

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order July 20th, 2021 by Mayor Timothy Levison. Called to order 6:02pm

Also Present: Trustees:

Kris Nezezon
Matt Tebo
Glenn Webster
Shawn Wells OIC
Village Clerk Nancy Berger
Brianna Beaulieu Deputy Clerk

Excused due to severe storm:
Mike diVincenzo
Bill MacIntire Code/Fire
Michelle Garrow- Aquatics Director
Andrea Marotta-Rhodes- Attorney
Dan McGregor Superintendent
Nick Orologio

Motion: Nezezon/Tebo motion to approve June meeting minutes; Ayes 3 Nays 0.

Motion: Nezezon/Tebo motion to approve payment of abstract of audited bills. Ayes 3 Nays 0; General A Fund \$40,524.97; Water F Fund \$10,464.45, Sewer G Fund \$2691.50; TA Fund \$415.64; TOTAL BILLS \$54,096.56. TTE Nezezon asked for an audit on our petty cash, and Nancy stated that she would get that amount to them.

VISITORS: Michelle Collins came to ask about changing the local law regarding ATV use on Village roads. Michelle stated that she has been in contact with Deb Christy with St. Lawrence Trails about connecting trails to the Village. OIC Wells replied that even if village streets can be ATV assessable, it is still illegal for ATVs to travel on State or County roads that are not designated as such. The board agreed that they would be willing to meet with Deb Christy regarding the trails and will proceed from there.

Peggy Mousaw attended via zoom; discussed her role as a grant writer and asked what kind of future projects the Village has. The Board responded with several upcoming projects, such as a new DPW garage, a generator for the municipal building/Fire department as well as new vehicles and equipment for the DPW. Peggy recommended that the American Rescue Plan money coming in should be placed into its own bank account to keep a clear track to where the money goes. Peggy then went on to say that she needs to be board approved before she can start looking into grants for the Village; approval moved to action item. Peggy requested blue prints of the municipal building for the generator. Nancy stated that she would get that information for Peggy and be in touch with her tomorrow.

Treasurer: Year-end report presented.

Attorney: Dan would like to have a letter drafted for the right of way to the water tower no longer being in use, therefore not plowing the property owner's driveway during the winter months.

DPW: Report presented. Dan and the crew were working hard on clearing trees and debris from the storm that occurred just hours before the meeting. Union Negotiations will be starting soon. Nancy states that she knows the crew will be asking that when they retire, they can cash in on their unused sick time. However, this is already in their current contract. There are several trees, if they weren't cleared by the storm, that need to have limbs cut or need to be taken out completely. Maple Street has been paved and looks great. The DPW garages are not in the greatest shapes and the back building that stores the salt is in terrible shape. The problem is finding land to put the new structure on, as well as a safe place to store salt. The mayor stated that the hydrant across from Inman Park is leaking from the top.

Water/Sewer:

Police: Report presented. Massena Court has reached out with interest in the department taking over security for their court, like they have with Potsdam Town Court. However, Massena is looking to change their requirements so that it does not have to be a certified police officer to man the post, which means the new hires that have not entered the Police Academy yet can work this position. Al Huckle has been working that detail for the Town and has been doing well there. The two new hires have come on and adjusted well to the department. Josh Eng turned in his letter of resignation. The department continues to keep an eye on the roller bladders in the Village.

Zoning: Report presented. Kristin Fetter submitted a letter to the board stating that she is in trying to sell the structure on 21 Elm street. Nancy replies that per New York State, if the Village cleaned up or tore down the structure, the Village could then relevy that property onto the tax roll; which would be something that the Attorney would write up. Bill also submitted a section from the code book that states roller blades and skate boards are not allowed on Village sidewalks or roadways.

Fire Department: None. Department was busy responding to storm calls during the meeting. There was one application presented to the board for a new volunteer.

Youth: Report presented. Michelle would also like to get a hotspot internet for the Beach but the question is whether or not the hotspot can be disconnected for the winter months. Nancy will look into this as well as checking with spectrum and slic for prices. TTE Tebo asked who tells lifeguards to go home during rainy or storm days. Brianna replied that it is Michelle that makes that call to send them home. Nancy would like to add a revenue code to separate beach concessions and boat storage sales made by Nick. Michelle also found a pre made building in Hermon that she would like to purchase for kayak storage. The mayor stated that there is a place next to Maitland's flooring that also sells storage sheds and asked for her to look there. Nick has said that there has been an interest in an outdoor pickle ball and there have been people playing tennis on the court.

Mayor: The mayor spoke on a letter received from Liberty Utilities that stated that any projects requiring an excavator must be relayed through them for any possible gas lines that may lie underneath.

Trustees: TTE Webster asked if the ARPA money could be used to pay for the LED lighting. Nancy would look into this possibility. TTE Tebo stated that when he drove past the Village Green during a concert, he saw that only one bathroom was open, with a long line that included several elderly individuals. He asked why the second bathroom was not opened, and Tim stated that the second bathroom was where Joe Liotta stores equipment and uses it as a green room for the performers. TTE Tebo asked if the municipal bathrooms could be used as a changing area/storage spot for the performers and to open up the second bathroom for events. The Board agreed that during events both bathrooms will be opened for public use; and in the winter months the second bathroom can be used again for storage. TTE Nezezon asked about the Solar Energy deal and where we were with that. Brianna replied that she emailed it out to the Attorney and believes she is still reviewing it. TTE Nezezon reviewed the sidewalk project and stated that the first part of Prospect Street is the worst part so if it came down to money, that stretch should be done first. There is a pre bid meeting scheduled for tomorrow (7/21) at the Municipal Hall.

Action Items:

1. Motion to make an additional revenue code (A2102) for Recreation Concessions; Nezezon/Webster 3 Ayes Nays 0.
2. Motion to open separate account for ARPA money; Tebo/Webster 3 Ayes 0 Nays.
3. Motion to approve use of stimulus funds- Tabled.
4. Motion to approve Logan Crump as new Fire Department member; Nezezon/Tebo 3 Ayes Nays 0.
5. Motion to approve new maintenance person for the Municipal building for a few hours a week, will ask DPW first, if not look for help;
6. Motion to approve purchase of new 12x24 building for the beach kayaks; Nezezon/Tebo Ayes 3 Nays 0.
7. Motion to approve Peggy Mousaw as Grant Writer; Nezezon/Webster Ayes 3 Nays 0.

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Solar power on property off Elm Street
2. Older trees need to be removed (Prospect)
3. Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA)
4. Liberty Utilities Letter

Exe Session:

Motion to adjourn Nezezon/Tebo; Ayes 3 Nays 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.