

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari

Trustees Owen Toale, Todd Bensley, Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott

Fire Chief Matthew Jackson, Police Chief Chad Kenward, Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner, DPW Supt. Jason Watts, Clerk-Treasurer Deborah Padoleski, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jada Burgess

Attorney Matthew Brooks

Mayor Sidari called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Sidari opened the Public Hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant application at 7:01 p.m.

In addition to the Village of Medina officials present and noted above, the following residents were present:

Jessica Marciano	Scott Robinson	Tom Rivers	Gabrielle Barone
Jean Wetherbee	Lynn Creasey	James Sinner	Rhonda Marciano
Ann McElwee	Virginia Kropf	Greg Reed	

Gabrielle Barone, Vice President of Orleans County Economic Development Corporation, provided an overview of the CDBG application for a grant from the Office of Community Renewal. She said that the Village would be entering into a grant agreement with Orleans Land Restoration Corporation for the purpose of making loans to Zambistro Restaurant. She said that this grant, in the amount of approximately \$220,000, would be used to finance a portion of the project costs to acquire furnishings, fixtures, equipment, construct building improvements and incur working capital expenses in connection with the expansion of the restaurant operations at 410 Main Street.

Trustee Toale asked Ms. Barone who would be assisting with the paperwork associated with the grant. She replied that Harry Sicherman's office would be providing their expertise as they had on previous OCR grants. Attorney Brooks added that he was familiar with the firm as he had worked with them in the past and that they were proficient in this area.

No other interested persons appeared to speak and Mayor Sidari closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

The Mayor recognized Jean Wetherbee from the Senior Citizens Center, who informed the Board members that the center was in need of a new heating system. The Mayor asked her to bring in some estimates for them to consider during the budget preparation.

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A resolution was offered by Trustee Timothy Elliott and seconded by Trustee Todd Bensley, authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application.

WHEREAS, MJZ Restaurant Group, LLC, which operates Zambistro Restaurant (hereinafter the "Company") plans to acquire furnishings, fixtures and equipment, construct building improvements, and incur working capital expenses in connection with the expansion of its operations at 410 Main Street in the Village of Medina (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project will have an estimated cost of \$220,000; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the Village of Medina (the "Village") apply for Community Development Block Grant funding for the Project from the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the "OCR") which would be used to finance a portion of the Project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Orleans Land Restoration Corporation (the "OLRC") is assisting in the facilitation of the Project and has requested that the Village provide the OCR funding to OLRC as a grant for the purpose of making a term loan and deferred loan to the Company, and

WHEREAS, the Project will result in a benefit to the Village and Orleans County in form of new employment positions, including positions that will provide training to entry-level employees; and

WHEREAS, the Village has held a public hearing to obtain citizens' views regarding the Project and the CDBG program as administered by OCR.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Medina hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit a grant application to the OCR on behalf of the Village to support the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement between the Village and the OCR and all related documents associated with the OCR grant, including entering into a grant agreement with the OLRC for the implementation of the Project and administration of the OCR grant, all such documents to be subject to review and approval by the Village Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby designated as the Certifying Officer responsible for all activities associated with the federal environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the Project.

All ayes

Motion carried.

Greg Reed from the YMCA reported to the Board that they had received a Ralph C. Wilson grant for a bike rental operation and kayaking excursions from the Canal Basin. He requested permission to use the docks for the kayaks and possibly erect a 12x12 shed for storage, as well as a bike rack to be installed at Rotary Park. The Board welcomed his ideas and will discuss this further at the workshop meeting on April 12.

Scott Robinson was in attendance to present the board with the final Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan. He noted that the Police Department had been cooperative with all suggestions and that the Plan included 21 hours of training per officer as per the requirements of NYS Accreditation program; a yearly meeting providing statistics; a 60-day response requirement for civilian personnel complaints; and training for autism awareness and encountering persons with developmental disabilities. The Mayor thanked Scott and the Committee and the Police Department for their efforts in formulating this plan.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Bensley. The Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan is approved as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bensley and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Pandemic Emergency Operations Plan is approved as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bensley and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The application fee for a mural permit is set at \$100.00.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Toale. Chief Kenward is authorized to draft a letter opposing the legalization of marijuana.

Trustee Sherman	Aye	Trustee Toale	Aye
Trustee Bensley	Aye	Trustee Elliott	Nay

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bensley and seconded by Trustee Elliott. On the recommendation of Computel Consultants, a letter is authorized to be sent to NYSEG/Avangrid regarding the Village's response to their request for a hearing in the matter of unpaid gross receipt taxes.

All ayes
Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report of the Village Election held on March 16, 2021. There were 62 voters, 39 in-person and 23 absentee. The results were as follows:

Owen Toale	Trustee	48 votes
Jessica Marciano	Trustee	59 votes

The Board scheduled the following dates and times for budget workshops:

Monday, March 29	4:00 p.m.	Police
	5:30 p.m.	Fire
Tuesday, March 30	4:00 p.m.	Code
	5:00 p.m.	DPW

The Mayor set the Annual meeting date for Monday, April 5 at 12:00 noon. Annual appointments will be made as well as the Oath of Office given to newly elected Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Bensley and seconded by Trustee Sherman. Bills as presented are authorized for payment.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bensley and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The minutes of February 22 and March 8 are approved as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The resignation and subsequent retirement of Clerk-Treasurer Deborah Padoleski is accepted with extreme regret, effective June 30, 2021.

All ayes
Motion carried.

DPW Supt. Watts reported that his department put new tree grates in on Main Street, finished up the locker room at the police department, made some repairs on the playground, and fixed some sinking manholes and catch basins. He also said that Milherst Construction had started the East Ave Forcemain project.

Fire Chief Jackson reported that Firefighter Long submitted paperwork to the Ford Motor Company Apollo Project and the Fire Department received a donation of 6,840 surgical masks. He also reported that his department had responded to a fire in the back office of a restaurant on Main Street and that damage was kept to a minimum. He issued a reminder that the NYS Burn Ban is in effect from March 16 – May 14.

Code Officer Gardner reported issuing two building permits, 3 demolition permits and 1 pool permit, along with 30 site visits for complaints, violations, and construction progress.

Police Chief Kenward reported that his department would be working with the Fire Department conducting in-service training for active shooters. He said that a few officers would be attending DWI Breath Analysis Operator School and that one officer is out with an injury for an unspecified amount of time. He also requested the Board declare three large dog cages and two smaller cages as surplus equipment. Chief Kenward also thanked Scott Robinson for his time and effort on the Police Reform Plan.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Bensley. Three large dog cages and two small dog cages are declared surplus equipment.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Padoleski distributed the Revenue and Budgetary Expense Reports for the end of February as well as a Cash report.

Trustee Toale acknowledged Trustee Todd Bensley's last Board meeting saying that he was always extremely organized and that he was the "ying to my yang" concerning their work on labor contract negotiations. He also referred to Trustee Bensley's obvious love of the Village of Medina.

Trustee Sherman said that each Board member brought something different to the table and she appreciated Trustee Bensley's levelheadedness and the way he would always think through each issue.

Trustee Elliott offered similar sentiments adding that it had been great to work with him.

Mayor Sidari reminded everyone that Trustee Bensley had written a book on Boxwood Cemetery. He also said that he had made his job as Mayor easier and that he would be keeping Bensley on as Historian and as a member of the Boxwood Cemetery Committee.

Trustee Bensley thanked the Board members for their comments adding that the same could be said back to each of them. He noted that he leaves the Village in good hands and welcomed newly elected Trustee Jessica Marciano.

A motion was made by Trustee Bensley and seconded by Trustee Toale. The meeting is adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

All ayes
Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The regular meeting is reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Bensley. Regarding the disciplinary matter of a DPW employee, the following modifications are made to the original discipline:

- 1) One day's pay will be refunded to Employee.
- 2) One year of probation from the date of signing of this agreement.
- 3) A permanent letter of discipline will be placed in Employee's file.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The meeting is adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Padoleski
Clerk-Treasurer