

Regular monthly meeting of October 25, 2023

Present: Mayor Mark Falsone, Trustees: Gail Harrington, Mike Didas and David Poole, Marco Falsone
Others present: Clerk: Donna Wollschleger, DPW Supervisor: Brian Rayburn

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

Privilege of the floor: none

Minutes:

1. The minutes from the September 27, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

Mayor's report:

1. The Mayor had a zoom call with an attorney with BSK to discuss the proposal made by Verizon to put up a cell tower. The lawyers will do the negotiations for the Village if the Board agrees to move forward with having a tower in the Village. The Mayor shared with the Board some rent amounts that other local municipalities are receiving from Verizon for their towers. The cost of the negotiations would be approximately \$15,000 which would be recouped in 1-2 years. Verizon would have to fill out applications to both the Planning and Zoning boards. Discussion was held. A public hearing would be held before moving forward. The Mayor will discuss it further with the Attorney.
2. Donna filed LL#1 with NYS to change the weight restriction on Main St. We have not received the approval back yet.
3. Donna has requested 2 deputies for Halloween from 5-9.
4. Elms update: The Mayor received notification that the financing fell through on the purchase of the Elms. The buyer said he is looking for different financing.
5. A camera was installed on an RGE pole on Howard Ave in the Village last week. The Mayor was told by DOT that they are required to monitor all types of streets for traffic. It will only be up for approx. one week.

Clerk/Treasurer report: by Donna Wollschleger

1. Abstract #5 (vouchers 131-173, TA-5) was audited and approved in the following amounts: general fund \$92,823.27; water fund \$44,277.91; sewer fund \$6,347.85; and TA \$99.00. The clerk and DPW supervisor declared that all services have been rendered and all goods have been received. **Trustee Harrington motioned, seconded by Trustee Falsone, and it was unanimously carried to pay the bills as presented.**
2. The permissive referendum was put in the paper for the \$1000 from the Recreational Reserve to use at Veterans Park. Donna will wait for invoice from Town of East Bloomfield to send payment directly to them.
3. Tax update: Residents have till November 1st to pay. On November 2nd Donna will turn the uncollected tax bills over to the County. Currently, we have 11 properties unpaid.
4. We had to create a position for a part-time cleaner with Civil Services. That has been posted. The position will report to the Clerk/Treasurer.
5. New office updates: Flooring is done, carpeting is next week. (it was pushed back 1 week), painting is mostly done, security cameras are installed, garbage pickup is set up, utilities are all set to go except for the phone lines. Our office will be ready to move and open our doors

at the new office by our agreed date of November 6th pending we have heat in the building. We have been busy packing up and staging ready to start moving in.

6. Donna received 2 quotes for security and fire alarm systems for the new building at 46 Main St. The first quote was from SG Securities for \$13,429. The second quote was from Alternative Technologies for \$4,267. Discussion was held. The following motion was made:

Trustee Harrington made a motion, seconded by Mayor Falsone to approve the quote from Alternative Technologies for \$4,267 for the installation of the security and fire system.

7. It appears that Empire Access is expanding their services into the Village. We are on the map and trucks have been seen around the Village.
8. Donna and Carey went out to the County building and picked up some Covid supplies they are getting rid of. They are clearing out the building for winter.
9. Sales tax revenue is due in from the County this week. We will be receiving 1.5% over last year for the quarter.

CEO report: by Kim Rayburn

The September report was submitted for review. The Village office received 2 complaints about the Lucas property on State St. The Mayor will reach out to Kim and enforce the letter that Judy Judy wrote with her timeline. If needed, he says she needs to go back to court or the Village is going to go through the procedure to declare it an unsafe building and have it tore down at the owners expense. Discussion was held.

Public works report: By Brian Rayburn

Water:

1. The 4 pressure reducing valves in our system have been serviced and rebuilt for the year.
2. The new water storage tank at Techniplex is now full of water, however it is not in service yet.
3. Some internal piping will be replaced at the Oakmount pumpstation this month.

Sewer and WWTP:

1. Smoke testing has been completed. Several small issues were found but nothing significant. About 80 manholes will be inspected for leakage, Brian believes next week.
2. We still have not received the written DEC/EPA inspection report for the WWTP. Brian believes nothing of importance was found.
3. The off-highway sewer easement areas have been mowed for the year.

Streets and Equipment:

1. The old van and backhoe are scheduled for appraisals and listings on the auction site. I believe the auctions will start around November 10th.
2. The concrete downtown is complete. Holes for the flags will be drilled next week.
3. The banners are down (soldier banners went back to the Lions Club for storage), and the carts are in for the season.
4. The blacktop work has been completed for the year.

5. We have completed cleanup work at the slip lining site on Meadowview Lane. Complete restoration will be completed in the spring after the ground settles over the winter.
6. There are 3 trees that need to be taken down. The work will be completed by Extreme Tree.
7. Harvey Toomey's sump pump line will be repaired in the next couple of weeks. Brian met him onsite last week.
8. Fall brush pick up has been completed.

Church Hall:

1. The floor has been leveled as much as it can be. DPW will pour footers on the exterior in the next week or so and replace the outside beam.
2. The interior separation wall was framed this month.
3. The hydronic heat units are onsite and should be installed next week. After one leak is repaired in the Mayor's office, I will have the boiler cleaned, serviced, and put into service.
4. Exterior doors will be replaced this month as time permits.
5. The natural gas has been turned on and the interior piping has been pressure tested.

New Business:

1. Devante Morrison's probation period ends on 11/14/2022. Discussion was held and the following motion was made:

Mayor Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Didas to approve the permanent appointment of Devante Morrison in the position of Wastewater treatment plant trainee. All in favor.

2. Donna was asked to include something in the next newsletter about the leash law and that homeowners need to control dogs in their own yards. Dogs should not be allowed to reach the sidewalk. There have been several reports of dogs entering the sidewalk when people are walking by. We will include it in the January newsletter.
3. Reminder of next month's meeting date changed to November 29, 2023.

Donna asked the Board to go into executive session:

Brian Rayburn left the meeting.

6:39 PM: Executive Session -Mayor Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Didas to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. All in favor.

7:05 PM: Trustee Didas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Falsone to come out of executive session. All in favor.

4. Discussion was held on the new cleaner position and the following motion made:

Trustee Falsone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Poole to appoint Roxanne Birdsall to the position of Part-Time Cleaner at the rate of \$17.15/hr. effective 11/1/2023. All in favor.

Adjournment: The November meeting will be Wednesday, November 29th, 2023. Mayor Falsone motioned, Trustee Didas seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Wollschleger-Clerk