

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 24, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari

Trustees: Owen Toale, Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano

Police Chief Kenward, Fire Chief Jackson, Department of Public Works  
Superintendent Jason Watts, Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner

Excused: 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 stated that he had received an email from Rebecca Murray, the Project Coordinator from Parks and Trails New York, inviting the Village of Medina to participate in a pilot "Empire State Trail Towns" program in 2022. The program will "harness visitation to the Erie Canalway Trail to support and advance economic development in communities along the canal corridor between March 2022 and December 2022".

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Marciano. The Village of Medina will participate in the pilot Empire State Trail Town program.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari stated that he had received a letter from Maddie Weitz, the Development Coordinator from the Alzheimer's Association, Western New York Chapter requesting the use of State Street Park on October 8, 2022, for the annual Orleans County Walk to End Alzheimer's Event.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The Alzheimer's Association WNY Chapter has permission to utilize State Street Park on October 8, 2022, for their annual Orleans County Walk to End Alzheimer's Event, provided that a certificate of insurance is submitted to the Village of Medina.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that an EMS advisory council has been formed in Orleans County and each Fire Department, ambulance service and municipality would be represented to look into ways to improve response times, staffing and volunteers as well as look at funding options.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Toale. Mayor Sidari will represent the Village of Medina on the EMS advisory council with Trustee Elliott attending the first meeting on February 16, 2022, as Mayor Sidari would be unavailable.

All ayes  
Motion Carried.

Mayor Sidari stated that Christopher Busch had submitted a letter on behalf of the Orleans Renaissance Group regarding a historic marker project that himself and historian Todd Bensley had worked on and were requesting that the marker be placed in the canal basin on Village property.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Orleans Renaissance group is allowed to place a historic marker in the canal basin near the gazebo.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Trustee Marciano detailed Hyper-Reach and AlertMedia, which are emergency mass notification services. Trustee Marciano suggested contacting both the Town of Ridgeway and the Town of Shelby to see if either would be interested in sharing the cost of a public notification system as a shared service. Trustee Sherman indicated she would like to know what other municipalities are currently using. Mayor Sidari indicated he would contact the Town of Shelby and the Town of Ridgeway to see if either would be interested in the emergency mass notification system.

Chief Kenward detailed his request for funding to upgrade the Medina Police Department's Body Cameras and Taser Technology through the American Rescue Plan Act. Chief Kenward advised the body cameras the department currently had were not working up to their potential resulting in the cameras needing to be repaired or replaced. The tasers the department currently has through Axon would soon no longer be supported. The Board requested that Chief Kenward look into a quote from Motorola and that he provide a breakdown of the cost of the body cameras and the tasers.

Mayor Sidari stated that the funding the Village had applied for through the State to conduct a water study was not awarded. Barton and Loguidice has submitted a quote to the Village to conduct the water study at a cost of \$25,000.00. Mayor Sidari suggested using ARPA funds to pay for the water study. Trustee Toale suggested budgeting this amount in lieu of using ARPA funds.

Mayor Sidari stated he had obtained quotes from Medify to provide air purification systems for all Village Departments. The cost for the systems would be \$2,355.66 and the cost for a year's worth of filters would be \$1,676.32.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Mayor is authorized to purchase air purification systems through Medify as well as filters for a total cost of \$4,031.98 to be paid out of the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The Mayor is authorized to call for the Firefighter Civil Service List.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The revisions as proposed for the Lieutenant and Captain Exams are accepted.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The Mayor is authorized to call for the Civil Service Lieutenant and Captain's tests.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

The Mayor requested that Trustee Elliott and Code Enforcer Gardner meet to discuss the vacant property program.

Clerk-Treasurer Burgess stated that a low-income household water assistance program was available through the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. The Village would need submit a vendor form in order to receive payments directly from New York State.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Mayor is authorized to sign the New York State low-income household water assistance program vendor agreement.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Marciano.

Resolved, that Judy Szulis, Norma Huth, Mary Ann Ander and Linda Deyle are appointed Inspectors of Election, with Judy Szulis as Chairperson.

Further resolved, that the hourly rate of compensation for the Chairperson and Inspectors shall be \$14.00 and \$13.50 per hour, respectively.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The minutes of January 10, 2022, are approved as submitted.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The bills as submitted are authorized for payment.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Police Chief Kenward submitted his annual report. He stated Lieutenant Draper was in his third week of training at the FBI National Academy. He also stated that his department had an in-service training with a Special Agent from the FBI, discussing active shooter incidents as well as training in their new pepper spray platform.

Code Enforcer Gardner submitted his annual report. He stated that the Medina Inn was remodeling the front desk area of their motel as well as the storage room area. El Mariachi de Oro was adding a roof and lights to their front patio.

Fire Chief Jackson also submitted his annual report. With the recent accumulation of snow he wanted to remind residents, if they are able, to please clear a three-foot perimeter around their fire hydrants. Fire Chief Jackson advised he would be attending a free grant writing workshop at the Fairgrounds.

Superintendent of Public Works Watts stated that they had repaired a water main break on Park Avenue. He said the Town of Shelby had assisted with salting within the Village as his department was working on the leak. He said that they were getting the ice-skating rink flooded and usable. His department was in the process of updating the boater's bathrooms in the canal basin.

Clerk-Treasurer Burgess stated that they had conducted several interviews for the open Account Clerk position in the Village Clerk's Office and requested that Hannah Forder be appointed to the position of Account Clerk.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. Hannah Forder is provisionally appointed to the position of Account Clerk at a starting wage of \$15.25 per hour, increased to \$15.50 per hour after 90 days.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Trustee Sherman stated that she had attended a Tourism meeting. The tourism committee has decided to not schedule any summer concerts at State Street Park as the Orleans Renaissance Group would be hosting Blues Thursdays throughout the summer. She also stated that buses of tourists may be coming to Medina and that the committee discussed having ambassadors ride the buses to discuss Medina and point out areas of interest.

Trustee Marciano stated she had attended a police advisory committee. There had been discussions of Medina hosting a National Night Out. They were also looking for a few more members to join the committee. The committee had also created an email for recommendations from the community.

Trustee Elliott said that Wine About Winter would be held on February 5, 2022, and was sold out.

Mayor Sidari said that he had a meeting scheduled for January 31, 2022, with the Canal Corporation.

Trustee Toale requested an executive session to discuss the contractual matter relating to a particular person as well as pending litigation.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The meeting is adjourned into executive session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss the contractual matter relating to a particular person as well as pending litigation.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is reconvened and subsequently adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess  
Clerk-Treasurer