

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 27, 2023, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner, Lieutenant Todd Draper

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 opened the first public comment period. Jean Wetherbee addressed the board concerned about the excessive amount of garbage and abandoned vehicles at 910 South Main Street. Code Enforcement Officer Gardner stated violations had been mailed to the property owner.

Sue Van Buren addressed the Board requesting to utilize a portion of the dog park on Saturdays, to offer dog training. Attorney Brooks stated Ms. Van Buren would need to complete an application, specifically a use of parks application, as well as submit a certificate of liability insurance, naming the Village of Medina as an additional insured.

Clerk-Treasurer Burgess said that sixty-seven ballots were cast in the Village Election and the results were as follows:

Diana Baker	31 votes
Jessica Marciano	34 votes
Peter Huth	1 vote
Shawn Ramsey	1 vote

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The United Way of Orleans County is permitted to hold the 2023 Cruise-Ins on Fridays from June 2, 2023, to August 18, 2023, in the canal basin, ending with the Super Cruise to be held on August 23, 2023, on Main Street.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A request was received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, requesting permission to survey and/or trap for the European Cherry Fruit Fly and the Box Tree Moth on Village property.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Mayor Sidari is authorized to sign the property access request as submitted by the United States Department of Agriculture.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Trustee Toale addressed the Board, stating he has served proudly on the Village of Medina Board for twelve years, that he has enjoyed his time and has hoped he has done his job well. He thanked the Village residents who have stepped up to volunteer and he also thanked the Village employees as well as the Department Heads. He thanked each Board member for their dedication including former board member Todd Bensley, saying that he is an asset to the Village. He also gave praise to the Mayor, his promotion of the Village, his availability to the taxpayers, visitors, and business owners.

Mayor Sidari presented Deputy Mayor Toale with a certificate and proclaimed that March 31<sup>st</sup> has now been designated as Owen Toale Day.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The request from Girl Scout Troop Leader Mindy Cogovan, allowing her girl scout troop to plant flowers at the same locations as last year, including the Village Clerk's Office, is granted.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that he had received a request to reserve a dock space in the canal basin throughout the summer to hold boat excursions on the canal. The matter was tabled.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Toale. The resignation of Police Officer Richard Messmer is accepted, his final day of employment will be April 1, 2023.

~~All ayes~~  
A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Firefighter Andrew Chevone and Firefighter Nicolas Lee are permanently appointed to the positions of Firefighter.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The Village of Medina will move forward with the purchase of a new ladder truck and will contact Bond Counsel to prepare and submit a formal resolution to be presented at the April 24, 2023, Board meeting.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Toale. Medex Billing, Inc. is authorized to accept credit card payments on behalf of the Village of Medina for any outstanding ambulance fees.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to enroll the Village of Medina in Positive Pay with Tompkins Financial Bank.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. Nick Mroz is removed from the Tree Board as he is unreachable, and his oath of office was not returned.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Orleans County Treasurer records, in 1996 the Orleans County Legislature distributed 14% (\$1,366,671) of the total sales tax revenue collected (\$,499,138.31) to the towns and villages in Orleans County; and

**WHEREAS**, said dollar amount have remained the same for town and village revenues from sales tax revenue collected; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been no revenue increase to the towns and villages since then even though the sales tax collected by the county has increased more than 40%;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Medina does hereby request consideration from the Orleans County Legislature to share 14% of the total sales tax revenue collected with the towns and villages each year here and after, to be utilized in the best way to benefit said communities according to its governing bodies.

A vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following budget workshops are scheduled to be held in the Village Clerk's Office at 119 Park Avenue:

April 5, 2023 4:00 p.m. Code and Fire Department  
April 11, 2023 4:00 p.m. Police and Department of Public Works  
April 13, 2023 6:00 p.m.

April 15, 2023 9:00 a.m.

April 22, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Sidari announced that the Arbor Day celebration would be held on April 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. with children from the Medina Central School District meeting on Frank Street.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The minutes of February 27, 2023, and March 13, 2023, are accepted with the exception of the ARPA resolution from March 13, 2023, designating \$7,500.00 to cover the cost of a labor attorney to review the legalities of Village contracts. The resolution is modified as follows: ARPA Funds up to \$7,500.00 are designated to cover the cost of a labor attorney to review the legalities of Union Contracts.

All ayes

Motion carried.

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

All ayes

Motion carried.

Police Chief Kenward presented his report thanking Firefighter Miller and Fisher with recent in-service training on workplace violence, sexual harassment, CPR, and taser.

Fire Chief Jackson presented his report stating he had revised the call firefighter handbook, eliminating the requirements to fight fires, as he has had requests from two potential individuals who would like to be EMS only call firefighters.

Code Enforcement Officer Gardner said he was working on violations, following up on complaints and was also working on his yearly certifications.

Superintendent of Public Works Watts thanked Trustee Toale for serving on the Village Board as well as the assistance he has given his department. He also thanked Foreman Ben Lacy and Brad Freeman for keeping the streets clear and safe while he was out of town.

Clerk-Treasurer Burgess thanked Trustee Toale for always having the best interest of the Village in mind as he served as Trustee and her appreciation for his assistance given to the Village Clerk's Office.

Trustee Sherman said Trustee Toale is very transparent and she has learned a lot working with him and that he has made her a better Board member.

Mayor Sidari thanked Trustee Toale and said they had many discussions, some where they did not agree, but the Board has always worked together to do what is best for the Village. Trustee Toale is an example of a public servant.

Todd Bensley thanked Trustee Toale for his kind words and said he appreciated all he has done on the Board, and the friendship that came out of it.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The meeting is adjourned into executive session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The regular meeting is reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Kyle Daly is appointed to the position of Police Officer at a new officer starting rate per the union contract, with a 78-week probationary period with a start date of May 10, 2023, pending fulfilling the Civil Service requirements.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess  
Clerk-Treasurer

