

Regular Meeting  
December 21, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order December 21, 2015 at 5:00PM by Mayor Tim Levison.

Also Present: Trustees Boprey, diVincenzo, Besaw, Zagrobelny  
Clerk Susan Bartlett  
DPW Supt. Dan McGregor  
FD Asst. Chief Tina Garrow  
Police OIC Jay Harris  
Code Enforcement Leonard Halpern

Visitors: Robbie Regan & Reporter

Motion Boprey/Zagrobelny to approve minutes of the last meeting. Ayes 4.

Motion diVincenzo/Besaw to approve payment of abstract of audited bills. Questions on Frenchie's – Aar bag done; FD Prime – oil for all vehicles; LaValle – hydraulics on ladder truck; McGregor Electric bill several calls with callout time for each. Satisfied, so ayes 4.

**DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:**

**DPW** report. Doing ditch on Whitney; NG cutting trees – crew doing cleanup.

**WATER/SEWER** report. Award received for water; new pump ordered for S. Main pump station; Well house transfer switch bad – may have to get a new one. Operator will update his monthly report for the Board meeting each month since it is two to three weeks old by the time of the meeting.

**POLICE:** Report. Speeding tickets up. At first snows, Supt. asks for someone to be available to warn and then ticket private plowers who put snow back into the road in order to nip it in the bud. Dan has authority to write tickets for snow removal. Jay was asked what condition their “fleet” is in. Response is one car just about useless. Suggested that any officer might look into grants or perhaps a second hand vehicle. Jay feels Radell might.

**FIRE:** A couple of major fires and power outage. Mayor commented that during the outage coordination between DPW, Fire, and Police was excellent....very good job. FD was very busy with aux power for residents with oxygen and such.

**ZONING:** Letter received by Mayor from Hinkley asking for no parking. Perry's Big M would like a sign on Rt. 56 with an arrow (like the Legion one) to direct people to store. Discussion followed... need to make application with plan specifics.

**ARENA/BEACH:** Softball Tournament benefit held by “Sports For Cancer” gave check for \$100 for use of the fields. He has some ideas for improvements to the Beach area: (1) another building added to the arena for more storage (2) boat launch at the beach opened with aluminum dock and boat slips for people to leave boats (3) open ball fields to summer camping (4) security cameras. He is having some trouble with people leaving the gate open, evidently rowers. If it continues, he will change the lock and limit the keys. Jim Besaw asked if Nick has his budget prepared; he responded that he prepared one for the Town of Potsdam but has heard nothing about what they will be contributing. Jim asked if some of the fence posts could be replaced at the old school ball field. The new posts were provided but not put up yet.

**MAYOR:**

- 1) Ruth Garner Day went well.
- 2) Liotta sign up on Band Shell.
- 3) Tax on Baldwin Acres II question.....contacted assessor and they have until a year from this March to make determination, so nothing known yet.
- 4) Dollar General open and no problems.
- 5) Mike McGinnis finished, and passed, schooling.
- 6) Wants to reinstate “Safety Committee”.
- 7) Winter festival a success; diVincenzo would like to see the Village give more financial support – something for consideration at budget time.
- 8) Ethics Committee needs to “come back to life”
- 9) New meeting time?? Asked for Trustee opinions. Boprey likes 5, Zagrobelny says Potsdam does 7 Besaw feels it should be later.....maybe split difference and go with 6.
- 10) Tax cap at .012, amounts to about \$6000 for us.

Letter received from Dana Cole, 30 Park St. She is moving from 30 Park St., but has an apartment rental still occupied and feels she should not be billed for two. Discussion resulted in decision if empty, won't be billed for two, just the one.

The Clerk presented a copy of an estimate from “Joyfull Noise Construction” for replacement of the window in the clerk’s office. The present window was scheduled for replacement when the building was renovated, but has been put off and/or a contractor has been difficult to tie down. The Board feels it is too high and wants other estimates. Leonard will get the clerk names of contractors to try.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Request by County to adopt the “ST LAWRENCE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN”.** Board not really sure exactly what this entails – would like a copy so issue tabled on motion diVincenzo/Besaw. Ayes 4.

**2. ELECTION March 15, 2016:** Motion Zagobelny/Besaw there will be no registration day, the polling place is the Municipal Building, and polls open from noon to 9PM. Ayes 4.

**3. NO PARKING BALDWIN AVNUE:** Resolution NO PARKING on either side of Baldwin Avenue effective January 1, 2016 until further notice when it **may** be revisited adopted on motion Zagobelny/diVincenzo. Ayes 4.

**4. MEETING TIME CHANGE:** Motion Besaw/Zagobelny that the Village Board Meeting time will change to 6:00 PM each month. Ayes 4.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 PM.