

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD IN THE SHELBY TOWN HALL ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2011, AT 7:00 PM**

**Present: Mayor Andrew Meier**

**Trustees Mark Irwin, Susan Squires, Mark Kruzynski, David Barhite**

**DPW Supt Houseknecht, Code Officer Busch, Police Chief Avila', Fire Chief Zinkievich**

**Attorney Matthew Brooks**

**Mayor Meier called the Meeting to order at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.**

**The Mayor said that he had appointed David Barhite as Trustee to fill his unexpired term on the Board. He welcomed Barhite and said he would be a valuable addition.**

**On motion of Trustee Squires, seconded by Trustee Kruzynski; that the Minutes of September 12, 2011, be approved.**

**All Aye  
Carried.**

**Mayor Meier advised that he had developed new Trustee liaison appointments for the balance of the official year as follows:**

**Standing Committees-meet bimonthly or sooner as needed**

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| <b>Fire:</b>             | <b>Trustees Squires, Irwin</b>     |
| <b>Code Enforcement:</b> | <b>Trustees Barhite, Kruzynski</b> |

**Standing Committees-meet as needed**

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| <b>Joint Recreation:</b> | <b>Trustees Squires, Irwin</b>     |
| <b>Tourism Committee</b> | <b>Trustees Kruzynski, Barhite</b> |
| <b>Clerk-Treasurer:</b>  | <b>Trustee Kruzynski, Mayor</b>    |

**Ad Hoc and/ or Consolidated Committees**

**Labor Relations  
Village-Towns  
Housing Authority  
Parks & Canal  
Historic Preservation  
Cable TV Advisory Board  
Community Policing Task Force  
Loan Committee**

Attorney Brooks reported that the Public Hearing relative to changing Pearl Street partially to a one-way arterial will be held at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, and that notices would be in the newspaper.

The Attorney said that the Buffalo City Court Judge would be in situ from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> in October or any Friday in November for anyone on the Board wishing to attend a session. The Mayor suggested November 4. Attorney Brooks said he would attend along with anyone who wanted to make the trip.

On motion of Trustee Irwin, seconded by Trustee Barhite; that upon recommendation of Police Chief Avila', Halloween hours are set from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on October 31, 2011, with trick or treating for persons up to 12 years of age. The only houses to be visited are those with a front porch light illuminated.

All Aye  
Carried.

Code Officer Busch reported that he had received the Design Standards laws from General Code. He said that the demolition phase of the Tractor Supply project had begun.

CO Busch said that the McDonalds' projects were back on track, but the Planning Board is considering whether it is equitable to hold these old projects to the new design standards. He said that the Planning Board has a site plan review scheduled for the old Mr. Bill's property at the end of Park Avenue, which has been purchased by Howard Lake, and that no problems are foreseen with this project. Busch said that he had had a tour of the old Masonic Lodge at 414 West Avenue with the owners.

Fire Chief Zinkievich said that all are invited to the Open House at the Fire Station on Sunday, October 9, from noon to 3 pm. He also reminded everyone of the Firefighters' Ball honoring deceased firefighter Brian Kwiatkowski on October 15 at the Sacred Heart Club. The Chief said that some firefighters had participated in the Knights-Kaderli Walk against cancer.

Supt Houseknecht reported that Villager Construction had milled Howell Parkway, Commercial Street, Eagle Street, and parts of Woodland Avenue and Kennedy Circle, in anticipation of the County repaving these areas for the Village. Houseknecht said that we have used Ross valves in our water system for 70 years, but there are newer options which have been standardized by Niagara County as they are better and will cut back on pressure regularization. He said that the cost will be about \$25,000 for 6 valves, depending on the bids received.

Fire Chief Zinkievich reported that he had completed the application under the Fire Grant for a new fire truck. Mayor Meier asked him to fill out the grant application worksheet for the records.

The Mayor said that there was a vacancy on the Planning board for which Mr. Busch had advertised and asked the members. Busch said that there had been 2 applications, from which he would recommend Thomas Snyder as being the best qualified.

On motion of Trustee Irwin, seconded by Trustee Barhite; that Thomas Snyder be appointed to the Village Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Mark Kruzynski, which ends in 2015.

Mayor Meier recognized Ms. Kathy Blackburn, who thanked the Board and the Village Departments for their help during the Ale in Autumn event. The Mayor said that it was a great event in Medina and thanked the committee for their work.

Trustee Squires reported that she has been attending the meetings of the Task Force charged with the issue of the closing of Towne School.

The Mayor said that Western NY Energy had requested permission to discharge domestic sewer from its offices into the Village sewer system. He said that the Board has considered the request for 1 ½ years pending the development of new policies. Supt Houseknecht reported that the cost of installation would be about \$20,000 for pipe, other appurtenances, and labor. The Mayor said that WNYE would construct its own facilities to connect to the sewer and would be bound by the Sewer Ordinance. The Clerk-Treasurer suggested that the Board consider raising the rate for outside users from 1.6 to 2 times the inside rate.

Mayor Meier authorized Attorney Brooks to draft a Host Agreement and to investigate the law relative to a public hearing to change the sewer rate for outside users.

The Mayor said that the next meeting would on October 24, 2011, at 7 pm.

Mayor Meier said that he had had a request from an employee to use the weight room and asked Mr. Brooks to prepare a release and waivers for any Village employee to sign in order to use these facilities.

On motion of Trustee Squires, seconded by Trustee Kruzynski; that the Mayor is authorized to sign the final agreement for the contract with the Department of Public Works.

All Aye  
Carried.

The Deputy Mayor said that as of today, the Village had received 2 bids for its insurance coverage: First Niagara, \$62,656.00 and Evans, \$60,359.00. First Niagara will have an opportunity to lower its bid if desired, but since the insurance is expiring October 1, the Board should award the bid to the Evans Agency.

On motion of Trustee Irwin, seconded by Trustee Barhite; that the bid for the Village insurance be awarded to the Evans Agency for a bid amount of \$60,359.00.

All Aye  
Carried.

On motion of Trustee Squires, seconded by Trustee Irwin; that bills, as listed on abstracts for September 26, 2011, be paid.

**All Aye  
Carried.**

**On motion of Trustee Squires, seconded by Trustee Barhite; that the meeting be adjourned into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:49 pm.**

**All Aye  
Carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**E Margaret Crowley, CT**