

**Regularly Scheduled Village of Little Valley Board Meeting  
Held at the Municipal Building**

**May 24, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Mayor James Bowen, Trustee Raymond Hughes, Trustee Rory Mosher, Trustee Jillian Koch, Public Works Superintendent Robert Young, Building & Zoning Code Officer John Helgager, Clerk Treasurer JoElla Emborsky, Streets Superintendent Kory Gross

**ABSENT:** Trustee Todd Palmatier

Mayor James Bowen called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION #150, 2021-2022**

Motion made by Trustee Mosher, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve minutes of April 28, 2022, Public Hearing Meeting. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

**AYES:** Mayor Bowen, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Koch

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Trustee Palmatier

**MOTION #151, 2021-2022**

Motion made by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve minutes of May 10, 2022, meeting. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

**AYES:** Mayor Bowen, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Koch

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Trustee Palmatier

**GUEST:** Glenn & Mary Ann Hahn, Flossie Steinbroner, Jamie Baron, Barbara Burns, Ashley from ACME Business, Kevin Mosher – LV Joint Fire Commissioner

**Glenn Hahn:** Would like to see something done with the property's located at 407 & 409 Fair Oak Street from turning into a junk yard. The property at 407 Fair Oak Street is operating a business out of their garage, and has numerous vehicles and boats parked on the property. The second notice of remedy has been mailed. Action is being taken by the BCEO.

**Kevin Mosher:** Starting July 1, 2022, NYS is changing the law for charging for ambulance services. LV Fire Department is a BLS service (Basic Life Support). Our neighboring ambulance district answers all our ALS (Advanced Life Support) calls and bills our residents and our fire department. He suggested the board to consider some other alternatives for expenses toward the fire department. For example, adding a hydrant fee to the water bills to help burden the cost that the district pays for renting the hydrants. There are a lot of tax-exempt properties in the Village that uses the hydrants, so it would be fair to add the fee to anyone that uses the water in the village.

**Ashley from ACME Business:** Provided quotes for a new Sonicwall, Microsoft 365, and Sentinel 1 security. Ashley provided the technology posture assessment that was completed on May 9, 2022.

Sale quotes have been tabled until the next meeting.

**Barbara Burns:** Wanted to check in on the status on the property complaints that were filed roughly two years ago. Thought the village should send out a letter to the community regarding garbage that is being thrown out. Stated a lot of the younger community members just don't know that mattresses and tires don't go out on the side of road. Also, was checking in on the status of EBC.

**Jamie Baron:** Wanted to know who the Village Attorney was and if the board was comfortable with them. She is excited about EBC coming to the community and all the opportunities that could come to the Village. Would like to see the town square cleaned up. Would like to see the fairgrounds bring in entertainment.

**Streets Superintendent Gross:** Provided the board with the water and general fund budgets. Would like to take the remaining money in the water fund and purchase a zero-turn lawn mower. Would like to purchase the Ferris zero turn from Lamb & Webster. Presented the board with a quote from Bobcat for a Compact Track Loader to use to plow sidewalks in the winter. This would come out of the remaining funds in the General Fund. Would like to sell the John Deere tractor, the backhoe, the bombardier, and cement mixer to offset the cost.

**MOTION #152, 2021-2022**

Motion made by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the purchase of the Ferris zero-turn lawn mower. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

**AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Koch**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSENT: Trustee Palmatier**

The Compact Track Loader has been tabled until next meeting.

**MOTION #153, 2021-2022**

Motion made by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Mosher, to approve the selling of the above-mentioned used equipment. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

**AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Koch**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSENT: Trustee Palmatier**

**MAYOR:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Items from the Village Attorney's meeting has been tabled again. Some of the General Codes hasn't been updated yet. Still need to add operating permits, zoning laws, and marijuana laws. We haven't had an official meeting with the Village Attorney yet to discuss these updates. We are making sure that the code is certified with the NYS Attorney General.

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:** The outage on May 21, 2022, went well. They got so much stuff done with the help of the Village of Arcade, the City of Salamanca, and our Village Electric guys. We have CT problems that now have gone bad. They will need to be changes. Quotes have been sent out. Would like a motion to take the lowest bid for 3 CT's at roughly \$1000/piece.

**MOTION #154, 2021-2022**

Motion made by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve taking the lowest bid on 3 new CT's that are needed. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

**AYES:** Mayor Bowen, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Koch

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Trustee Palmatier

**TRUSTEES:**

**Trustee Jillian Koch:** Wyatt Taylor has donated benches and have already dropped them off. Streets Superintendent Gross suggested we put them in the gazebo until the Peter's Memorial is moved to a new location. Would like to see the water rates gradually increase to help with the cost of the new water infrastructure project. Asked about staining the gazebo this summer. Public Work Superintendent Young said that would be a project for the Summer Help employee. Asked about quotes for the new welcome signs. Quotes have been tabled until Trustee Palmatier can get them.

**Trustee Ray Hughes:**

**Trustee Rory Mosher:** Asked about the "Friends of Little Valley." Would like to know when they will start meeting. Asked about the status of draining and mowing the skating rink. Would like to see a part time person to be a grant writer to help the Village get a lot of these smaller grants that are available. Wanted to know what each department's plan is with new renewable energy restrictions.

**Trustee Todd Palmatier:** ABSENT

**CLERK TREASURER:**

**BUILDING & ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT:** BCEO Helgager has presented his bimonthly report on what he has been working on. Has mailed out four courtesy letters to property maintenance violators. Conducted 5 more fire inspections.

**PAY BILLS AND APPROVE PAYROLL REPORTS:**

Clerk Treasurer Emborsky presented the payrolls for May 18, 2022, and accounts payable printouts for the board's approval. She also had the board review the vouchers listing for each fund and sign for their approval. The vouchers to be approved for payment are as follows:

<b><u>05/11/22 through 05/24/22 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u></b>		
<b><u>CHECKS:</u></b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>#6888-6894 \$6,887.54</b>
	Electric Fund	#6788-6803 \$61,229.83
	Sewer Fund	#4812-4813 \$115.50
	Water Fund	#4939-4944 \$1,064.98
	Trust Fund	#3965-3966 \$1,177.61
	Water Project Fund	\$0.00
<b><u>Payroll Ending 05/18/22</u></b>		
	Payroll Fund	\$0.00
	Direct Deposit	\$23,318.57

**MOTION #155, 2021-2022**

Motion made by Trustee Mosher, seconded by Trustee Koch, to pay the bills and payroll as presented. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

**AYES:** Mayor Bowen, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Koch

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Trustee Palmatier

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:****MOTION #156, 2021-2022**

Motion made by Trustee Mosher, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to go into Executive Session at 8:13 PM. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

**AYES:** Mayor Bowen, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Koch

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Trustee Palmatier

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**MOTION #157, 2021-2022**

Motion made by Trustee Mosher, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to come out of Executive Session at 8:48 PM. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

**AYES:** Mayor Bowen, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Koch

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Trustee Palmatier

**ADJOURNMENT:****MOTION #158, 2021-2022**

Motion made by Trustee Mosher, seconded by Trustee Koch, to adjourn meeting at 8:49 PM. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

**AYES:** Mayor Bowen, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Koch

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Trustee Palmatier

Respectfully Submitted,



JoElla Emborsky  
Clerk Treasurer