

Village Board Meeting

January 18th, 2022

Via Zoom at 6:00pm

Attended:	John Burrell	Mayor
	Doug Bush	Trustee
	Sean Lowes	Trustee
	Ed Imhoff	Trustee
	Caitlin Croft	Trustee
	Richard Stanton	Attorney
	Ben Slotman	Engineer
	Mary Klahn	Clerk

Also attended: Kelly Fredrickson, Sheila Gallagher, Kevin Lester, Kevin Kelly, Cathy Kellogg, Sean Kell, MJ Brown, Aaron Tiller, David Parker and Lynn Lazarro.

Business from the Floor

Kevin Lester reported that he and another resident voiced opposition to the updated zoning law for secondary dwellings and lockout rooms at December's Board meeting that was not correctly summarized in the Villager. Mayor Burrell acknowledged that the summary did not reflect their opposition to the updated law and called out that the Board did approve the updated zoning law.

Sheila Gallagher spoke about the lack of recycling. She was told by Town & Country Disposal that there is no market for recyclables at this time and all is going into the landfill. She asked Mayor Burrell to discontinue the blue boxes until the village has amended its refuse law and fixed the problem. She also asked Burrell to better publicize collection schedules on the website, help residents who want to drop off recyclables for free at the county transfer stations, and to amend the refuse law. Burrell added that the village's current law requires people to source-separate, but the original intention was probable for tree and yard debris, with recycling placed at the curb on Mondays. Mayor Burrell replied that he will research the matter with the past board members to determine the intent of the local law. He also pointed out that Ms. Gallagher's recent statement in Ellicottville Events "did not sound the same as they had talked about" (in a recent meeting). He asked for input from Mr. Stanton. Stanton agreed it would be reckless to instruct people to not follow the law. He added that the procedures for amendments take at least 60 days. He agreed to review the terms of the disposal contract and look into the Village's obligations.

Lynn Lazzaro, of Elk Street also called for a study committee and updates to the local refuse law, stating he represents about 80 percent of nonresidents who are dissatisfied with the Village's trash collection paid for by all users. He also pointed out that garbage cans are left at the curb by refuse workers when residents have left town, which results in fines, and illegal bags are being placed at the curb. He asked for a solution, suggesting a different pickup day or a neighborhood dumpster that could be serviced easily.

Aaron Tiller spoke on behalf of Madigan's, they want to put an addition on the front of the building; it was discussed a year ago but no formal motion.

Motion: by Ms. Croft to start the process for Madigan's to continue to the Planning Board and any costs incurred will be at Madigan's expense.

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

Mr. Stanton advised that the matter of the partial abandonment of a village-owned alley can't be approved with a board resolution, but must begin with the Village Planning Board and the State Department of Transportation.

Approve Minutes from 12/21/2021

Motion: by Mr. Bush to approve the minutes.

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

December 31, 2021 Financial Reports and Audit of Claims

Motion: by Mr. Imhoff to approve the Dec. Financial Reports.

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

General Fund \$36,923.51

Sewer Fund \$14,235.66

Motion: to pay the bills by Ms. Croft

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

Mayor's Report

01/04/22 Planner Committee Meeting

01/06/22 Planner Interviews

01/10/22 Planner Committee Meeting

01/14/22 Planner Negotiations with Matt McAndrew – Mayor Burrell stated that if an offer is made and accepted there would likely be a two month transition period to get the new hire started.

01/26/22 Four Flushers Meeting

Local Law #4 fallout discussion with Kevin Lester – Discussed prior.

Department and Committee Reports for Approval

Planning-Nancy Rogan/Doug Bush-Caitlin Croft/ Richard Stanton

Planning Report

Motion: by Mr. Imhoff to accept the report.

Second: by Ms. Croft All ayes. Carried

Engineering

Monthly Engineering Report

Motion: by Mr. Imhoff to accept the Engineering Report

Second: by Ms. Croft All ayes. Carried

Monthly DPW Report

Mayor Burrell stated that the DPW Department did a good job with the latest snow storm and the water dept. also in handling a recent main water break.

Motion: by Mr. Bush to accept the DPW Report

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Code Enforcement Report

Motion: by Mr. Bush to accept the report

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

WWTP Boiler Replacement Update – Up and running and finishing things up stated Mr. Slotman. I am requesting that we approve 90% completion bill for \$25,470.

Motion: by Mr. Lowes to pay the bill for \$25,470 to Parise Mechanical

Second: by Ms. Croft All ayes. Carried

Water Project Up-date – I have a meeting with the County and asking the Town Board to advertise stated Mr. Slotman

Skate Park Proposals – The interviews of bidders will take place in early February before a selection is made.

Washington Street Utility Poles – Mr. Slotman stated that the two poles closest to Mill Street, on both sides of Washington Street, will be removed first. The pole bases are in poor condition. The bolts used to connect the light pole to the foundation are in poor condition and will require the concrete bases to be replaced as part of any pole improvements. We need to replace all of the poles within 2-5 years. Mr. Slotman reported that the state Department of Transportation can supply three new poles a year for four years. It will require some planning and selecting a pole design. Mr. Lowes said he would like to be involved and thought bringing the Alley Katz in the planning process would help make things look nice.

EFCEPG Grant – I have received proposals for Engineering Services and need to review and move forward. We should have everything in place in March and it is due by June 30th.

Refuse – Caitlin Croft

Letters were received from Carrie Richards, Lynn Lazaro, David Barker, Stuart Pierson and Sheila Gallagher.

Earlier Ms. Croft stated she has been looking into ideas to improve refuse collection and has heard many great ideas. She provided her cell phone number to try to open communication with those in attendance.

Parking – Doug Bush

Mr. Bush stated that Mr. Stanton is working on a contract with Cattaraugus County for the property purchase. Additionally, a County grant is being worked on to assist the additional construction costs. Mr. Bush stated the goal was to have the parking lot finished in 2023.

Streets – Doug Bush

Mr. Bush suggested a traffic study due to congestion and dangers to pedestrians crossing during periods of heavy traffic sometimes moving over the speed limit. Mayor Burrell agreed that a study would be needed to cure the traffic backups between Holiday Valley Road stop light and the Washington/Jefferson Street signal. Mr. Slotman said he would compose a letter to the State making the request.

Village Clerk – Mary Klahn

Ms. Klahn stated that she put a flyer in the recent water and sewer bills notifying all residents of the garbage pick-up and short term rentals, in hopes people will become better informed about these services. After discussing the board agreed that this practice should continue.

Old Business

Mill Street Parking Update – Much discussion on a parking prohibition on both sides of Mill Street from the railroad underpass to the Village line. At the Police Department's request to stop motorists from parking on the east side of Mill Street to conform with Town's decision to restrict parking. But after Mr. Slotman's input the board decided to prohibit parking on both sides of Mill Street from the railroad underpass to the Village line.

Motion: to prohibit no parking on both sides of Mill Street from the railroad underpass to the Village line by Ms. Croft.

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Greer Hill Speed Limit – Mayor Burrell stated that we have had a request to lower the speed limit on Greer Hill to 20 miles per hour. Mayor Burrell's understanding is that the State needs to approve the change of speed below 30 miles per hour. Mr. Slotman will be following up with Mr. Stanton to review the next steps on this request.

New Business

Madison Street Ext. No Parking – After discussion of problems with access to fire hydrants and plowed-in autos during snowy weather, where there is no turnaround the board decided to vote on No Parking on either side of Madison Street Extension.

Motion: to put up No Parking signs on both sides of Madison Street Extension by Mr. Bush.

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Correspondence

NYS Dept. of Public Service

Motion: to go into executive session by Ms. Croft.

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

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Motion: to adjourn by Mr. Lowes at 8:00pm

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

