MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023, 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, Mike Roeske

Dir DPW: Dean Arnold

Police Chief: Tim O’Grady

Fire Chief: Kevin Fleischman, Rod Winans

Treasurer: Melissa Mullen

ABSENT: Trustee: Gary Pearson

Code Officer: Rich Wenslow

Attorney: Rich Buck

VISITORS: Allison Green; MK Kellogg; Lori Ballengee; Rod Ballengee; Mike Raptis; Jody Ralyea; John Anderson; Shad Alsworth, Town Liaison; Kathryn Ross, Olean Times Herald

The regular board meeting opened at 6:00 pm. The pledge to the flag was led by Mike Raptis. Mayor Shayler welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that “we’ve all had a good day.”

Trustee Roeske requested acceptance of the minutes from the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

Trustee Fahs requested acceptance of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2023. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.

MAYOR’S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Shayler presented the 2023 Meter Coin Donation check ($1,500) to Lori Ballengee, founder of Allegany County Cancer Services Inc. Cancer Services was selected to be the Village’s donation recipient of the parking meter coins collected over the holiday season last November and December. The public has the option to not pay the meters during that time, but those who do pay are giving toward an annual donation. Ms. Ballengee explained how she started Cancer Services after her own cancer diagnosis over ten years ago. To save money, the service is run out of her home, run by volunteers, is only for Allegany County residents, and relies solely on donations. In the time this has been operating, Allegany County Cancer Services has, to date, has helped 837 individuals battling cancer with much needed gas cards to assist in traveling for treatment, totaling just shy of $390K of donations collected. She noted a couple of upcoming fundraisers planned (Feb 14 lasagna dinner by the Wellsville American Legion Auxiliary and June 3rd 750 Club by the Wellsville Legion) and emphasized how very important it is for everyone to get cancer screenings!
2. Mayor Shayler next asked Mike Raptis to assist him in announcing the big event of the day earlier today. Mr. Raptis began by explaining how Mayor Shayler established an Economic Development Committee for the Village, who have worked extensively on finding grants and opportunities for economic improvement for the Village of Wellsville. Through a Restore New York grant application begun last summer, the Village of Wellsville became part of New York State’s initiative to secure funds for community development and revitalization of commercial and residential properties. Just last Friday, Governor Hochul’s office reached out to Mayor Shayler and invited him and those responsible for Wellsville’s efforts to Dunkirk, New York this morning to learn if and what may be awarded to the Village. To everyone’s surprise, Governor Hochul herself presented the giant, “lottery-like” check for an incredible 4.5 million dollars! A State project manager will assist the Village with the next steps in the process, as the Village prepares for this great opportunity for the community to reap the rewards of those efforts of the few who pulled it all together.
3. Mayor Shayler requested executive session to discuss a personnel issue with a particular person.

TRUSTEES’ BUSINESS:

PEARSON:

1. In Trustee Pearson’s absence, Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated January 23, 2023. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Monroe made a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer’s financial reports, posting journal and bank reconciliations for December 2022. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.

MONROE:

1. Trustee Monroe had nothing to discuss.

ROESKE:

1. Trustee Roeske had nothing to discuss.

FAHS:

1. Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept and approve Line Helper Casey Stuck’s permanent appointment as he has successfully completed his 120-day probationary term, effective December 29, 2022. Trustee Monroe seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept and approve adding Jason Reynolds (WFD Tag #017) to the rolls at Grant Duke Hose Company #1. He noted that Chief Fleischman has confirmed that the application is complete. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.
3. Trustee Fahs made a motion to accept and approve adding Troy Kaziska (WFD Tag #090) to the rolls at Dyke Street Engine Company #2. He noted that Chief Fleischman has confirmed that the application is complete. Trustee Roeske seconded the motion. Carried.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief O’Grady thanked Sergeant Jered Heaney for his 13 years of service with the Village Police Department, as he is retiring this week to take a new job with the Belfast Central School. Mayor Shayler added his congratulations and thanks also and noted this change in jobs is a positive move for Jered. The Mayor noted that there will be a retirement dinner for Sergeant Heaney on Saturday, February 18 at the Elks Club and encourages everyone to attend.

FIRE DEPT:

1. Chief Fleischman had nothing to discuss unless anyone had something for him.

DPW:

1. DPW Director Arnold requested approval to list equipment for sale in an online auction (RTI) during the period of January 24 through 31. Trustee Roeske made a motion to accept and approve allowing DPW Director Arnold to make decisions on the items for the online auction. Trustee Fahs seconded the motion. Carried.
2. DPW Director Arnold noted that the lights at the Fire Department have been installed as requested. The DPW will add the necessary wiring for cameras that have been requested as well.
3. DPW Director Arnold stated that the chemical bids will be collected and opened on Wednesday, January 25.

CODE OFFICER:

1. Code Enforcement Officer Wenslow was not present.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Buck was not present.

TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Mullen discussed the financial highlights for the period of 6/1/2022 through 12/31/2022.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Monroe, the Board moved out of regular session and into executive session at 6:32 pm. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Monroe and seconded by Trustee Fahs, the Board moved out of executive session and back into regular session at 7:05 pm. Carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Fahs and seconded by Trustee Monroe, this meeting’s adjournment is made in honor of the passing of both Retired Police Officer Harold Hoffman and long-time Trustee William Hendricks. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm. 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](http://www.wellsvilleny.com).