

## **Regular monthly meeting of February 22, 2023**

**Present:** Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Gail Harrington, Marco Falsone, Mike Didas, David Poole. Others present: Clerk/Treasurer: Donna Wollschleger DPW Supervisor: Brian Rayburn, Jay Mitchell (Town of East Bloomfield), Town residents: Sean Dixon and Vaughn Buchholz.

The meeting was opened at 5:30 with the pledge to the flag.

### **Privilege of the floor:**

1. Mr. Dixon spoke about a water line issue that occurred a couple weeks prior. The water line is a non-approved water distribution line that is outside the Village limits and broke due to old piping. The residents want to know what they can do in the future if this happens again. The Mayor told them that it is not the responsibility of the Village to do anything nor can we. They are not in the Village and if the pipe breaks again, the water will be immediately shut off. The Village lost over a half million gallons of water during this break and it is not the responsibility of the Village residents to pay for their water. Jay Mitchell told them that the Town of East Bloomfield is trying to get a district formed as soon as possible before another breakage occurs. It is in the Town's hands not the Village. Further discussions were held.
2. 6:00 Jay Mitchell, Sean Dixon and Vaughn Buchholz left the meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the January 25, 2023 meeting were approved as amended.

### **Mayor's report:**

1. Brian and the Mayor went to talk to the attorney about the water issue on Rte. 444. The Village attorney said the Village has no obligation to those customers and the water can be shut off at any time.
2. The Mayor met with Jay Mitchell and Supervisor Wille to discuss the Rte. 444 water issues.
3. St. Peter's update: We are waiting on news for closing. The Diocese needs to have one more motion approved through NYS to sell the property.
4. The Mayor had a meeting with RGE, and they will be replacing all electric meters in the Village to Smart Meters sometime in the late fall. Homeowners will receive notification the week before that their electric will be turned off for approximately 10 minutes while their meter is converted. We will put information in the next newsletter and on our Facebook and web page once it gets closer.

### **Clerk/Treasurer report:** by Donna Wollschleger

1. The treasurer reports for January were submitted for review and discussion.
2. Abstract #9 (vouchers 251-284, TA 26) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$12,909.05; water fund \$4,937.76; sewer fund \$13,294.95; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. Trustee Poole motioned, seconded by Trustee Harrington, and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.

3. Donna reported receiving three candidate's petitions for the upcoming election. Trustee's Harrington and Poole are running again for a 4-year term as Trustee's and Mayor Falsone is running again for the 4-year term as Mayor. She reminded everyone that the election is on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-9pm.
4. Donna asked the Board's permission to move money in and out of NYCLASS as needed. The Board agreed that would be fine.
5. Discussion was held about financing the property at 44 Main St.

**Trustee Harrington made a motion, seconded by Trustee Poole to increase the General Fund budget \$40,000 from Fund Balance for the purchase of the property located at 44 Main Street, and to increase code A1940.4 for the expenditure. All in Favor**

**Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Didas to pre-approve the payment of \$40,000 for the purchase of the property located at 44 Main Street in the event closing is before our next meeting. All in favor**

**CEO report:** by Kim Rayburn

1. January report was submitted for review. No discussion was held.

**Public works report:** By Brian Rayburn

**Water:**

1. The water leak on Elm Street in the out of district users' area has been repaired. See "privilege of the floor."
2. There will be a pre-construction meeting 2/28/23 for the water project. We will have a better idea then of the start date and construction schedule.

**Sewer and WWTP:**

1. Proctor Enterprises has completed the roof repairs and replacements at the WWTP. Brian is satisfied with the work.
2. Both secondary clarifiers were pumped dry, cleaned and inspected this month. Repairs were made to one of the clarifiers.
3. All three of the rapid sand filters have been drained, cleaned, inspected and repairs made. The guys will begin sand replacement next week. This is a slow process. They have to carry 490, 100-pound bags of sand to the lower level of a building and spread the sand in the sand filters manually.
4. We have received 6 RFP's for the I and I project. Discussion was held. Brian, Mayor Falsone and Donna will meet to grade the proposals.
5. There was a sewer lift station by the Big M that went down last Sunday. Repairs have been made.

**Streets and Equipment:**

1. Plowing and salting is ongoing.
2. We have started prepping for the spring season and summer construction season.
3. New decorative light bulbs have been ordered for the downtown area. They will be installed as soon as they come in.

**Village Engineer:** none

**Standing committees:** none

**Special Committees:** none

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Several projects were added to the 2023/2024 budget for review.

**New Business:** The budget was handed out for review. There will be a public hearing for the budget at the next meeting.

**Announcement:** Remember to vote March 21, 2023.

**Adjournment:** The March meeting will be Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Falsone seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wollschleger,  
Clerk/Treasurer