

Regular Village of Norwood Board Meeting
August 21st, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order August 21, 2018 by Mayor Timothy Levison. Called to order 4:28pm

Also Present: Trustees:

Kristin Nezezon
Glenn Webster
Mike diVencenzo
Clerk Nancy Berger
Dan McGregor
Youth: Michelle Garrow
OIC Englert
Fire Dept Rep. None

Leonard Halpern Code Officer
Attorney: V. Gettmann

Absent :

Mike Zagrobelny Excused
Nick Orologio Rec Director

Moment of silence for Dick Boprey for 25+ years of service to the Village also as Mayor during some of that time.

Motion: diVencenzo/Nezezon to wait until the minutes were presented Ayes 3.

Motion: diVencenzo/ Nezezon to approve to approve payment of the abstract of audited bills. Motion: Ayes 3. General Fund \$73,238.02 Water Fund \$2,399.68 Sewer Fund \$18,351.96 for a grand total of \$93,989.66. Ayes 3. It was noted that there was a Verizon bill that was over \$400 due to a virus on the computer at the WWTP, we have changed the service over unlimited service. Nancy will see if she can recoup some of the difference from Verizon. Question on the Wood Chop Shop bill which was for the WWTP, Mike Smith received 3 quotes to purchase a new lawn mower as the repairs for the mower for the plant would cost as much as the repairs.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Presented, we are still working on the annual audit, we did ask for an extension this year.

Motion Zagrobelny/Nezezon Ayes 4.

ATTORNEY: Records request for previous employee, we are looking to pursue legal fee for water service that do not pay as we cannot re levy. We will need to send disconnect letter. We should send them a 30 day notice. Nancy will send Virginia the list of names and balances for the past due w&s bills. We will have to bill for all the amounts as we are not allowed to excuse past due amounts as the state says that is considered a gift. Virginia asked if everyone has reviewed the 2 new proposed laws for B&B and Property Maintenance. A discussion on Air B&B as opposed to B&B ensued we will need to take a closer look. Virginia will send out the revised laws for the board review.

DPW: Report presented, water has been installed at the fountain park. Black top is completed, CHIPS is being completed.

WATER/SEWER: The lagoons are slowly coming back to normal, the patching at the lagoons were completed. There was a patch done on one of the water towers.

POLICE: Mark has been working on personal policy procedures. Virginia stated there needs to be a definition of the relationship between the board and the police department. There currently no contract between the department and the Village. Virginia will try to find a contract for the PD.

FIRE DEPT: Report presented by Chief Monica.

ZONING: Presented

YOUTH: Michelle said that the Beach will be closing on Friday 24th. The beach had a great summer, with a lot of activity the beach had over 100 kids signed up for swimming this year up from 30 2 years ago. The beach hosted free lunch Friday for the kids. Michelle spoke about the SUNY Potsdam, CLEAR Program, a community program that was geared towards youth. SUNY Potsdam is no longer able to provide the program. Some of the other programs were picked up by SUNY Potsdam such as dance. The youth gymnastics program was one of the programs that did not get picked up. SUNY Potsdam is looking for an outside agency to come in and run the program as a 3rd program. The gymnastics program is a self-supporting program. There has been no outside interest in running the program. Michelle was wondering if the Village of Norwood would be interested in running the program. There is the potential to make 15K – 18K. There is also the opportunity to hold a summer camp which would also generate additional income for the Village. Potsdam Public Library reached out to the CLEAR program and said that if they are able to have someone take over the program they do the registration at no cost. What this will mean for the Village is a liability policy if we will need to add SUNY Potsdam to the policy. All the activities will be held at Merritt Hall and there are several of the previous staff would be willing to come on board. Michelle agreed that she would be willing to oversee the program. The program will have to follow all the guidelines set forth by SUNY Potsdam. We will also be able to use the pool as well we could also possibly offer a family swim day. TTE

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diVencenzo asked how many kids from Norwood are involved, Michelle responded a lot. We will need to

look at how the employees will be paid. If they should be paid by a stipend, or weekly. These are all questions that we will need to look into before a decision could be made. TTE Nezezon would like to do a partnership with the Town of Potsdam.

MAYOR: Fall Festival on the 15th of September, most of the entertainment has been lined up we have aprox. 10-12 vendors signed up. Addie Jennie was in town a few weeks back she toured 1 3 5 Mechanic St. the museum, grade school on the outside. Tim explained the situation with the lack of funds to clean up the school and how we are trying to sell 1 3 5 Mechanic St. she really didn't have any solutions for us but took it under advisement. The Concert Season is over successfully. The Kiosk has been installed at the beach. We decided to unveil it the day of the poker run. Route 56 everyone has received a copy of a letter from Sara Hartman concerning the traffic flow from the Lobster House to Nice & Easy the speed limit is 40 miles per hour and it is a passing zone. The letter states that they want the DOT to revisit this and possibly make changes for the safety of all. Nancy will draft a letter to support the research. Aaron Jarvis did the study to see what it would cost to retro the building for a generator the cost of which was \$7K. Nancy still needs to work on a grant for a generator for the building.

TRUSTEES: diVencenzo thanked Dan for getting the hydrant in up at the park. Mike has heard a lot of positive on the gardens.

TTE Webster is still collection information on the LED lighting for the Village.

VISITORS: Taffy Cameron was concerned for the property at 49 Elm St. The owner of the property is out of the area and there is someone living there but the property is overgrown, and the person who lives there has several dogs using the yard to relieve themselves as well as children playing in the yard. Taffy was advised to contact Child Protective Services.

Joe Loitta gave a report on the Concert Series. It was a very good year the revenues were down slightly, but all in all a good year.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Letter to DOT supporting Sara Hartman's letter for a study to reduce speed limit along SH 56 between the intersection of Lakeshore Drive, and South Main St.** Motion diVencenzo/Nezezon 3 Ayes.
- 2.
- 3.

FOR DISCUSSION

- 1.

Motion to adjourn Nezezon/Webster Ayes 3.

Meeting adjourned 6:43 PM.