**February 6, 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, Code Enforcement Chris Lexer, Fire Department Chief Jeff Holmes, Jessica Pyc, residents Steve Burch, Ken & Sandy Cook, Mary Farrington and reporter Brenda Hanson.

# MINUTES

Trustee Dominessy, seconded by Trustee Sherwood, moved suspension of the reading of the Minutes of the previous board meeting January 2, 2024 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.

# PUBLIC

Mayor Stumpf advised that Joe Neamon, Constable and Dog Control Officer, is no longer employed by the Village as of December 31st, 2023. Residents inquired if there has been any progress in hiring a new Constable. Jessica Pyc advised that she begins Constable training in March and that it will take a few months to complete. She is hoping to have the training completed around June. She is currently Dog Control Officer for Lancaster, Sardinia and the Town of Yorkshire. A resident advised of issues with dogs within the Village.

**#481 APPOINT DOG CONTROL OFFICER**

Moved by Trustee Reisdorf, seconded by Trustee Sherwood, to appoint Jessica Pyc as Dog Control Officer for the Village effective 2/6/2024.

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

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris Lexer reported on a particular property within the Village.

Mayor Stumpf advised of changes that would occur should MRC continue to provide curbside services to the Village – recycle bins placed in the Village for residents to use instead of curbside recycling pickup.

**#482 GARBAGE BID**

Moved by Trustee Sherwood, seconded by Trustee Stearns, to go out for bids on the garbage contract with the bids being due back by April 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM. The current contract with MRC is in effect until 5/31/2024.

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

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

**REPORTS**

**Fire Department Chief Jeff Holmes reported there were 32 calls for the month of January:**

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

Village 7 Village 1

Town of Yorkshire 5 Town of Freedom 1

Yorkshire 3

Machias 6 **STRUCTURE FIRE**

Arcade 1 Town of Yorkshire 1

 **VEHICLE FIRE** **CO DETECTOR ACTIVATION**

Town of Yorkshire 1 Town of Yorkshire 1

 **AUTO ACCIDENT AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM**

Town of Yorkshire 1

Yorkshire 1 Village 1

Town of Freedom 2

Also, in the other Department matters, Chief Holmes advised that OSHA training will be taking place on the 20th. It will be the second part of an 8-hour training and a full 8 hours will be taking place on the 24th. The pasta dinner that was held a couple weeks ago did not do too well. The Fire Department voted in two new members last night, one of whom was voted in previously and reapplied. Chief Holmes presented their applications to the Board.

**#483 FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS FOR KATHARINE WEAKLAND**

Moved by Trustee Reisdorf, seconded by Trustee Sherwood, to approve the application for Katharine Weakland to the Delevan Volunteer Fire Company.

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

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

**#484 FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS FOR JOHN BAUER**

Moved by Trustee Reisdorf, seconded by Trustee Sherwood, to approve the application for John Bauer to the Delevan Volunteer Fire Company.

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

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

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

1. Had issues with the plow that’s on the truck; made a few trips up to Marquarts and it has been repaired. Issues stemmed from corrosion, bolts missing, etc.
2. Plowing has been hit or miss. Has been more ice than snow lately.
3. No Christmas trees to pick up in December, about a dozen picked up in January.
4. Has been looking for water leaks. During cold spell, went from sixty gallons per minute to about 93 gallons per minute. Was able to locate some of the leaks; went back around today and will do up notices to inform homeowners of water leak.
5. Forgot to get plowing bill from the Town of Yorkshire – will add on to next month’s.
6. Spent time up at the springs last week, there were a bunch of trees down. Spoke with the owner of some of the property, offered to assist with moving the trees. Property owner said may be able to move the trees themselves.
7. Town of Yorkshire guys went to get cold patch. Has been keeping up with getting them before they get too bad.
8. The Grove Street Water meter may be changed; unsure if it will be yet.
9. Has been doing a lot of paperwork for DEC, Health Department, etc.

**Clerk Gina Maltby reported the following:**

1. Prepared Vouchers and Abstract
2. Provided Board members with the December 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 January.
6. $10,278.07 currently remains in unpaid water. Is planning to mail out March water bills on the 28th of 29th of February.
7. Placed an order for more garbage stickers; currently waiting on delivery.
8. USDA rescheduled inspection – it is to be held on Monday, February 12th at 11:00 AM.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Cattaraugus County Board of Elections is requesting contact information updates for their directory. Clerk Maltby passed around the information and Board members made updates to their contact information.
2. A deposit in the amount of $37,529.56 was made by Cattaraugus County – Sales Tax Distribution – 4th quarter 2023.
3. Notice from Department of Public Service – National Fuel Gas proposal to increase annual natural gas delivery revenue.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Clerk Maltby updated the Board and Fire Department on response received from Village Attorney regarding ambulance billing. Clerk Maltby will continue to follow up on and provide updates as they become available. Contact with board members will be made if Village Attorney gives approval to sign the agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resident Joyce Koch reached out to the Village about being able to hold the Village Easter egg hunt this year:

**#485 EASTER EGG HUNT**

Moved by Trustee Sherwood, seconded by Trustee Residorf, to allow Joyce Koch to hold a community Easter egg hunt at the Delevan Village Park on March 30th, 2024 at 3:00 PM. The Board also approved her use of the Hall that day.

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

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

1. Mayor Stumpf updated the Board: wheels are in motion for summer recreation. Met last Wednesday and will be meeting again on the 21st at 6:00 PM. Will be hiring and interviewing for director soon.
2. Garbage piling up at the Foundry building – MRC took all of it today.
3. Trustee Reisdorf advised that she received an e-mail about possibly doing Hometown Hero banners to honor Veterans. Will call Arcade to discuss what they do, cost, etc.

# PAY CLAIMS

The bills for the previous month of January were presented and audited. It was moved by Trustee Stearns, seconded by Trustee Sherwood, to make payment of $31,018.74, Abstract #009, $21,709.68 in General Fund Claims and $9,309.06 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 8:03 PM it was moved by Trustee Reisdorf, seconded by Trustee Stearns to adjourn. Carried.

Village Clerk Gina Maltby