

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order September 21, 2021 by Mayor Timothy Levison. Called to order 6:00pm
Also Present: Trustees:

Kris Nezezon	
Matt Tebo	
Glenn Webster	Absent:
Mike diVincenzo	
Village Clerk Nancy Berger	OIC Shawn Wells
Dan McGregor DPW	Nick Orologio
Deputy Clerk Brianna Beaulieu	
Youth Coordinator Michelle Garrow-arrived late	
Andrea Marotta- Attorney	
Bill MacIntire- Code/ Fire Rep	

Motion: Nezezon/Tebo motion to approve August meeting minutes; Ayes 4 Nays 0.

Motion: Tebo/Nezezon motion to approve payment of abstract of audited bills. Ayes 4 Nays 0; General A Fund \$42,723.04; Water F Fund \$796.67, Sewer G Fund \$7443.35; TA Fund \$415.64; TOTAL BILLS \$51,378.70

VISITORS:

- Deb Christie attended to speak on the St. Lawrence County multi-use Trails system that runs all over the county. She stated that she had been looking to possibly open a trailhead at the Fireman's field and had been contacted by Dan Monica regarding this. The board stated that there has been a discussion regarding ATV use in the Village and that the issue is that there are not a lot of Village roads that would be considered for this use due to the proximity of the state highway. The other issue is that most of the roads that are being considered, are technically Town of Norfolk not the Village. The two Village roadways that would be affected are Morgan Street and Depot Street; and they would have to be changed with a local law filing. There was a question regarding liability insurance, and Deb informed that between the \$2 million insurance policy under the snowmobile trails, as well as the County insurance for the multi-use trails. Deb stated that she would do some research with the County and be back in touch with the Village.
- Mr. and Mrs. Seifert attended to ask when the Village was going to start enforcing the parking in front of the Hometown Market and asked if there could be no parking signs put up in the undesignated spots. Mrs. Seifert then stated that she had to "fly out of her driveway" due to a medical emergency and stated that "if a car had been coming she would have been hit." TTE Nezezon any no parking spaces must be done by law. He then continued to say that due to the road right of way anyone can park along the side of the road; but the Village has to be able to find a way to legally enforce it. Mayor Levison addressed the Seifert's and asked that they look both ways when pulling out of their driveway and that they need to be careful. Mayor Levison then stated that they will see what can be done and thanked the Seifert's for coming to the meeting.
- Ken Andrews attended to commend the DPW crew on the tree removal and sidewalk replacement work on Prospect Street. He did inquire about how the trees were chosen to be cut, and Dan McGregor replied that his crew as well as Asphundle, went through and picked out every tree that was rotted, which was all of them. Ken then asked if it was possible if the Village was looking into replacing the trees and the Board stated that they are looking into all of the different avenues to possibly replacing the trees around the Village that had been downed by the storm. Bill MacIntire stated that this would be a great idea to bring in front of the Planning Board. The Board thanked Ken for attending and speaking.
- Aaron Jarvis was present to discuss the final engineering report for the Sewer Plant upgrade that was emailed out to the board. The report covers all that had previously been discussed; such as replacing the liners and some on site electrical work with construction scheduled to start late summer 2022. Aaron is asking for board approval to send the final report to the DEC to then continue to move forward with this project.

Treasurer: 2020 AUD has been completed and submitted to the state for their review. Nancy is almost done with closing out the books for 2021 and once that is completed she can submit her report. Nancy stated that the 2020 AUD can be reviewed by the Board if they wished.

Attorney: Attorney Marotta stated that she was briefed on the marijuana legalization and that the Village could benefit from the potential revenue that is brought in from sales made in the Town of Potsdam and in the Village. She also left the North Country Legalization Handbook for the Board for their viewing.

DPW: Report presented. Dan stated that he has been approached by other members of the community regarding planting new trees and thinks that it would be a good idea to look into that. TTE diVincenzo stated that starting a community committee regarding the trees would be great to get the ball rolling. TTE Webster asked how much a small tree would cost, and TTE Nezezon stated that it would cost at least \$1,000 for an 8-foot tree. TTE Nezezon asked about two light poles on Prospect Street that are currently not working as well as a pole on New Street. TTE Nezezon stated that we should contact National Grid to fix them before the Village purchase is complete. TTE Nezezon asked if Verizon could be contacted regarding their old poles that have wiring hanging down from the top of the poles.

Water/Sewer: See above.

Police: Report presented.

Zoning: Report presented. Att. Marotta asked about the enforcement of 21 Elm Street. MacIntire stated that he had written a violation for the property that he hand delivered to Ms. Fetter. If the violation is not amended in 30 days, he will then be issuing an appearance ticket to the owners. The old Sassone building has been purchased and the new owner has plans to add apartments to the attic, but so far has been renovating the first and second floor apartments. TTE diVincenzo asked if the Village had a height requirement for structures. MacIntire stated that the Village does not have anything in code stating that there is a height requirement; however, the Village does not have enough three story buildings to require a ladder truck for the Fire Department.

Youth: Report submitted. The two duathlon races at the beach raised \$145 and Michelle was hoping for some clarification as to where that money should go in the beach fund. A donation of \$60 was gifted to the Beach from a group that had used the space for a party and had heard about the destruction of the tent that was there. There were over 9,000 uses of the Beach and that is another significant increase from last year. There was only one day that the beach had to close the entire season due to guards out sick and lack of coverage due to the starting of high school sports. Michelle was also able to find a better price for the Kayak storage building and they are on the list to receive a building by the start of next season. TTE Nezezon asked if the Beach would benefit from having two canopy tents and Michelle replied absolutely. TTE Nezezon suggested that the money from the duathlon and donation, that beach purchase two canopy tents and Michelle agreed. Michelle also had the Fall Festival Funds and the Festival made roughly \$345 through vendor fees. The Fall Festival was a hit and there were 44 vendors in the park.

Fire Department: No report presented. Bill MacIntire provided two new applications for the department that had been approved by the association. Harold Loomis has been cleared for light duty which includes driving the trucks and pumping water, but he cannot do any interior fire fighting. The department has been working hard on training and the upcoming demolition derby on the 25th. TTE Nezezon asked about the recent truck fire that occurred, and Bill stated that as of now the ruling is accidental but the department responded quickly to extinguish the blaze.

Mayor: None all had been previously discussed.

Trustees: TTE Tebo stated that he was approached by a homeowner that lived just outside of the Village line, but wanted to know if they were able to attach their sewer to the Village's wastewater system. Dan stated that the BOCES hookup is a forced main and it would be extremely difficult to tie lines into that.

TTE Webster asked about the Garbage pick-up change and Brianna stated that she is playing phone tag with the Pick-N-Go company. TTE Webster then asked if Charlie has reached regarding the security system quote; Brianna stated that she has not spoken with Charlie yet. TTE Nezezon stated that NNC Systems has recently put in new cameras at Baldwin Acres and he

was very impressed with the cameras as well as the price. TTE Webster replied that he was going to be reaching out to Charlie regarding the camera system. TTE Webster then asked for an update on the LED lighting; TTE Nezezon replied that the PSC has 90 days to review the contract.

TTE Nezezon said that he only needed to discuss the Verizon poles, but also would like to move into executive session once everything else is discussed.

TTE diVincenzo stated that he had spoken with Nick Orologio regarding winter boat storage popularity. Nick said that with adding a new building the same size as the current arena would increase the number of spaces for boats, which would in turn, bring in more revenue. TTE Nezezon stated that if we were to look into a new building, the DPW garage should be replaced first.

Action Items:

1. Motion to approve Resolution No. 09212021 appointing Brianna Beaulieu as the Deputy Registrar for the Village of Norwood. Nezezon/Tebo; Ayes 4 Nays 0.
2. Motion to approve Daughters of the American Revolution Resolution. diVincenzo/Webster; Ayes 4 Nays 0.
3. Motion to approve Aaron Jarvis sending the final engineering plan to the DEC. Tebo/Nezezon; Ayes 4
4. Motion to approve new fire department members Alexander Kazek-Thomas and Jason Blair. Nezezon/Webster Ayes 4 Nays 0.

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. ARPA use
2. Marijuana Regulation
3. LED lighting

Exe Session: Motion to enter executive session at 7:43pm; Nezezon/Tebo Ayes 4.

Motion to exit executive session at 8:02pm; Nezezon/Webster Ayes 4 Nays 0.

Motion to adjourn Tebo/Nezezon, Ayes 4 Nays 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.