

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari

Trustees Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano, and Diana Baker

Police Chief Todd Draper, Fire Chief Matthew Jackson, and Superintendent of Public Works Jason Watts

Excused: Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner
Attorney Matthew Brooks

Mayor Sidari called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Sidari introduced Matthew Jacobs who addressed the Board stating that he is part of the Boy Scout Troop #28 and that he is looking to do a Life Rank Service Project. He would like to paint the playground equipment that is located at Gulf Street Park. The colors picked out are red, green, and blue.

Deputy Mayor Sherman said she appreciated Mr. Jacobs taking on this project and investing in the community. Mayor Sidari also thanked Mr. Jacobs for taking this project on and that he had the Board's blessing.

Mayor Sidari said that the Office of Community Renewal requires a second public hearing to obtain comments on the Water System Evaluation Project.

A motion was offered by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott.

WHEREAS, the Village of Medina Board of Trustees wishes to hear public comments relating to the recently completed Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") project supporting a water system study, and

WHEREAS, The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and provides resources to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS, OCR requires that grant recipients hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizen comments regarding CDBG funded projects to help make determinations for the future use of CDBG funds, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Medina Board of Trustees hereby calls for a Public Hearing whereat all interested parties shall be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing shall be held on November 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center, 615 West Avenue, Medina, New York 14103; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at least eight (8) days' notice of such hearing shall be given by the Village Clerk-Treasurer by the due posting thereof in the Municipal Building and on the Village's website, and by publishing such notice at least once in the official newspaper of the Village.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said he had received a contract from Barton and Loguidice in reference to the Fire Station Addition. Deputy Mayor Sherman asked if this needed to go to the Planning Board first and asked if there were other options besides the one being present. Trustee Marciano stated those were good points. Trustee Elliott said this discussion should be a separate meeting. Deputy Mayor Sherman asked if Barton and Loguidice could attend a meeting to answer questions about the project. Mayor Sidari said he would contact Barton and Loguidice on their availability to attend the December 11, 2023, meeting.

Mayor Sidari read a letter submitted by Firefighter Bailey Schubmehl.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The resignation of Firefighter Bailey Schubmehl is accepted with regret.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Mayor Sidari is authorized to call for the Civil Service EMT list.

All ayes
Motion carried.

The Board discussed the appointment of an assistant operator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Superintendent Watts said it would need to be posted in house per the contract. He said he would also like to look at hiring a third operator because of the seat time of the Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.

The discussion on the sewer use fee for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade was tabled until Attorney Brooks could be present.

The discussion on the water and sewer relevy fee was tabled.

The Board discussed a resignation policy and what an employee would be entitled to when it came to payouts involving unused vacation, training pay and compensatory time if they choose to resign from the Village. Trustee Elliott and Trustee Baker will review contracts and advise the Board. The matter was tabled.

The Board discussed the roles and responsibilities of Department Liaisons. Mayor Sidari said that the Department head should go to the liaisons for assistance and if it is something that cannot be resolved, it should go to the Board.

The Board discussed invoicing the Town of Shelby for contractual items and water readings that were not submitted to the Village of Medina. The matter was tabled.

Superintendent Watts said his department was working on taking down the Hometown Hero Banners. Stone had been placed at the Dog Park. He stated that the stone had been donated by Shelby Crushed Stone. He said his department had started the first round of leaf pickup. He said the lift station on Bates Road had been repaired.

Trustee Elliott asked if there was progress on the Main Street building as we were past the November 5, 2023, deadline.

Chief Draper said the final preparations had begun for the Parade of Lights. He said he was waiting for the lettering for the new police vehicles. He said he had funds remaining from the capital project and was requesting to place epoxy flooring from the holding cell to dispatch and interview room one.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The epoxy flooring quote received from Rochester Epoxy LLC., in the amount of \$3,800.00 is accepted and Chief Draper is authorized to have the flooring installed.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that on Friday November 17, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., the Canal Corporation and the New York Power Authority would be making a major announcement on plans in Medina along the Erie Canal.

Trustee Marciano said Code Enforcement Officer Gardner took a mandatory class on weather efficiency in homes, solar permitting, and code regulation on solar permitting. She said the Village of Medina would be eligible for a \$5,000.00 grant from NYSERDA after completion of the class.

Mayor Sidari opened for public comment. Ms. Gabrielle Barone addressed the Board stating that Barton and Loguidice did not go to the Planning Board on the Fire Station Addition, and they should have. She also weighed in on the importance of the Village of Medina's Wastewater Treatment Plant facility and that our neighbors need to recognize the importance of this plant. There is economic development and tax money for all entities. However, there is not economic development without the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Baker. The meeting is adjourned into executive session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss a specific individual's employment history.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is reconvened and subsequently adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer