

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 28, 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

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 asked Trustee Marciano to update the Board on the Public Notification System. Trustee Marciano stated that the Town of Ridgeway was receptive to the idea and that she would check with the Town of Shelby. Mayor Sidari stated it was a good way to share services.

Mayor Sidari stated that the deadline to apply for a mural grant through GO ART! was March 15, 2022. Grant money awarded would be utilized to make the northside of the canal more artistic.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. Mayor Sidari is authorized to submit a grant application through GO ART!

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that Chief Jackson had talked with Medex, who handles the ambulance billing on behalf of the Village and that a 2% increase in rates would be reasonable. Chief Jackson had suggested keeping the mileage, bariatric surcharge and out of district surcharge the same.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Marciano. Ambulance rates are increased 2% as presented beginning March 1, 2022, with the exception of mileage, bariatric surcharge and the out of district surcharge.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari stated that Kelly McMurray had spoken with Trustee Marciano and had indicated it was not the right time for her to be on the Parks Committee.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The resignation of Kelly McMurray is accepted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari stated he had received a request from Kristine Mostyn, director of the Lee-Whedon Memorial Library as she is doing a sandstone project and would like to take photographs of City Hall.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The Mayor is authorized to sign a release allowing photographs to be taken inside and outside of City Hall.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari read a letter of resignation from Austin Mosher, Jr., who is resigning from his position as a part-time laborer to accept a position with the Village of Medina Fire Department.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Toale. The resignation of Austin Mosher Jr. is accepted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari stated that interviews had been conducted by Superintendent Watts and Deputy Mayor Toale for the open Motor Equipment Operator position. Superintendent Watts is recommending that William Chmylak be appointed to the position of Motor Equipment Operator at an hourly rate of \$21.54 per the CSEA contract starting on March 14, 2022, with a probationary period of 36 weeks.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari stated that the United Day of Caring would be held on April 22nd and April 23rd, which is a community volunteer effort. He requested that the department heads present ideas to the Board that volunteers could assist with.

Mayor Sidari stated that the United Way had requested use of the canal basin for their Cruise Nights to be held all Fridays in June and July and the first three Fridays in August with the Super Cruise to be held on Main Street, north of Center Street on Wednesday August 24, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Marciano. The United Way is authorized to use the canal basin for their Cruise Nights as requested.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said the EDA had requested that the Village place streetlights at the three entrances to the business park. Trustee Elliott stated that was a good idea for safety purposes. Mayor

Sidari stated we would need to get permission from National Grid. The Board requested that Superintendent Watts get quotes on the cost of installing lights at the three entrances.

Mayor Sidari stated the board had received a request to change the name of one of the streets in the Village. No action was taken.

Mayor Sidari stated that the Waterfront Development Committee was still intact and that oaths would need to be sent for re-appointment.

Mayor Sidari stated that there was a request to appoint members to the Strategic Planning Visionary Committee. This would be a temporary committee that would be advisory in nature. Kathy Blackburn stated the individuals that had been chosen, were picked for their skills, ideas, and vision for Medina and that these were movers and shakers in the Village.

Trustee Toale stated he would like to see new people involved. The same individuals are serving on multiple committees and that we haven't asked anyone else yet.

Mayor Sidari stated that NYCOM discusses economic development and what we can do to help industry in the Village, as well as looking at schools, parks, housing. After meeting with the canal corporation, the idea of having an advisory committee had been discussed.

Trustee Marciano stated that we should open it up to everyone and that maybe we aren't knocking on the right doors all the time.

Trustee Elliott said that he was not opposed to a committee like this, and that we need public input, and we should announce that it is open to the public.

Trustee Sherman asked how this is different from the Planning Board. She also said that another committee sanctioned by the Board, should follow the same process. An individual applies to serve on that committee.

Mayor Sidari requested that it is posted on the Village website and that potential candidates interested in being appointed to the Strategic Planning Visionary Committee submit a letter of interest to the Village Clerk's office.

Mayor Sidari stated he was waiting on responses regarding ARPA funds. Once those are received, a public hearing will be held.

Mayor Sidari stated budget meetings would be scheduled after the Village election was held.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The minutes of January 24, 2022, and February 14, 2022, are approved as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

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

All ayes
Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Gardner stated he had reviewed site plans for a banquet facility at Mariachi De Oro. This has been sent on to Bergmann and Associates for review. He also stated that final inspections would be done on the Comfort Inn the following week.

Fire Chief Jackson said that the first County EMS Task Force meeting was held on February 16, 2022, and that it had went well. He also stated that the new ambulances were scheduled to be delivered mid-March. He also thanked the Town of Shelby for their assistance with the extrication at a recent motor vehicle accident and the Town of Ridgeway for securing the landing zone so that the patient could be transported by Mercy Flight.

Police Chief Kenward stated that Lieutenant Draper had three weeks remaining at the FBI National Academy. He also said that the department was seeing an increase in warrants since the implementation of bail reform. He also said that his department was involved in a vehicle pursuit of a stolen vehicle which resulted in the arrest of an individual who was on parole and whom was a suspect in numerous vehicles being broken into over the last few weeks.

Superintendent Watts stated they had been busy with plowing and salting. They have also been cutting trees and cold patching potholes as time allowed. Work on the boater's bathrooms was almost complete. He said that himself and foreman Ben Lacy had attended a water conference at GCC.

Trustee Marciano said that they are looking to add different perspectives to the police advisory committee.

Trustee Sherman said she was working with Greg Reed and Jim Hancock to replace the information board in the canal basin.

Trustee Elliott stated he had attended the EMS meeting at the county level which was very informative, and he was thankful to have our end of the county covered.

Mayor Sidari opened the public comment period.

Melissa Cotter addressed the Board regarding the building at 525 East Avenue. She expressed concern over the building being a fire hazard as well as a safety hazard.

Mayor Sidari agreed and said that the board felt the same way about the condition of the building.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The meeting is adjourned into executive session at 8:33 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 Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The meeting is reconvened 9:20 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The resignation of Kyle Morgan is accepted as of February 23, 2022.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer