hall located at 89 East Hanover Street. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

ROESKE:

1. Trustee Roeske noted that Village Justice Thompson shared that Village Court Clerk, Sammy Gilkey, will be retiring at the end of this month after 20+ years service. The Board will recognize Ms. Gilkey for her contribution at a future Board meeting, with invitations to the justices who she served under can attend in her honor.

FAHS:

1. Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept and approve allowing the Village of Wellsville's Load Serving Entity (LSE), the NY Municipal Power Agency (NYMPA), to purchase Transmission Congestion Contract power (TCCs) from the NY Independent System Operator (NYISO) using surplus monies collected

on the Village's behalf over the past two years from our customers. These TCCs reduce the cost to our rate payers during congestion events initiated due to construction or shutdown of the power transmission from the Niagara Project spurring the need for alternate, more expensive generation. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O'Grady had nothing to discuss. Kathryn Ross asked what the regulations on fireworks are, which Chief O'Grady replied that ground fireworks are legal and that there is no set time period to set them off, unless they cause a public annoyance.

FIRE DEPT:

1. Chief Fleischman had nothing to discuss.

DPW:

1. Director Whitfield was not present. Assistant Director Mattison and Ryan Stisser were present for most of the meeting, but left early to attend to downed wires.

CODE OFFICER:

1. Code Enforcement Officer Wenslow was not present.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Buck was not present.

TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Mullen was not present.

On a motion made by Trustee Monroe and seconded by Trustee Roeske, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Seely
Village Clerk