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Work Session Minutes – March 28, 2024

Trustee attendees	Present	Absent	Staff attendees	Present	Absent
Mayor Rob Reisman	X		Clerk-Treasurer Amy Beaudreau	X	
Deputy Mayor Rick Stortecky	X		DPW Super. Greg Quarantillo	X	
Trustee Catherine Stella		X	Chief Joe Paul		X
Trustee Kristel Stevens	X		Recreation Director Jeff Guarin		X
Trustee Nicole Quarantillo	X		Attorney Tom Caserta	X	
			Engineer Bob Lannon		X
			Volunteer Grant Writer Christine Rath		X

Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau announced that there is a quorum and the Board can proceed with the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW ITEMS:

2024-2025 Budget:

Mayor Reisman announced that the draft budget was emailed to the trustees and department heads on Tuesday, March 19. In that email, it was explained that there are deficiencies on the general side with small surpluses on the water and sewer side. The department heads will need to work together along with our budget officer to better balance what we have.

Currently the CHIPS program is not definitive for 2025, so the DPW cannot rely on that being a sure thing in the budget. Chips includes funding for work on the roads, sidewalks and equipment used for that work. DPW Superintendent Quarantillo estimates that the Village receives about \$50,000 a year.

Mayor Reisman stated that the remainder of the budget will be discussed line by line during the April meeting, but asked if there were any questions in the meantime.

Trustee Stevens did have questions about line items that were budgeted for larger amounts than last year. It was explained that the budget is currently not a zero-balance budget and that there are

items that need to be modified to more closely bring the budget into balance. This will be occurring within the next two weeks to present to the board and at the budget public hearing.

Mayor Reisman asked if there were any other new items to discuss.

Clerk-Treasurer vacancy:

Trustee Stevens read a prepared statement whereas she made it clear she did not support the vacancy of the former Clerk-Treasurer. A discussion ensued about the personnel matter, the appointment to fill the vacancy and the Village law that led to the decision.

Mayor Reisman announced that Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Beaudreau was appointed to Clerk-Treasurer on the afternoon of March 27, 2024.

OLD ITEMS:

Stormwater/MS4 reporting:

Mayor Reisman explained that at the work session meeting on February 22, 2024, Glen Calvery was in attendance to better explain the Storm Water/MS4 reporting. At that meeting, Mr. Calvery informed the board that the report is past due and must be completed to comply with NYS. Trustee Quarantillo asked how many years it was not completed and Mayor Reisman stated he believed two years. He stated that Mr. Calvery will inform the board on the timeframe to complete the past due reports and to keep everything compliant moving forward.

Mayor Reisman stated that the Village needed to designate an MS4/Stormwater Manager. A motion was made to contract with Glen Calvery by Trustee Stortecky and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Further discussion on Short Term Rentals:

Mayor Reisman stated that the topic of Short-Term Rentals has been on the radar in the past, and the board needs to move forward to develop a current plan. This will remain a Work Session agenda item until there is a policy in place.

A discussion ensued with ideas regarding a registry, other municipal laws or regulations, suggested residency requirements for owners. The trustees agreed that this was a discussion that needs to be resolved and set a timeframe for this to be completed in June by committee.

Discussion on sewer service billing for Water Street:

As requested by Mr. Lohr in July of 2023, a determination needs to be made regarding sewer billing for the marina on Water Street. Mayor Reisman stated that water was tapped into 347 Main Street for the marina, but the owner did not run sewer from that availability.

After a brief discussion, Attorney Caserta stated that he would speak with Mr. Lohr's lawyer with a proposal according to what NYS law will allow for charges for sewer service.

Metal detecting Special Use Permit

Mayor Reisman asked Attorney Caserta where the wording was for the proposal of metal detecting. Attorney Caserta stated he would send it to the board.

Discussion on water main breaks suspected to be due to a pressure defect:

As the board is aware, there was a cluster of water main breaks about a month ago. At that time, there was a discussion with the Town of Porter Water Department and it was suspected that this may be due to water pressure defects from the Niagara County water lines. Superintendent Quarantillo stated he has not heard anything further and realistically stated that water main breaks can happen at any time. He stated he was not sure there is a way to pursue Niagara County as he cannot prove that was the cause.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Village Board meeting will be April 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The next work session will be April 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Quarantillo. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.