

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY MAY 9, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari  
Trustees Owen Toale, Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano  
Superintendent Jason Watts  
Attorney Matthew Brooks

Mayor Sidari opened the workshop welcoming the Boy Scouts who were in attendance to pursue their merit badge for communication.

Mayor Sidari said that the New York State Department of State's local government and assistance community development programs are now accepting grant applications until July 29, 2022. This includes grants through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, which the Village already received, the Local Government Efficiency Program, the Brownfield Opportunity Area Program and the Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Program. Mayor Sidari said that he would like to see the Village submit an application to pursue the Brownfield Opportunity Area Program which assists in transforming vacant and abandoned sites into community assets.

Mayor Sidari said that he had a request from the Lyndonville Lions Club to utilize the Village of Medina stage for their Fourth of July Celebration. The consensus of the Board was that they would be able to utilize the stage if they trailered it to Lyndonville. The Board also said that they would need a formal request from the Village of Lyndonville as this would be considered a shared service.

Mayor Sidari said that he was waiting on contact with the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the sale of two Village owned properties that were declared surplus in 2019. A bid of \$100.00 per acre was accepted for parcel numbers 69.17-1-15.111 and 69.17-1-43. Attorney Brooks said that a survey would need to be performed as the Village acquired it without a concrete legal description of the property.

Mayor Sidari said that the proposal from the Hart House had gone in front of the Planning Board and was approved. The matter was tabled until the owner of the Hart House was in attendance to present it to the Board and to be able to answer any questions or concerns.

Mayor Sidari said that the Village had received a grant in the amount of \$3,460.00 from Go! Art. He would like to advertise Request for Proposals for the installation of a Mural on the Glenwood Avenue Bridge Abutment. The Board said the RFPs would be due by Monday June 6, 2022, by 9:00 a.m. for Board review to go in front of the Planning Board.

Mayor Sidari said that a proposal from Barton and Loguidice was received in the amount of \$12,700.00 to provide professional services for the design of the fire station addition in anticipation of the purchase of a new ladder truck. This has been revised to include a design of an addition to the Village Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The proposal submitted by Barton and Loguidice in the amount of \$16,200.00 for design of an addition to the Fire Station and Village Clerk's Office is accepted.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. \$16,200.00 will be transferred out of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds to pay for the Barton and Loguidice proposal.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said the Strategic Planning Visionary Committee held their second meeting. There was an election of a Chairperson, Co-Chair and a Secretary. Randy Reese was appointed as Chair, Christine Griffin as Co-Chair and Lauren Backlas was appointed as Secretary. The Board will appoint the committee members after the next scheduled meeting of the committee to be held on May 24, 2022.

The Board discussed the remaining American Rescue Plan Act Funds and possible uses for the funds. The matter was tabled until an estimate of costs are received.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Elliott. To rescind Local Law 2-2022, a local law to override the tax cap.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

The Board discussed the efficiency of solar panels currently installed in Village buildings and that a review of these panels needed to be completed to determine whether they are working.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Toale. The Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with Generations Bank for the purchase of the lot next to the Village Clerk's Office, 121 Park Avenue, 343401, 80.45-1-1 with the seller to provide a title search.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Attorney Brooks suggested that an environmental assessment be done on the property.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Marciano. \$20,000.00 will be transferred out of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds to A1325.4 for the purchase of the land next to the Village Clerk's Office.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

The Board discussed the purchase of a new ambulance for the fiscal year 2023.  
The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sidari said that a historic sign had been hit last year on Main Street and a replacement had been paid for. The replacement sign board had allegedly been pick up but has not been able to be located. Mayor Sidari requested that Superintendent Watts obtain a price to replace the sign board.

Trustee Sherman said that in 2019 the Board allocated \$25.00 per meeting for Account Clerk Halli Gray to take minutes for both the Planning and Zoning Boards. The Board agreed the original intent was for Ms. Gray to put out the agenda, take the minutes and distribute them. Trustee Toale stated that there needed to be something in writing as to what is expected.

Trustee Marciano stated that the new mass notification system was scheduled to be ready the first week of June.

Superintendent Watts said that new security lights for the Skate Park were received. He also suggested that the Board may want to consider adding additional parking. He said that the water leak repair on Maple Ridge Road went smoothly.

Mayor Sidari suggested a letter be sent to Niagara County Water District thanking them for their assistance in the repair.

Trustee Sherman said that she had attended a Safe Streets and Roads webinar and that several grants are available to make your roads safe. She said that we needed an action plan and then apply for the implementation of this plan. She expressed her concerns for the Maple Ridge Corridor and that we needed to sit down with the Department of Transportation. Mayor Sidari suggested contacting the Town of Shelby as well.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Toale. The meeting is adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jada A. Burgess  
Clerk-Treasurer

