

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari
Trustees Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano, and Diana Baker
Fire Chief Mathew Jackson, Police Chief Todd Draper, Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner, and Superintendent of Public Works Jason Watts

Excused: 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. Debbie Padoleski of 418 Erie Street addressed the Board. Mrs. Padoleski stated that she had talked to several Board members about the cost of the Fire Station addition and her concerns. She thanked Trustee Sherman for speaking up at the last board meeting and she was aware that the Board would be scheduling another meeting with the engineer about the project. She said she did not believe the taxpayers of this Village could sustain that type of debt service and questioned why the Board was not given different options for the project. She also questioned why funding sources were not pursued first. She said we are all worried about the new ladder truck being here with nowhere to house it but maybe there could be a temporary solution to house the truck.

Mayor Sidari said her concerns were also all their concerns.

Mayor Sidari the Board had previously discussed updating the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption. A public hearing would need to be scheduled.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Baker. A public hearing is scheduled for February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss updating local law § 214-15, Senior Citizens Tax Exemption, Exemption Granted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari read a letter of resignation from Kathy Blackburn, who has served on both the Boxwood Cemetery Commission and the Tree Board for ten plus years, serving as Chairperson to each board.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The resignation of Kathy Black from both the Tree Board and the Boxwood Cemetery Commission is accepted with regret.

All ayes

Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari thanked Ms. Blackburn for her service to the Village and said much had been accomplished under her direction. Trustee Sherman said she would be clearly missed.

Mayor Sidari said the Alzheimer's Association would be holding their 2024 Orleans County Walk to End Alzheimer's at State Street Park on Saturday September 7, 2024.

Mayor Sidari said that the Orleans County Industrial Agency had given the Village of Medina two roads, but the roads had not been officially named. He said a third road owned by the Village would also need to be named. He said to be officially named it would require a public hearing for each street. Trustee Sherman said she would like to keep the names consistent and name one of the streets Owen's Way in honor of former Trustee Owen Toale who has done a lot for the community. Ms. Gabrielle Barone said she liked the consistency since one of the roads was already named Marcia Tuohey Way.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Sherman. A public hearing is scheduled for February 12, 2024, at 7:05 p.m. to name the road between the hotel and Pride Pak, Owen's Way.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Sherman. A public hearing is scheduled for February 12, 2024, at 7:10 p.m. to name the road between Pride Pak and the property owned by the Orleans County Industrial Development Agency Pride Pak Way.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Baker. A public hearing is scheduled for February 12, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. to name the road between BMP and Take Form Commerce Way.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Attorney Brooks suggested placing signs that say no truck parking and no standing.

The following motion was offered by Trustee Elliott 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 \$19,897.74 for the 2023-2024 season.

Seconded by Trustee Sherman.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said The Bonadio Group had provided the Village with an engagement letter to act as a consultant for general accounting services throughout the year.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Mayor Sidari is authorized to sign the engagement letter from The Bonadio Group.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari introduced Mr. Hellner from Northstar Cruises. Mr. Hellner said that he had looked at the rates Lockport was charging to dock a boat in the canal basin and requested that the Board re-consider the pricing for this year. Trustee Marciano asked if the waivers were being submitted to the Clerk's Office and asked that they are turned in regularly. Trustee Sherman expressed concern over taking up too many spaces in the canal basin as tourists do come in to be able to stay overnight in Medina.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Baker. The Village of Medina will mirror the City of Lockport New York's Wide Water Marina and Public Water Facilities Fee schedule.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Village of Medina accepts the funds in the amount of \$9,525.00 to be held and used specific to the Hometown Heros Program.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Village of Medina accepts the funds in the amount of \$14,740 to be held and used specific to the Parade of Lights Program.

All ayes
Motion carried.

The unpaid water bill at 150 Gulf Street was discussed. The procedure of placing any unpaid water and sewer fees on the Village tax bill will occur if the bill remains unpaid.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The minutes of December 11, 2023, and January 8, 2024, are accepted as submitted.

All ayes

Motion carried.

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

All ayes
Motion carried.

Fire Chief Jackson said they are beginning a new Countywide Accountability System. He said it is to improve accountability for all firefighters on fire scenes. He said he has also implemented a new training rubric which will include 101 hours of mandatory fire training, additional EMS training and he would be doing a leadership development session each month. He said he would be attending a Winter Weather Emergency tabletop training at GCC on January 30, 2024. Recruits Schreder and Baxter will begin the New York State Fire Academy on February 11, 2024. Fire Chief Jackson also requested authorization to sign the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Fire Prevention and Control Municipal Firefighter Training Memorandum of Understanding.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Sherman. Fire Chief Jackson is authorized to sign the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Fire Prevention and Control Municipal Firefighter Training Memorandum of Understanding.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Gardner said that the court date for the burned building located at 613-615 Main Street was scheduled for January 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. He said the property located at the corner of Gwinn Street and South Avenue had been purchased by JK Holdings.

Police Chief Draper said Police Officer Daly is in the rotation and that his graduation date was scheduled for March 2, 2024. He said \$1,000.00 was received from Orleans County for the Stop DWI program. He said the new report management system would be costing the County \$325,000.00 and that the annual maintenance cost to the Village would be \$3,000.00. Trustee Marciano asked if the County would also be contributing to the annual maintenance. Trustee Sherman said with the Village having their own Police Department, a lot of work is taken off the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. Police Chief Draper said he understood these concerns, but the Village's system needed to be upgraded since it will not be supported, and he would rather utilize the same system. Police Chief Draper also requested an executive session.

Superintendent of Public Works Watts said they had plowed and salted numerous times throughout the week. He said they had cleaned up the Christmas trees at State Street Park and had been assisting with cutting trees for National Grid as well as pruning trees. He said they would be working on cutting down trees that were on the list. He said much needed repairs were being completed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said crews were cleaning and organizing the shop. He said Jen Hill had approached him about having members of her crew assist with taking down the decorations at Rotary Park on the anniversary of her dad's death and that she would like to make this an annual event.

Mayor Sidari opened the second public comment period. Kathy Blackburn said the Medina Area Partnership would like to put two Stand-Up Boards down near the canal basin for families to be able to have their picture taken while visiting Medina. Mayor Sidari asked if the Planning Board needed to approve the Stand-Up Boards. Code Enforcement Gardner agreed it should go in front of the Planning Board for approval. Mayor Sidari asked if it would be on Village property and questioned the liability if someone were to get hurt.

Ms. Gabrielle Barone asked why both the Town of Ridgeway and the Town of Shelby have County liaisons attend their meetings, but they did not attend the Village of Medina meetings. She said that the Village may be able to effectively open conversations and it might help solve some of these issues if the County attended the Village meetings.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is adjourned into executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss contractual negotiations.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The meeting is reconvened and subsequently adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer