MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 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	
Excused:	Attorney Matthew Brooks	
Others:	Jean Wetherbee Tim Cooper Michael Maak Tom Rivers Kathy Blackburn	Jeff Pasnik Lorraine Limina Mark Prawel Gabrielle Barone

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 hearing at 7:00 p.m. on proposed Local Law # 1 - 2024, Senior Citizens Tax Exemption Pursuant to RPTL Law § 467. No interested persons wished to speak.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The public hearing on proposed Local Law # 1 - 2024, Senior Citizens Tax Exemption Pursuant to RPTL Law § 467 is closed at 7:01 p.m.

All ayes Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The motion made by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Sherman authorizing Mayor Sidari to sign the 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June 30, 2024, and now requests the amount of \$19,897.74 for the 2023-2024 season at the January 22, 2024, meeting is rescinded.

All ayes Motion carried.

The following motion was offered by Trustee Baker 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 \$19,727.15 for the 2023-2024 season.

Seconded by Trustee Sherman.

All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari opened the second public hearing at 7:05 p.m. regarding the proposed naming of an unnamed street between 11601 and 11625 Maple Ridge (approx. 400 feet), perpendicular to Maple Ridge Road, as "Owen's Way". Mayor Sidari asked for suggestions on the naming of the road. Mr. Rivers addressed the Board suggesting naming the road Charles Howard since he was initially from Medina and then moved to Albion. He also suggested naming the road after Forrest Vossler, a World War II Veteran who was a Medal of Honor recipient from Lyndonville. He also suggested naming it after John Butts.

Mr. Michael Maak suggested naming it after Donald Kennedy a prominent businessman and former Mayor of the Village of Medina. Trustee Elliott said that he had contacted Chris Busch and historian Todd Bensley who would be compiling a list of historical individuals from Medina.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Baker. The public hearing regarding the proposed naming of an unnamed street between 11601 and 11625 Maple Ridge (approx. 400 feet), perpendicular to Maple Ridge Road is closed at 7:08 p.m.

All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari asked Trustee Marciano to discuss the volunteer application. Trustee Marciano said it is listed on the application that training and orientation would be provided. She suggested adding if applicable to this portion of the application and said she would like to remove the criminal history section as well as the notary section. Trustee Marciano said she would prepare an updated volunteer application for the business meeting to be held on February 26, 2024.

Mayor Sidari opened the third public hearing at 7:10 p.m. regarding the proposed naming of an unnamed street located between the west end of Pride Pak building and east of Brown Road (approx. 330 feet), perpendicular to Maple Ridge Road, as "Pride Pak Way". Mayor Sidari said this was not formally passed at a Board meeting. Mayor Sidari said naming it Pride Pak Way would be consistent with the road located in the business park named Marcia Tuohey Way.

Mr. Maak suggested Don Kennedy for Commerce Way. Mr. Rivers said we already have Kennedy Circle. Mr. Maak said we could use a middle initial when naming the road. Mr. Pasnik said he did not like naming a road after a business that might not be there after fifteen years. Mr. Maak suggested Michael Ferri, a prominent businessman that owned the former Bells store and he was also a prominent school board member. Trustee Sherman asked Ms. Barone her thoughts. Ms. Barone said she did not think you could rescind naming the road Pride Pak Way. There was already a conversation about the naming of the road.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The public hearing regarding the proposed naming of an unnamed street located between the west end of Pride Pak building and east of Brown Road (approx. 330 feet), perpendicular to Maple Ridge Road, as "Pride Pak Way" is closed at 7:15 p.m.

All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari opened the fourth public hearing regarding the proposed naming of an unnamed street located between the Take Form and BMP, (approx. 400 feet), perpendicular to Maple Ridge Road, as "Commerce Way".

Mr. Rivers suggested naming the road John Sawyer, who started the Ethanol Plant. Mr. Maak said the Ethanol Plant is in the Town of Shelby.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The public hearing regarding the proposed naming of an unnamed street located between the Take Form and BMP, (approx. 400 feet), perpendicular to Maple Ridge Road, as "Commerce Way" is closed at 7:16 p.m.

All ayes Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari opened the public comment period. Debbie Padoleski addressed the Board asking what the next steps would be on the fire station addition. Mayor Sidari said the projections had just been received from bond council and the Board was in the process of reviewing those amounts. Ms. Padoleski said she envisioned the Board re-imaging the project before getting into dollar amounts. She said she realized the opportunity was already open to the public, but requested that she be allowed to tour the fire station.

Mayor Sidari said they had told the engineers amounts they were comfortable with. Ms. Padoleski said you all need to be on the same page. Trustee Marciano asked if there were notes on the project, what is on the list and what was added by Barton and Loguidice. Mr. Maak asked how this would play into the historic district.

Trustee Sherman said this was a feasibility study and Barton and Loguidice does not want to do another design without signing a contract. Mr. Maak asked if the Planning Board had any discussions on the fire station addition.

Mrs. Limina asked if she understood it correctly, that the Board gave the engineer what they wanted for the addition. Mayor Sidari said items mandated by the Federal Government were put in the plan. He said the board could look to remove items that are not needed to keep costs down. Mrs. Limina asked if the fire department added in items or was it the engineer. Mayor Sidari said Barton and Loguidice had added items they don't necessarily need. Mrs. Limina said you are still looking at two and a half million dollars, three million dollars, three and a half million dollars and four million dollars. Mrs. Padoleski said you don't know what the plans include for those amounts. It seems backwards. Mrs. Limina agreed.

Trustee Elliott said we started with four different amounts to see what the debt service would be. Mrs. Limina said she agreed with Mrs. Padoleski, you should decide what you need and add it if you can afford it. Mrs. Padoleski said the bond resolution would need to be amended if you change the scope of work.

Ms. Barone said she would think you would start with the minimum based on what you need and that it is a bit confusing. Start with the basic and then add to it. Mayor Sidari said he envisioned two bays with two fourteen-foot doors and a roof.

Mrs. Padoleski said she would be anxious to see what fresh eyes would see on this project considering that it is a big project. She said no one is a project manager and that you need advice from your taxpayers. She said she isn't faulting the Board. The Village does not have an administrator.

Mr. Cooper asked what the age of the pumper truck is and asked what the plan is to pay for these vehicles. He also asked how many vehicles we need on the west end. Mayor Sidari said we are mandated on what we need in the Village and that not having these could affect homeowner's insurance. Mr. Maak asked when the ladder truck would be delivered. Fire Chief Jackson said by Christmas of 2025.

Mayor Sidari said the Stand-Up Board designs were distributed to the Board. Ms. Kathy Blackburn discussed the Stand-Up Boards stating the Medina Area Partnership would like to see the boards placed near the canal basin by the former Journal Register building. Trustee Sherman said the boards are beautiful and asked if they could be placed behind the Napa building where the canal would be more visible in the background. Ms. Blackburn said she was not sure where they could attach them. Mayor Sidari said he would also like to check with the Village of Medina's insurance carrier to ask about liability since they would be placed on Village property. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Sidari said that the Village could submit a letter to Governor Hochul and the New York State Homes and Community Renewal to be recognized as a pro-housing community. Mayor Sidari said this could assist in the DRI, New York Forward, and Empire State Development grants. Trustee Marciano asked if there was a downside to sending in the letter. Mayor Sidari said he didn't think there is, however, it would create work for the Fair Housing Officer and the Code Enforcement Officer. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Sidari said the Village could apply for a Brownfield grant which would assist with buildings that are eyesores in the community. Trustee Marciano said there are a few properties in the Village that could benefit from that. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Sidari said there is a Northern Border Regional Commission grant which assists with community planning, outreach, and engagement. He said there are parks in the Village that need improvements. The matter was tabled until the next meeting. Mayor Sidari said that Fire Chief Jackson had suggested increasing the ambulance rates. Trustee Elliott said he believed it is good to update the rates on an annual basis. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Fire Chief Jackson said Firefighters Baxter and Schreader began the New York State Academy and will graduate on May 24, 2024. He said Firefighter Kyle began FTO and would be going into the rotation next week to continue to work to complete the requirements to be cleared as an EMT. He said the AFG grant had been announced and that he would like G&G to pursue a compressor/fill station for SCBA bottles. He said the total cost would be \$105,444.00. If the Village was awarded this grant, the FEMA portion would be \$100,422.86 and the Village's share would be \$5,021.14. Mayor Sidari said that board approval would not be needed since there is already a contract in place with G&G as a grant writer.

Police Chief Draper said he would be preparing his monthly report for the next meeting, and he requested an executive session.

Mayor Sidari asked if there were any additional public comments. Ms. Barone said the Medina Business Park has been shortlisted by Fortune 500 companies in the past year. She said the gateways to the Village are not inviting and we need to do something about it. She said we were second out of eighty-five sites however we do not show as well as other communities as to where someone can live.

Mrs. Limina agreed with Ms. Barone asking the Board to look at the condition of some of the properties in the Village, particularly down South Main Street. Places are going downhill. She said the Board should be worrying about making the community look better.

Mr. Maak asked how much of the sales tax is generated in the Village. Mayor Sidari said within the last year the Village has sent letters to Orleans County asking for the sales tax distribution to be re-evaluated. Mr. Maak said he is interested in the Village becoming a city. He said we provide a lot of services in this area and get short changed. He said we need to come together to save what is Medina and that we needed to be pro-active and get the Towns to work with us.

Mayor Sidari said the Medina Area Partnership brings businesses into Medina but there is not an increase in sales tax. Mr. Maak said every time the Ethanol Plant needs something they call the Village, not the Town of Shelby. Trustee Marciano said Orleans County has forgotten the residents of Medina are county residents. She said there are seven people that are elected to represent us, and we need to hold their feet to the fire.

Ms. Jean Wetherbee asked when the fire hydrants would be replaced. Mayor Sidari said there were four or five hydrants that the Board was looking to replace. Mr. Maak said we need to replace the water lines. Trustee Marciano said the Board has pursued grants and unsafe pipes take precedent and the Village of Medina's lines are not considered unsafe.

Ms. Barone said wastewater is extremely important and that we need to be able to tell prospective businesses that we can handle the wastewater.

Mr. Cooper asked how much capacity is left in the sewer treatment plant and that he was told that forty percent was being used. Mayor Sidari said there is room as the capacity is eight million and we are only using one and a half million. Mayor Sidari said that is the reason for not allowing the STAMP project, to be able to take care of the business park. Ms. Barone asked if it was accurate that the STAMP project would have taken control of the wastewater treatment plant.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. The meeting is moved into executive session at 8:09 p.m. to discuss matters leading to an appointment of a particular person or persons.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The meeting is reconvened and subsequently adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

All ayes

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jada A. Burgess Clerk-Treasurer