

Regular Village of Norwood Board Meeting
February 16th, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order February 16th, 2021 by Mayor Timothy Levison. Called to order 6:00pm
Also Present: Trustees:

Kris Nezezon	
Matt Tebo	OIC Shawn Wells/Zoom
Glenn Webster	Absent:
Mike diVincenzo	
Village Clerk Nancy Berger	Michelle Garrow
Superintendent Dan McGregor	Nick Oroglio
Brianna Beaulieu/Zoom	
Bill MacIntyre Code Officer/Fire Department	

Motion: Webster/Tebo motion to approve December minutes. Ayes 4 Nays 0. The Mayor asked how soon the minutes could be added to the web site.

Motion: Nezezon/diVincenzo motion to approve payment of abstract of audited bills. Ayes 4 Nays 0; General A Fund \$48,765.19, Water F Fund \$4,246.70, Sewer G Fund \$8,439.84; TA Fund \$681.81; TOTAL BILLS \$62,133.54

VISITORS: Due to a rising number of positive COVID-19 cases, visitors attended via Zoom.
Attorney Amanda Rhodes, Mr. & Mrs. Seiferts.

Andrea lives in Canton, has lived in the north country for quite a long time. Her practice includes civil, family and some pro bono work. She is interested in what is going on in the Village. TTE Nezezon asked if she is versed in municipal law. Andrea is not but she knows where to look. TTE Nezezon asked if she was versed in property transfers. TTE Nezezon said that we will need to prepare a procurement policy. TTE Nezezon talked about the different departments ie, police, fire, beach. We have quite a bit coming up that we will need legal advice. It was discussed how we do local laws and the fact that they need to be approved by the state. TTE diVincenzo brought up we will need to work on labor issues such as contracts for salaried employees. Andrea said she was comfortable with these issues and is versed in hiring and firing issues. TTE Nezezon addressed the projects we need to focus on such as the LED lighting as well as WWT plant we need to do upgrades and the procurement of contractors.

The Seiferts were present to ask for any updates regarding the parking issue in front of Hometown Market. The Seiferts are looking for any building plans/permits that may have been obtained for the store. TTE Webster has some info for the building upgrades. He has been researching what the County has on file as well. TTE Webster asked if they would be ok with only one parking in the front of the building for handicap parking. TTE Webster would like to come down and see if he could park in their driveway to see how far back the parking would need to be agreeable to them. The Seiferts said that this process has progressed very slowly. TTE Webster suggested having a crosswalk area and only one parking space. The Seiferts would be interested in perusing this option. TTE Webster said that he would reach out to John & Sue Fregoe to see if a compromise could be made. Mr. Seifert said they also have another concern, who ever is plowing the parking lot at the store is plowing all the snow up to the two posts and the pile is quite large, this is creating a hazard and would like to know or who will be responsible. Dan McGregor said that the DPW isn't responsible but they will remove the pile when they clear the other banks around the Village. TTE Nezezon said that our code enforcement officer will look deeper into the laws regarding the snow piles.

Treasurer: Report presented for December; January's report will be completed soon. All reports for the month are in a binder in the Clerks office and can be viewed by anyone interested. Budget workshop will be at 5 pm on 23rd. The clerk is reaching out to USDA for the purchase of some of the equipment for the DPW. Renee is no longer our contact as she was promoted and Lucas Manning will now be our contact.

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Attorney: Virginia has not returned several phone calls.

DPW: Report was presented, there was a discussion on weather Dan would like to have a skid steer or a MT for a purchase of the sidewalk clearing. The Mayor asked if everyone was back on day shift, Dan said as of 4am. The Mayor asked if we have moved further on the right of way for the water tower, we have not as we don't have a lawyer in place to help with this issue. There was a discussion on what Dan will ultimately like for the building so that the equipment will all be stored in the heat. TTE Nezezon said that it would be better to use the \$30K that Dan asked to install insulation in the metal building to go towards a new building.

Water/Sewer: The new pump will be installed on well 2, Dan had to order another part. The Mayor asked about the new testing that the DEC has required for the water. There was a water main break on Ridge Rd, it has been repaired, the break was due to a large rock under the main.

Police: Report was presented. Clerk asked if Shawn had a vehicle in his budget request. He doesn't at this time. He is looking at used vehicle from the Village of Canton. They would be already equipped with necessary items for a police car. TTE Nezezon asked if there really was a need for a second car. There isn't a huge need but at times when there are parades or traffic control they due use the other car. The Mayor asked about a public hearing regarding the police reform. The deadline is April 1st. TTE Nezezon asked if we have a policy and would like to review it, we will need a public hearing on this. This doesn't need to be a local law, but need to be submitted to the state. We will have a public hearing on this on March 16th, at 5pm. 2021. Mayor Levison asked how staffing was, it is a little slim after Officer Herne but OIC Wells has another candidate in mind.

Zoning: Report presented,

Fire Department: Presented a report, we are waiting for the budget request from the department. They are looking at another thermal imaging camera.

Youth: None.

Mayor:

Trustees: TTE Webster asked about Baldwin Acres, for water and sewer, is it possible to reduce the rate. We did have a new water/sewer rate that we did not enact because of the COVID-19.

Action Items:

1. Local Law Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law, Section 3-c for the Fiscal year 2021-2022 Village Budget. Motion by diVencenzo/Nezezon Ayes 4
2. Resignation
3. Approval of Contract with the Town of Potsdam Recreation Motion by diVencenzo/Webster Ayes 4
4. Approval of Contract with the Town of Potsdam Fire Protection. Motion by Nezezon/Webster Ayes 4

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Section 466 Volunteer firefighters and fire companies in Village real property tax.

Exe Session: Motion to move into executive session; Personnel diVencenzo/Tebo 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Executive session begins at 7:22pm and ended at 7:53pm.

Motion to adjourn Nezezon/Tebo, Ayes 4 Nays 0. Meeting adjourned at 07:54pm.