

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 23, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari

Trustees Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott, and Jessica Marciano

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

Attorney Matthew Brooks

Excused: Trustee Owen Toale

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. No interested persons wished to speak.

Mayor Sidari said two RFPs had been received for the Village of Medina Water System Improvement Project and these were distributed to the Board for review. The Board had received a \$50,000.00 grant from the Office of Community Renewal. The Village of Medina's share for the study would be \$2,500.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The proposal submitted by Barton and Loguidice for the Water System Improvement Project is accepted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said he had received a request from Rhonda Parker who is seeking a grant in order to produce a documentary on the Village of Medina. She is requesting letters of support that indicate their approval of the project. Mayor Sidari said Ms. Parker is interested in interviewing residents and business owners in the community. Trustee Marciano said she would like additional information on her project. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sidari said Trustee Toale, although absent for the meeting, would like the condition of the fencing at Gwinn Street Park discussed. Superintendent Watts said there is a safety concern if the fencing were to be removed. Superintendent Watts will check into the cost to replace the chain link portion of the fence, connecting to the posts that are already there. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sidari said there would need to be an amendment to the New York State Department of Transportation Snow and Ice Agreement.

On motion of Trustee Sherman as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Medina, has previously authorized the Mayor to sign Snow and Ice Contract D014781 between the State of New York and the Village of Medina for snow and ice control for a term of five years, commencing July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2024, and now requests the amount of \$19,256.60 for the 2022-2023 season.

Seconded by Trustee Elliott, put to a vote; the results of which are as follows:

All ayes.
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that Chief Jackson had followed up with MEDEX on the Village of Medina and Monroe Ambulance ALS-BLS Prehospital and Services Agreement.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Sherman. Mayor Sidari is authorized to sign the Village of Medina and Monroe Ambulance ALS-BLS Prehospital and Services Agreement.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Fire Chief Jackson said the application period for the AFG Grant is between January 9, 2023 and February 10, 2023. He would like the Board's approval to submit an application pursuant to the grant. This would be to replace Engine 10. The total project cost would be \$760,000.00, with \$723,809.52 in Federal Funding and a local cost share of \$39,190.48.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. Fire Chief Jackson is authorized to apply for the AFG Grant.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Fire Chief Jackson had submitted an updated Call Firefighter Handbook for the Board to review.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The Call Firefighter Handbook submitted by Chief Jackson is approved.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Firefighter Andrew Steel's status is made permanent as his seventy-eight-week period has now ended.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Police Chief Kenward said he would be losing an Officer as of February 1, 2023, and potentially another Officer. He is requesting to call for the Civil Service List to fill these openings as the Police Academy would be starting in March in Niagara County.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. Mayor Sidari is authorized to call for the Police Officer Civil Service List.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Gardner said he had submitted his year end report. He said he had been following up on complaints.

Fire Chief Jackson said Retired Fire Chief Dell Stork had passed away on January 17, 2023. He said he served the Village of Medina from 1959-1989, twenty of those years as Fire Chief. He said he had distributed his 2022 Annual Report for the Board to review.

Superintendent Watts detailed his monthly report including plowing, salting, cleaning out of records on the third floor, the removal of a tree on Eagle Street and fixing a leaky water service on South Avenue. He said he was working on getting a quote to pave Main Street using State Touring Route funding.

Police Chief Kenward said he distributed his annual report to the Board. He said the new body cameras were activated.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The Minutes of December 12, 2022, and January 9, 2023, are approved as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Trustee Elliott questioned the Parade of Lights vouchers listing prize amounts. He thought these should be listed as a promotional expense.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The bills appropriated to A7551.41, erroneously categorized as a prize, will be listed as a promotional event expense.

Mayor Sidari	Aye	Trustee Sherman	Aye
Trustee Elliott	Aye	Trustee Marciano	Opposed

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The remaining bills as submitted are approved.

All ayes

Motion carried.

Trustee Marciano said the Police Advisory Committee had met. She said the focus for the next few meetings would be on mental health.

Mayor Sidari said himself, Superintendent Watts and Code Enforcement Officer Gardner had met with RTS. Grant funding had been secured and RTS will be placing a new heated bus shelter behind the businesses located on W. Center Street. He said it would include a digital board showing the bus en route. Construction will begin in the spring.

Mayor Sidari opened and then closed the second public comment period as no interested persons wished to speak.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The meeting is adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer