

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari, Trustees Owen Toale, Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott and Jessica Marciano

Police Chief Chad Kenward, Fire Chief Matthew Jackson, Superintendent of Public Works Jason Watts

Attorney Matthew Brooks

Excused: Code Enforcement Officer Daniel 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 public hearing on the Zambistro Project, stating that the Office of Community Renewal requires a second public hearing to obtain comments on the project's implementation as the project is now complete. Ms. Gabrielle Barone said that Zambistro's has employed more and invested more than they thought.

As no other persons wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

The Mayor opened the first public comment period. Mr. Daniel Rosentreter, owner of the Coffee Pot Café, asked if there could be handicap parking designated in the rear of his establishment. The Mayor asked Superintendent Watts to look into the parking behind the Coffee Pot Café' and bring recommendations back to the Board.

Tom Rivers introduced Karen Sawicz, who is the owner of the Orleans Hub and Pennysaver. He said he and Karen were there to present Outstanding Citizens of the Year Awards from 2021 to five individuals. He said the recipients are carefully selected by himself and Karen throughout the year. He said Bill Hungerford and Roger Hungerford could not be in attendance but were recipients of the award. He said Alex Feig was receiving the award for his work and dedication in obtaining donations for the Village to receive a matching grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 so that a new Skatepark at Butts Park could be built.

Daniel Rosentreter was receiving the award for creating the Medina Memorial Blueblue Trail in which he placed forty-seven bird houses throughout the parks and Boxwood Cemetery. Mr. Rivers said a project like this is a quality-of-life thing.

Kathy Blackburn was receiving the award for her dedication to several committees and organizations. Mr. Rivers said Kathy, as Chairperson of the Boxwood Cemetery Commission, has "taken it up a notch". The Commission has worked to improve the cemetery and commended her with her efforts in the Wreaths Across America program. He said she participates in all the Village festivals, even dressing up for them, such as the Faery Festival, Beggar's Night, the Santa Parade. She has also worked on the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant submissions and is vital to

the Orleans Renaissance Group. Endless hours volunteering is why she is receiving the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award.

Ms. Blackburn said she gives the Village Board credit for being supportive when presented with ideas from community members on things they would like to see happen in Medina. She said the Board is an integral part in all this. Without their backing these things would not happen.

Mayor Sidari offered his congratulations to the recipients and for their efforts in increasing the quality of life for Village residents and visitors.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Toale. The Mayor is authorized to request the Civil Service Police Lieutenant Test.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The Mayor is authorized to sign the Memorandum of Agreement Addendum to the Village/Town Ambulance Shared Service Agreement.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The surplus auction items bids totaling \$10,472.00 is accepted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said he had distributed a copy of Local Law Number 1-2009 to the Board for review. This law established a tax exemption for residential-commercial, mixed-use property. The matter was tabled until the Board had an opportunity to further review.

Mayor Sidari said the Village was awarded a New York State Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. This grant would be used to study the water lines in the Village.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Toale. The Mayor is authorized to sign the CDBG Grant Agreement.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The Minutes of October 24, 2022, and November 14, 2022, are approved as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

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

All ayes
Motion carried.

Fire Chief Jackson said the Civil Service exam for firefighter would be coming up in 2023. He thanked the Medina Police Department for their time and effort to ensure that the Olde Tyme Christmas and Parade of Lights were safe and successful events. He said a lot of teamwork went into the events from the Police Department, Department of Public Works, outside Law Enforcement Agencies and his team at the Medina Fire Department. He said crews would be picking up the MAAC barrels on December 7th and MAAC volunteers would be sorting everything for the firefighters to deliver on December 17th.

Police Chief Kenward said the new body cameras had arrived and had a tentative installation date of January 9th coordinating with C&H PC and Motorola. He said they hosted a DCJS rifle class which was instructed by Lieutenant Draper. He said they assisted with traffic control at the November 12th Veterans Day 5K. He said Lieutenant Draper and Officer Collins had helped instruct a women's self defense class that was held on November 12th in cooperation with Kwandrans Tae Kwon-Do. The class was established through the Police Advisory Committee. He said they assisted with traffic control for the Home for the Holiday's 5K race, Santa Noon Time Parade, and the Parade of Lights. He thanked the outside agencies that assisted in the event. He said his department had assisted the Orleans County Major Felony Crime Task Force and Federal Agencies with two raids that lead to a significant amount of drugs and guns taken off the streets.

Superintendent Watts said the Christmas decorations were up. He extended a thank you to the Village of Holley Electric for the use of their bucket truck and Orleans County DPW for the use of their lift for decorating. He said the majority of the auction items were picked up. He said the new bucket for the bucket truck has arrived and will soon be back in service. He said the sewer truck is currently out of service. He said benches and historical signs have been removed from Main Street for the winter, trash cans will remain out on Main Street until after the holiday season. Trustee Marciano asked for an updated on the solar panels that were not working on the DPW building.

Mayor Sidari thanked all of the departments for their efforts in the making the Parade of Lights a success. He said it is a team effort and we have a great group of people that worked on this event.

Trustee Toale echoed what the Mayor said and asked that the Department heads please pass that on to their employees. He said he was downtown for small business Saturday, and it was magical. He thanked all the volunteers for their hard work on the events that went on during the day.

Attorney Brooks said he would review the CDBG contract.

Mayor Sidari opened the second public comment period. Mr. Matt Mosher asked the Board if the intersection at the corner of West Avenue and West Oak Orchard Street could be turned into a four way stop.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. A public hearing is scheduled for January 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. regarding the adoption of proposed Local Law 1-2023, which would remove a traffic light at the intersection of West Avenue and West Oak Orchard Street and add 4-way stop signs at the intersection.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Ms. Gabrielle Barone said the Parade of Lights shows a community with a lot of pride. She said when she talks about what the Village has to offer, the assets, like the Skatepark, the Parks and the events like the Parade of Lights, this is noticed by developers looking to come into Medina. She said the well-attended festivals are important and is significant for some companies. You can tell these companies are impressed. They see the sincerity of it, and she realizes the effort it takes to put on these events and that you should be proud of yourselves.

Mr. Michael Maak asked what the status of Towne School was and said that location would make a nice municipal center since it currently stands vacant with under-utilized ballfields and basketball courts. He also asked the status of the demolition of the SA Cook building, where a fire had recently taken place.

Ms. Linda Limina inquired about what used to be the Ames Plaza. She asked the Board if something could be done by the Village since it is an eyesore. The Board said it is listed on the vacant property registry and a yearly fee is assessed for being vacant.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The meeting is moved into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular individual.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The regular meeting is reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Eric Washak will receive the Mechanic pay rate of \$28.03 per hour effective November 21, 2022, until the Mechanic returns from military leave.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Sherman. Christopher Dix will receive the Motor Equipment Operator pay of \$24.18 per hour for retroactive pay from April 3rd to November 12th for performing meter reader duties.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toael and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The meeting is adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer

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