

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

March 8, 2022

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

ABSENT: None

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

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION #111, 2021-2022

Motion made by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve minutes of February 22, 2022 meeting. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MAYOR:

OLD BUSINESS: Looking for suggestions for a village resident to be on the Fire District board. Clerk Treasurer Emborsky will compile a list of requirements for a Fire Commissioner.

The Village was awarded the grant for the drinking water project of \$2.6 Million and 0% financing on the \$1.7 Million for 30 years.

NEW BUSINESS: Winter hours will end on March 18, 2022. Clerk Treasurer Emborsky will give the Street Department a written notice stating they will be going back to normal hours starting March 21st.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Dennis and Bobby would like to attend the NY Rural Water Association's Training Workshop & Exhibition from May 23rd – May 25th. This training workshop will take place at the Turning Stone Resort & Conference Center in Verona, NY.

MOTION #112, 2021-2022

Motion made by Trustee Palmatier, seconded by Trustee Mosher, to send Dennis and Bobby to the NY Rural Water Association's Training Workshop & Exhibition from May 23rd – May 25th. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Public Works Superintendent Young would like to attend the MEUA semi-annual meeting on April 12th – 13th in Syracuse.

MOTION #113, 2021-2022

Motion made by Trustee Palmatier, seconded by Trustee Koch, to allow Public Superintendent Young to be the Village's voting delegate at the MEUA semi-annual meeting in April. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Power outage dates for Fourth Street breaker will be May 21st and June 18th. Postcards will be sent out and a second reminder will be put on the utility bills. We will also post on the message board as another reminder to the community.

TRUSTEES:

Trustee Jillian Koch: Gave an update on the meeting with the Village Attorney. They are going to hold on the vacant property laws. Nuisance laws will need to be further looked into, along with the zoning laws. The next meeting with the attorney will be on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. There will be a zoom beautification meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022, to discuss the planters. Asked Public Works Superintendent Young to have planters ready.

Trustee Ray Hughes:

Trustee Rory Mosher: Would like to have the Village look into a grant writer for smaller scaled grants that would be helpful for the community. Suggested that we budget for a grant writer. Trustee Koch stated Economic Development at the County would be able to help with these grants. Would like to see a recreation committee to put together activities for the community throughout the year, especially the summer months when parents are looking for activities for their children to do. Asked about capital improvements from each department and amount budgeted. Suggested using solar energy for our village buildings. Was asking about the status of the playground on Winship Avenue.

Trustee Todd Palmatier: Is wondering when we can begin to look into replacing and updating the Village Hall and Village Fitness Center. Would like the Village to provide porta johns for the little league fields. Asked about the old equipment and if it will be up for sale. Public Works Superintendent Young stated the backhoe, the John Deere tractor, the bucket truck and the Ford will be put up for sale. Would like to replace the John Deere tractor with a track steer with a V plow. This will be needed for next winter to plow the sidewalks with. Streets Superintendent Gross is currently collecting quotes for the new plow. The valves that were purchased during the sewer project, we can try to sell all but a couple of them. The Sewer Department would need a new lawn mower and hopefully selling the valves can help with the purchase of the mower. Trustee Palmatier asked if the buildings on First Street could be clean up especially the out barn near the poles. Would like to see more youth programs this summer. He will check with Ellicottville to see how they are able to provide their program to the community. Asked if the gymnasium at the old Little Valley school would be something they could use for summer activities.

MOTION #114, 2021-2022

Motion made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Koch, to provide porta johns for the Little League fields this summer. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Koch, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Mosher, Trustee Palmatier
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CLERK TREASURER: The Youth Bureau grant for \$1500 was completed and submitted on March 3, 2022. Clerk Treasurer Emborsky provided the board with budget amendments to increase the estimated revenues and expenses by \$3800 using the COVID 19 grant monies.

MOTION #115, 2021-2022

Motion made by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve budget amendments to increase the estimated revenues and expenses by \$3800 using the COVID 19 grant monies. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Koch, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Palmatier, Trustee Mosher
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

BUILDING & ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT: BCEO Helgager has submitted his weekly report to the state. On March 21, 2022, Williamson Lawbook will be doing a training on the program and would like someone else to attend the training. He stated the Village needs to revise the building codes to regulate the 1203(B) which takes into effect by the end of December 2022. The meeting on March 15, 2022, with the attorney will discuss the need for operating permits and floodplain permits.

PAY BILLS AND APPROVE PAYROLL REPORTS:

Clerk Treasurer Emborsky presented the payroll for February 23, 2022, 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:

<u>02/23/22 through 03/08/22 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>			
<u>CHECKS:</u>	General Fund	#6811-6827	\$7,327.25
	Electric Fund	#6689-6710	\$9,834.12
	Sewer Fund	#4748-4761	\$4,790.09
	Water Fund	#4867-4885	\$6,077.52
	Trust Fund	#3934-3935	\$1,148.74
	Electric – Refund	#6688	\$46.71
 <u>Payroll Ending 02/23/22</u>			
	Payroll Fund		\$0.00
	Direct Deposit		\$24,831.73
	Trust Fund	#3930-3933	\$9,464.23

MOTION #116, 2021-2022

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

AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Koch, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Palmatier, Trustee Mosher
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #117, 2021-2022

Motion made by Trustee Koch, seconded by Trustee Mosher, to adjourn meeting at 8:21 PM. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Respectfully Submitted,



JoElla Emborsky
Clerk Treasurer