

Regular Village of Norwood Board Meeting  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by Mayor Timothy Levison. Called to order 6:00pm

Also Present: Trustees:

Kristin Nezezon  
David Fenton  
Glenn Webster  
Mike diVencenzo  
Clerk Nancy Berger  
Dan McGregor  
OIC Herne  
Jim Grant Fire Department

Absent:  
Attorney: V. Gettmann Excused  
Nick Orologio Rec Director Excused  
Youth: Michelle Garrow Excused  
Zoning Officer: Vacant

Motion: diVencenzo/Fenton motion to approve January Minutes Ayes 4.

Motion: Nezezon/diVencenzo motion to approve payment of the abstract of audited bills. Motion: Ayes 4.  
General A Fund \$44,823.58 Water F Fund \$2,487.50 Sewer G Fund \$3,785.20, for a grand total of \$51,096.28.  
Nancy would correct the given treasurer report to send out to the board.

**OPENING OF SEALED BIDS:** 1 Bid from TTE Webster for the old Police Impala for \$101.01 and 1 Bid again from TTE Webster for 1,3,5 Mechanic Street for \$7501.99 moved to action item, Accepted

**REPORTS:**

**TREASURER:** Presented

**ATTORNEY:** None

**DPW:** Report presented. No major break downs according to Dan, he is hoping to make it through what is left of the winter season with the remaining salt that they have. TTE Nezezon mentioned that the end of Ashley street had a noticeable heave in the road and asked Dan if it was due to a broken pipe, but Dan believes that it heaves like that because a crew had dug up that area for a sewer project and it has now created the dip in the road. TTE Fenton asked if DPW was having any issues with people parking overnight in the streets, Dan mentioned that there weren't too many issues regarding that, except one car on Mechanic Street every now and then. Mayor Levison question how the water break occurred, which turned out to be an issue with the terrain and the cast iron that the pipes were made of. UFPO on High street for the old Newvine residence that had been called in by the gas company. TTE Nezezon asked about using different machines to try and remedy the issue of the MT sweeper becoming too old to operate. New dump truck is working great for the department.

**WATER/SEWER:** Refund for 49 Spring Street/Parham vacant lot, bill has been voided

**POLICE:** Presented. Calls for assistance are up from last month's report. TTE Nezezon asked OIC Herne what firearms are owned by the village, in which OIC Herne clarified that the village owns 3 Glock 22s, one was obtained last month through a trade for two old .357 revolvers through Performance Shooting in Westville. The glocks stay at the station under lock and key with a mandatory sign in sheet. The Tasers are also kept inside of this locker with the officer on duty knowing that there should be 3 Glocks inside the locker with the 2 tasers before every shift. There are only 1 to 2 officers that use the department firearms, most carry their own service weapon which are all 40 caliber Glocks with the exception of OIC Herne, who uses a M&P 40. Officer Shutts does regular inspections on the firearms to make sure they are ready for use. There is a request for the department to obtain a patrol shotgun, Compared to a .22 AR-15, a shotgun round will drop off when fired, where the AR-15 round would travel for a good mile through buildings, which is then a public safety risk. TTE diVencenzo asked how the shotgun would be secured inside the car, OIC Herne spoke about the different locking mechanisms that can be acquired to make it so the weapon can not be accessed by someone outside of the department. As for incidents that had caught the attention of the department, OIC Herne mentioned that there had been a break in incident involving three kids that had entered the building located at the fireman's field, which had a positive outcome without any charges. OIC Herne has usefully secured the computers at the station and created individual log ins for each officer, which in turn takes away the old desk book and call logs that had been used in the past. The use of SJS helps with maintaining these records incase there is an issue with the computers at the station. Officer Shawn Wells has been appointed Assistant OIC, effective Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. OIC Herne then brought up a question regarding an officer that has been on the list, but has not worked since June. The board clarified that they believed that the officer in question, Officer Andy French, was on the employment list due to him being able to train but the issue would be tabled in order to work itself out.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No report presented. Budget has been submitted to the Clerk. Trying to band together all of the chiefs in an attempt to delegate roles and duties to each. There was a resignation submitted for G. Bova for personal reasons, no copy was given to the board as of yet, but one will be sent to the Clerk. Mayor Levison questioned whether or not there needed to be a change in the bi-laws for the department not having a treasurer, which needs to be voted in by the counsel, in the meantime Joe Andrasik has taken over as treasurer for the association. Tim Donahue resigned and became an honorary member, who had previously been the

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treasurer for the Fire Department. New air bottles are needed, 14 out of 14 that are in use, are coming to the end of their expiration dates which then was suggested that we phase out a few of the air bottles with new ones to then stagger the purchasing of the air bottles. A fairly specific list was requested for how the money in the budget would be used inside the department in regards to replacing turn out gear as well as the air bottles. A budget hearing for the fire department was established for Tuesday February 26, 2019 at 5:30 pm. There was a concern brought up regarding the ice that would accumulate in front of the garage doors, due to the way it has been plowed. The issue would be brought to the attention of DPW.

**ZONING:** Currently no Code Enforcement Officer due to Leonard Halpern resigning. Bill MacIntire was present at the meeting by the invitation of Mayor Levison to fill the position. There was already money planned out in the budget for the training seminars that Bill would need to attend. The Mayor had reached out to the Town of Potsdam's Code Enforcement Officer Greg Thompson, where there was an initial agreement to try and help, but abruptly backed out. The hiring of Bill MacIntire as the new Code Enforcement Officer was then moved to an action item. Perry's Market renovations are still underway with no permit being issued by the previous CEO. TTE Nezezon mentioned that he had just been in Perry's Market the other day and did not see exit signs. It was later confirmed that there are exit signs up.

**YOUTH:** None

**MAYOR:** AIM funding is being taken away, the incentive is to then have the county reimburse this money through the internet sales tax, which is not currently made law in the State of New York. The stairs and walkway of the municipal building need to be taken care of before the building opens at 8:30 am. There have been a few slips and falls in the Village. The liners of the Lagoons in the water treatment plant are in need of being replaced. A grant is being requested in order to fund the engineers report of the facility. The aerators at the plant are completely frozen solid, and two refurbished ones have been purchased to replace the frozen ones.

TEAMSTERS Union contract has been signed. The Clerk has stated that as of December 2018, the Village had funded the \$3,000 in the original health savings account, however, in March the Village now needs to fund the Unions health savings account, which is \$7,500. The original payment will then be reimbursed back to the employees that have not used it. There was some confusion as to when insurance had been agreed upon between the board and the Union. The Clerk was then going to contact the old insurance company to see if the money that had already been funded, can be then credited to the new policy for the employees.

**TRUSTEES:** TTE Fenton asked about the dam project, which is a work in process. The problem seems to be that the dam is built on shale that then allows the ground water to come up from below, but it is undetermined how this is occurring. There is one house that is considered in high risk area to the dam. TTE Fenton also mentioned that the Clerk should look into the maximum federal employer contribution for a HSA, due to the fact that if the \$7,000 is paid and then the \$3,000 that had already been paid, may exceed the maximum limit.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Hold Harmless Resolution Motion to approve Fenton/Nezezon Ayes 4. The agreement is between the Village of Norwood and St. Lawrence County for providing services for 2019.
2. General Code: Auditing Nezezon/diVencenzo Ayes 4. Accepted the proposed cost to update new codes.
3. Contract between Energy Cooperative and Village of Norwood: Motion to approve Fenton/Webster Ayes 4 Terms are 1 year @\$0.04236/kWh under single bid
4. Code Enforcement Officer: Motion to appoint Bill MacIntire; Nezezon/diVencenzo Ayes 4
5. March Meeting Change of Date to Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6pm due to elections, and the Annual meeting for April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 pm: Webster/Nezezon Ayes 4
6. Sealed Bids: diVencenzo/Nezezon Ayes 3, Webster abstained. 2 sealed bids were received 1 for the 2005 Impala i/a/o \$101.01 from David Webster and From Glenn Webster for 1 3 5 Mechanic Street for \$7501.00
7. Local law 190-37 to schedule for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:45 pm: diVencenzo/ Fenton Ayes 4. The local law is to enforce a time limit on public parking in the village.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Insurance Claim: woman fell behind Lauri's casual cuts while in the parking lot
2. Audit Quote

Exe Session:

Motion to adjourn Nezezon/Fenton Ayes 4. Meeting adjourned 8:06pm