

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order April 20th, 2021 by Mayor Timothy Levison. Called to order 6:00pm

Also Present: Trustees:

Kris Nezezon

Matt Tebo

Glenn Webster

Mike diVincenzo- arrived late

Village Clerk Nancy Berger

Dan Monica DPW

Brianna Beaulieu Deputy Clerk

Bill MacIntyre Code Officer/Fire Dept. Rep

Andrea Marotta-Rhodes

Shawn Wells OIC- arrived late

Absent:

Michelle Garrow

Nick Orologio

Motion: Nezezon/Tebo motion to approve March meeting minutes; Ayes 3. There were questions about the new website updating with recent minutes and Nancy stated that she had contacted Chad Rice to upload them to the site.

Motion: Nezezon/Tebo motion to approve payment of abstract of audited bills. Ayes 4 Nays 0; General A Fund \$20,273.02 Water F Fund \$82, 558.80, Sewer G Fund \$106,629.99; TA Fund \$415.64; TOTAL BILLS \$209,876.45

VISITORS: Sue & John Fregoe attended as spectators.

**Treasurer:** There was a small problem when balancing the accounts, but the reports will be sent to the board tomorrow (4/21/2021).

**Attorney:** None.

**DPW:** Report presented. TTE Nezezon asked about the bill from Haun welding for the rented propane cylinders and asked if another company may be better priced. Dan stated that he would look around for a cheaper vendor. Mayor Levison shared a letter with Dan from a village resident complaining about sidewalks. Dan states that there are a lot of spots that need to be replaced but they will not be able to get everything done that needs to be during the summer. Brush pick up has started for the summer season every Monday. There was also discussion of the pigeons in the ceiling of the Municipal Hall and Dan replied that he would look into taking care of that. Dan suggested looking into a grant writer to help tap into federal and state funds.

**Water/Sewer:**

**Police:** Report presented. There is an application and resume for Brittney Meashaw to join the PD. OIC Wells would like to expand to the other part of the building where the boy scouts had met. They department has currently outgrown their current office building and is asking for permission

from the board to maybe start that process. The board agreed that for the longevity of the building, it would be beneficial for the PD to expand to that other area. OIC Wells also wants to start at bike patrol. Norwood PD will now serve as court officers for the Town of Potsdam Court and Al Huckle will be taking charge of that, but in the event he cannot, another officer will step in. There are no conflicts with the current scheduling of the department with doing this. TTE diVincenzo asked if all of the officers are up to date with certifications i.e. tasers and the like. The new officer Nicol has mentioned that he might be able to keep his trained K9 registered and in use for the Village. OIC Wells stated that he would also be looking into other agencies that may be looking to get rid of some of their K-9 equipment in order to retrofit the car. Mayor Levison asked for OIC Wells' take on the recent legalization of marijuana in New York State. OIC Wells stated that marijuana is now on the same level of alcohol and that the department will have to make some adjustments to their policing especially in regards to searching vehicles or homes strictly based on the odor of marijuana. All marijuana related evidence that was stored in the department has now been destroyed and a memo has been sent to each officer stating these changes. There was also a policy created stating that no officer will use marijuana the day before duty, the day of duty, or have marijuana in their system while on shift for the department.

**Zoning:** Report presented. Bill attended a virtual refresher training course via zoom. Jane Peacock had sent in a letter of retirement from the Zoning Board. There were concerns regarding a resident letting their sump-pump run down the street and Bill met with the owner to place the hose on their lawn and not on the street. Bill then had questions regarding the difference between a privacy fence and a security fence. TTE Tebo replied that a privacy fence is a fence that doesn't allow the area to be seen by neighbors or passing bystanders where a security fence is more for keeping people out instead of out of view. Bill stated that there is no local village law that defines the two and the board stated to defer to what the town, the county or state has for regulation in regards to privacy vs. security fences.

**Fire Department:** Report Presented. Elections were held on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the results are as followed: Chief Harold Loomis; 1<sup>st</sup> assistant Chief Jeremy French; 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant Chief Bill MacIntire; 3<sup>rd</sup> assistant Chief Mike Daggett; Administration Jim Grant; Treasurer Thomas Murray. There is a Chicken BBQ/ Spaghetti dinner scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 11 am. There is also a recruitment day Saturday April 24, 2021, at the station. There will be a parade and fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Physicals were completed April 11<sup>th</sup> and cancer screening has started.

**Youth:** Michelle is eager to start the swimming season and is looking to start getting applications out for lifeguards soon.

**Mayor:** None. All matters previously discussed.

**Trustees:** TTE Webster asked about the LED lighting and the attorney is still reviewing the contract. He also has been in touch with Mike Dow in order to get a certificate from National Grid to be able to work on the lights for the village. TTE Nezezon asked that the back electrical panel be looked at because he believes that it is a safety hazard as well as looking into a generator for the municipal building. TTE Tebo restated what Dan had mentioned about looking into a grant

writer for the village. Nancy replied that she will reach out to Matilda Larson at the County for some guidance.

**Action Items:**

1. Motion to approve Fire Department elected members on the Board of Chiefs; Webster/Tebo Ayes 4.
2. Motion to approve the new members to the Fire Department. diVincenzo/Webster Ayes 3; Tebo abstained.
3. Motion to deny water/sewer refund to 89 N. Main Street. Nezezon/Tebo Ayes 4.
4. Motion to approve retirement of Jane Peacock from Village Zoning Board; diVincenzo/Tebo Ayes 4.
5. Motion to approve NYDEC draft letter to be sent to the DEC; Nezezon/Tebo 4 Ayes.
6. Motion to approve water/sewer relevy; Nezezon/Webster 4 Ayes.
7. Motion to approve Brittney Meashaw to Police Department. diVincenzo/Webster Ayes 4.

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Kubota
2. Sewer rate change of 2019
3. Bid for Trash services

**Exe Session:**

Motion to adjourn Tebo/Nezezon, Ayes 4 Nays 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.