**January 2, 2024**

At 7:00 PM, Mayor Stumpf called the meeting to order.

The following were present:

John Stumpf Mayor

Trista Reisdorf Trustee

Brandon Stearns Trustee

Darwin Dominessy Trustee

Patricia Sherwood Trustee

Clerk Gina Maltby

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent of Public Works Daren Smith, Fire Department Chief Jeff Holmes, residents Steve Burch, Mary Farrington and reporter Brenda Hanson.

# MINUTES

Trustee Reisdorf, seconded by Trustee Sherwood, moved suspension of the reading of the Minutes of the previous board meeting December 5, 2023 inasmuch as Board members had been supplied copies. Carried. Mayor Stumpf announced that corrections and alterations would then be heard, and concluding there were none, the minutes stand approved. Carried.

**REPORTS**

**Fire Department Chief Jeff Holmes reported there were 39 calls for the month of December:**

**EMS CALLS** **HAZARDOUS CONDITION**

Village 11 Town of Yorkshire 1

Town of Yorkshire 5

Town of Freedom 1 **STRUCTURE FIRE**

Yorkshire 2

Machias 12 Machias 1

Ashford 1 Yorkshire 1

Franklinville 1

**AUTO ACCIDENT**

**AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM**

Town of Yorkshire 1

Yorkshire 1 Town of Yorkshire 1

Chief Holmes also provided the 2023 year end totals. There were 352 calls total for the year 2023. The total fuel usage for all vehicles was 698 gallons and total mileage for all vehicles was 3,472.

Also, in the other Department matters, Chief Holmes advised that beavers are still causing issues on Delevan Elton Road. The annual OSHA refresher training will be taking place on January 16th and 23rd from 6-10 PM at the middle school. One is scheduled for next month and the training is required for all members of the department. An all-you-can eat pasta night will be taking place at the Training Center on January 20th from 4 – 7 PM. Bingo resumes Sunday, January 7th after two weeks off due to the holidays. The Department received a letter from the Department of Homeland Security regarding grant guidance and application information for grants that may be available to the Department. Chief Holmes advised that applications are due by April 30th and that they have been in contact with their grant writer. Will provide more information when he has it. The ventilation system in the Fire Hall is close to being finished; one ambulance currently needs repairs to the exhaust system and unable to hook tanker truck up to ventilation system right now.

**Superintendent of Public Works Daren Smith reported the following:**

1. Received letter from Cattaraugus County Health Department – a notice of monitoring violations. Was late on getting test results done and reported to health department. Will have to redo them this year between 6/1 and 9/30 in order to correct the violation. Will be checking with the health department to see if able to add sites to the list of approved sites since some people were not available to do testing. The health department has to pre-approve the sites.
2. J. Brooks came and fixed the heater up at water; filled tank, issue turned out to be rust due to humidity and condensation. Worked on switch for the ceiling fan in that room to help with moisture.
3. Streets have been holding up good due to lack of cold weather and water. New patch is holding up really well and the Delevan Ave patch is holding up good.
4. Had three Christmas trees to pick up today that residents disposed of
5. Has been working on paperwork since plowing has not been needed lately
6. Got the blower fixed from the mishap that happened while plowing the sidewalks last month.
7. Called the outfit about the riser for the fire hydrant since it still hasn’t shown up. Will be calling again.
8. Going to have work done on the alarm system up at water when the guy returns from out of state.

**Clerk Gina Maltby reported the following:**

1. Prepared Vouchers and Abstract
2. Provided Board members with November 2023 balance sheet & packet supplied by Treasurer Diane Finch
3. Cash receipts provided to each board member
4. Delivered garbage stickers to Crosby’s
5. Two parking tags issued in the month of December.
6. $12,227.69 currently remains in unpaid water.
7. Bingo and Bell Jar information and packets have been received from the Fire Department; will be working on those this week.
8. EMS and ambulance billing information that was presented at the December board meeting was forwarded to the Village attorney; has not heard back on it yet. Will reach out for update.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Explosive magazine certificate received for the Griz Shop; Fire Chief Holmes was provided with a copy of the certificate.
2. Received letter from Highmark that rates will be increasing in 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. National Fuel Gas gross revenue check received in the amount of $1,215.47 which was up $313.24 from last year.
2. National Grid Revenue check received in the amount of $1,655.46 which was up $61.05 from last year.
3. USDA scheduled to do inspection of Municipal Building on Friday the 5th at 10:30 AM.
4. Resignation:

**#480 RESIGNATION**

Moved by Trustee Stearns, seconded by Trustee Sherwood, to accept part-time Village Clerk Marcia Lexer’s resignation as of 12/30/2023. A written resignation was given by Lexer and read to the Board.

Trustee Dominessy aye, Trustee Reisdorf aye, Trustee Sherwood aye, Trustee Stearns aye, Mayor Stumpf aye.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

# PAY CLAIMS

The bills for the previous month of December were presented and audited. It was moved by Trustee Sherwood, seconded by Trustee Stearns, to make payment of $13,391.92, Abstract #008, $10,776.68 in General Fund Claims and $2,615.24 in payment of Water Fund.

Trustee Dominessy aye, Trustee Reisdorf aye, Trustee Sherwood aye, Trustee Stearns aye, Mayor Stumpf aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:36 PM it was moved by Trustee Reisdorf, seconded by Trustee Sherwood to adjourn. Carried.

Village Clerk Gina Maltby