

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY MAY 23, 2022,
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari

Trustees: Owen Toale, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano

Police Chief Kenward, Fire Chief Jackson, Department of Public Works
Superintendent Watts

Attorney Matthew Brooks

Excused: Trustee Marguerite Sherman, Code Enforcement Officer Gardner

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

Mayor Sidari opened the first public comment period. Mindy Cogovan addressed the Board discussing a Girl Scout Community Service Project she was spearheading. She said she had noticed there were areas in the Village that needed attention, and she would like permission to spruce up these areas by pulling weeds, planting flowers, and picking up any discarded debris. She said they would be leaving a sign that says a Girl Scout was here and that they look for ways to better the community. Areas that were discussed were State Street, the area next to Blissetts, in front of the Village Clerk's Office and the alleyway behind Rotary Park. The Board welcomed the opportunity for the Girl Scouts to spruce up these areas. Mayor Sidari said that is what makes this community so great, members of the community stepping up and looking for ways to enhance the community. Trustee Marciano also mentioned the National Night Out that would be taking place on August 2, 2022. She suggested the Girl Scouts setting up a booth at the event.

Jim Hancock addressed the Board that the Visitor Center opened officially this week. He said the Center was staffed with fourteen volunteers and that it is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Hancock also mentioned that Greg Reed at the YMCA had secured a grant for a new kiosk for the canal basin. The deadline for the grant was the end of June. Mr. Hancock said Takeform had initially agreed to do the project and would work on the design, however he was unsure if they would be able to follow through.

Mr. Hancock said that an individual was working on a documentary for PBS and would be filming throughout the Village and Orleans County. He handed out music cards listing the different days of the week with different bands playing throughout the County. He also said that Takeform had purchased a trailer that they would like to donate to the Village to be used at the Parade of Lights for Santa Claus to ride on. The Village would need a location to store the trailer.

Mayor Sidari said that Ann Fisher-Bale had contacted the Village. The next Medina Area Partnership Event would be the Enchanted Faery Festival to be held on Saturday, June 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. MAP was requesting the use of Rotary Park for the event.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The VFW is authorized to place a banner at Butts Park advertising the Chicken BBQ to be held on Memorial Day.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Village dumpsters will be provided to the Orleans Cooperative Extension for the Orleans County 4-H Fair held from July 25-July 30, 2022.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said the Orleans Renaissance Group was requesting no parking signs to be posted along one side of State Street during the Blues Thursdays events and anywhere else the Police deemed necessary. Chris Busch, a representative of the Orleans Renaissance Group, addressed the Board stating that they are trying to encourage parking in the municipal lots instead of on the street.

Mayor Sidari said that he had received a request from the Medina Boxwood Cemetery Commission requesting use of the Perpetual Care Funds targeting headstone resetting and repair. Attorney Brooks stated the issue of spending is a gray area. Mayor Sidari said he spoke with a representative at the New York State Division of Cemeteries and that the State does not have control over a municipal owned cemetery, however the commission by-laws and minutes state that only the interest may be spent. Jake Hebdon addressed the Board and said that being cautious is good but there are problems in the cemetery that need to be addressed. The matter was tabled until the Clerk-Treasurer could research the older records of when the Perpetual Care Fund was first established and placed in a trust.

Police Chief Kenward showed new Axon Body Cameras to the Board to inspect. Chief Kenward said that Motorola would be coming out on Wednesday May 25, 2022, to introduce their body cameras if any members of the Board were interested in comparing the two cameras. Chief Kenward also said that he would be in contact with the District Attorney's office to see if Motorola is compatible with the system they are using.

Fire Chief Jackson requested that the Board consider ordering a new ambulance for fiscal year 2023-2024 as there is a supply chain shortage. If ordered now, the anticipated delivery date would be November 2023 to February 2024. The matter was tabled until funding is discussed.

Mayor Sidari said the YMCA had submitted three designs for the Board's consideration for the 9-disc golf course to be placed at Gulf Street Park. Mayor Sidari suggested that the Superintendent of Public Works complete a walk through with the Parks Committee and then make a recommendation. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sidari said that one application had been received for the position of part time laborer in the Department of Public Works. The Board discussed the lack of applicants and to

increase the starting pay from minimum wage to \$15.00 an hour, while decreasing the number of part time laborers from three positions to two.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Toale. The part time summer help positions within the Department of Public Works will have a starting wage of \$15.00 per hour and the number of positions is decreased from three positions to two positions.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Jacob Bensley is hired to the position of part time laborer in the Department of Public Works, to be paid an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour with a start date of May 31, 2022.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The Medina Railroad Museum is authorized to use the Senior Citizen Parking Lot for the Thomas the Train Event to be held on June 10 through June 12, 2022.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to make appropriate budget transfers within the General, Water and Sewer Funds to balance the budget.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The following resolution authorizing the Tax Warrant for the Village of Medina fiscal year June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.

RESOLVED, that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Medina the following sums for Village Government and other charges for the fiscal year 2022-2023, with an estimated tax rate of \$18.95 per thousand, subject to a levy apportionment using applicable 2022 Town of Ridgeway and Town of Shelby equalization rates.

General Fund	\$3,296,140.00
Delinquent Water Rents	39,708.84
Delinquent Sewer Rents	26,802.74
Property Maintenance Charges	1,985.00
Vacant Building Registry Fees	61,265.35
Total Taxes and Charges	\$3,425,901.93

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Department Heads will be given a 2% salary increase effective June 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Toale. The minutes of April 25, 2022, and May 9, 2022, are approved as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

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

All ayes
Motion carried.

Superintendent Watts presented his monthly report. Hometown Hero Banners were in the process of being put up. His department had been working on repairing minor leaks in the Village. The Gazebo in the Canal Basin has been removed.

Fire Chief Jackson said that his department was working on a cost analysis on the broken oxygen machine. He said that due to COVID, there were scheduling adjustments at the Fire Academy. He said the theme for this year's EMS week was "Rising to the Challenge." He thanked Orleans Community Health for their generosity during EMS week.

Police Chief Kenward said that Officer Meredith was in his second and final week of Instructor Development School. He also would be enrolling in a free two-day School Resource Officer Training to be held in August. He said they would be conducting their spring / summer firearms in service next month. He said he was working with the other departments for the Memorial Day Parade. He also stated his department was asked to assist the Albion Police Department with a 5K run at the Strawberry Festival. Since their department assists the Village during the Parade of Lights, he recommended sending two officers per their request for assistance on June 11, 2022.

Attorney Brooks requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Trustee Marciano suggested that the Board consider placing a law on the books on restrictive parking.

Mayor Sidari said the Skate Jam is cancelled and a new date would be provided to the Board. He also said that he attended a ribbon cutting in the beautiful Village of Fairport.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Toale. The meeting is adjourned into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The meeting is adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer