

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 25, 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 opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Sidari asked for a moment of silence for the recent passing of former Trustee Owen Toale.

Mayor Sidari opened the public hearing on proposed Local Law # 2- 2024, Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

No interested persons wished to speak.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The public hearing on proposed local Law # 2- 2024, Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c is closed at 7:02 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari opened the first public comment period, reminding the public that comments were limited to three minutes for any agenda items only.

Mr. John Pratt said he would like the board to consider keeping the car show in the canal basin. He said it is a park like setting, has shade and is by the water.

Ms. Ellie Kage said moving the car show is only going to benefit the person who is running it. She also asked if the board considered that people would be crossing the road if it was moved to the Senior Citizen Center. She said they should be able to use the canal basin. She also said the Super Cruise should remain on a Wednesday.

Ms. Loretta Kropp said families walk through the car show. They want a family atmosphere.

Ms. Ginny Nicholson said she doesn't live in the Village anymore, but the car show has always been hosted in the canal basin and asked if the Board was considering the senior

citizens that would attend the car show. She commended Mr. Hellner and Mr. Snyder for taking over but asked that they continue what was started by David Green.

Trustee Elliott said this is a new car show. It has a new name. It is started by two people who stepped up to take it over. It's their hard work putting this together. He said the question is, do we want a car show, yes or no.

Trustee Sherman read a letter received from Mr. Craig Royal who expressed his concern moving the car show from the canal basin to the Senior Citizen Center. He said a lot of the people attending the car show are senior citizens and the canal basin offers plenty of shade, picnic tables and food amenities close by. He said people come to the car show because of the atmosphere. He said he would hate to see the attendance suffer from the change of venue.

Mr. Snyder said it wasn't something they considered lightly. He said there is a separate insurance policy that needs to be in place, you need to have handicap assessable bathrooms. He said there are financial aspects associated with holding this event. He said they contacted Zambistros, Fitzgibbons, and Bent's Opera House. He said they do not see a big influx of business during cruise nights. He said this is a learn as we go and that they are open to feedback.

Mr. Hellner said he wanted to give this back to the community, so it doesn't go away.

Mayor Sidari asked how many cars they thought could fit at the senior citizen center.

Mr. Hellner said approximately fifty-five cars. He said when the canal basin is reconfigured, you would be losing spots.

Mayor Sidari said the library holds movies on Friday nights.

Mr. Snyder said it is usually cleared up by 8:00 p.m. and the movies do not start until 9:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sharlene Pratt said you don't want the cars parked tight together. They need to be spread out.

Police Chief Draper asked if there would be an anticipation of law enforcement during the event.

Mayor Sidari asked if they would need to assist crossing from one side of the road to the other.

Trustee Marciano asked if the Village would be added as an additional insured on the insurance policy rider that Mr. Hellner had previously discussed.

Mr. Hellner said the Village would be added as an additional insured.

Mrs. Loretta Kropp asked how all the cars would fit in at the new venue and said there isn't any shade.

Ms. Ellie Kage said usually two or three people sit with their cars and asked how everyone would fit in at the new location.

Mr. John Pratt said if you accept their proposal, couldn't you block off Park Avenue to North Avenue by the library and allow participants to park in the street.

Mr. Ginny Nicholson asked that the Board do not make a determination based on one person. She encouraged the Board to listen to what people are saying.

Mrs. Deborah Padoleski asked if Mr. Hellner had talked to the participants in the car show. She said she didn't know what the answer was, but asked if there could be a compromise that could be reached. She said maybe there should be a meeting between the participants of the car show and Mr. Hellner and Mr. Snyder.

Clerk-Treasurer Burgess said there were 488 votes cast in the village election. The results were as follows:

For Mayor:

Marguerite Sherman	330 votes
Michael Maak	158 votes

For Village Trustee:

Deborah Padoleski	267 votes
Mark Prawel	198 votes
Jeffrey Pasnik	195 votes
Timothy Elliott	185 votes
Austin M. Mosher	91 votes

Mayor Sidari asked if there was a motion on proposed Local Law 2-2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Local Law 2-2024 which reads as follows:

**Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c",**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Medina to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June, 2024, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 2. Authority.**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Medina, County of Orleans, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June, 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 4. Severability.**

If a Court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the Court’s Order or Judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such Judgment or Order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A vote was taken.

Mayor Sidari	Aye	Trustee Sherman	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye	Trustee Marciano	Nay
Trustee Baker	Nay		

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. A public hearing on the proposed 2024-25 budget is scheduled for April 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The organization meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. and will be held at the Senior Citizens Center.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

The following budget workshop sessions were scheduled:

Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. – Department of Public Works

Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. – Fire Department

Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. – Code and Police Department

Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Sidari said the Village of Medina has been awarded an Engineering and Planning Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the development of an engineering report to identify sources of inflow and infiltration, evaluate alternatives and recommend improvements to the Village of Medina's wastewater collection system. Applicants with an engineering and planning grant need to provide a resolution that authorizes a designated representative, the Mayor, to execute the EPG agreement and authorizes expenditure of project costs and local match funding requirements.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano.

Now, therefore it be resolved that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an engineering planning grant agreement with the State of New York Environmental Facilities Corporation, (New York State EFC), and any and all other contracts, documents, and/or instruments necessary to facilitate the EPG project referenced herein and to fulfill the Village of Medina's obligations thereunder.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said the local match for this project is a minimum of twenty percent of the total EPG grant award.

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

Now, therefore it be resolved, the Village of Medina, New York hereby authorizes and appropriates a minimum twenty percent local match as required by the engineering planning grant program for the Inflow and Infiltration Study in the amount of \$10,000.00 and based upon the total EPG grant award of \$50,000.00. Be it further resolved, the source of the local match, and any amount in excess of the required match, shall be provided by the sewer fund.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said the grant writer had been working on documentation to send to the USDA this week.

Mayor Sidari requested that a formal committee be formed to pursue an All-Inclusive Playground to be placed at State Street Park.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker.

An All-Inclusive Playground Committee is established to pursue placing an All-Inclusive Playground at State Street Park.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

The naming of the streets at the business park were tabled.

Mayor Sidari asked if the board was ready to vote on the car show as presented by Mr. Hellner and Mr. Snyder.

Trustee Sherman said she would like to walk around with Mr. Hellner and possibly get a committee together from both sides to discuss the car show.

Trustee Elliott said Mr. Hellner would like to put the schedule out. He said unfortunately the board needs to determine if they want a car show or not.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Mr. Hellner and Mr. Snyder are allowed to hold the car show as presented. Trustee Marciano said she is open to more discussion before calling for a vote.

Trustee Sherman said she is not prepared to make a decision at this time. Trustee Elliott said he liked the idea of opening the road between Park Avenue and North Avenue.

Mayor Sidari called for the Trustees to vote, to approve the car show as presented.

Trustee Sherman	Nay	Trustee Marciano	Aye
Trustee Elliott	Aye	Trustee Baker	Aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Hellner said he is contributing to the car show financially and it has to make sense for him. He said he wants to make it great for people to come here and see this Village.

Mayor Sidari asked Mr. Hellner to work with the board on the Super Cruise.

Trustee Baker gave an update on the Restore New York Grant and said a letter of intent was submitted on March 25, 2024.

Mayor Sidari said the property owner on Bates Road who requested to tap into the Village of Medina's sewer system would be contacting the Town of Ridgeway about annexing into the Village.

Trustee Marciano gave an update on the Northern Border Regional Commission Grant, stating that a letter of intent was submitted on March 22, 2024.

Trustee Elliott updated the board on the Brownfield Grant stating the Village would not be able to apply for a grant as it is not in the correct zone.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Brooke Beatty is appointed to the Parks Committee.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Baker. Janet Husung and Jeffrey Pasnik are appointed to the Boxwood Cemetery Commission.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Baker. Jeff Wagner is appointed to the Tree Board.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The following inactive call firemen are removed: Todd Draper, Joseph Frentz, Matt Natale, Tommy Rushing and Harold Scribner.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

The resignation of Police Officer Michael Borrell effective March 30, 2024, is accepted.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The minutes of February 26, 2024, and March 11, 2024, and the Special Meeting held on March 21, 2024, are accepted as submitted.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

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

All ayes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. The motion to approve the car show as presented is rescinded.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Mr. Hellner and Mr. Snyder are allowed to hold a car show in the Senior Citizen Parking lot as presented and the Village of Medina will be listed as an additional insured, and the policy shall be a minimum of a million dollars. A vote was taken.

Trustee Sherman	Nay	Trustee Marciano	Aye
Trustee Elliott	Aye	Trustee Baker	Aye

Motion carried.

Fire Chief Jackson said firefighters Schreder and Baxter are in the seventh week of the academy and continue to do well. He said the first ambulance board meeting of 2024 was held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. He said due to the anticipated influx of hundreds of thousands of people in the region for the solar eclipse, he was taking proactive measures and would be staffing four ambulances that afternoon from noon to 6:00 p.m. to ensure an adequate emergency response. He thanked Mayor Sidari and Trustee Elliott for their commitment to the Village.

Code Enforcement Gardner said he attended a court date for the business that caught on fire on Main Street and Mr. Fuller didn't show. He said the next step would be scheduling a court date for a bench trial. He said he sent out final violation notices on fourteen properties. He said they have thirty days to respond, or they will be issued a court appearance. He thanked Mayor Sidari and Trustee Elliott for their hard work and dedication to the Village.

Police Chief Draper said the two new recruits have started the Niagara County Academy. He said recruit Joy was appointed class president. He said Officer Daly's formal graduation would be March 29, 2024. He said multiple trainings were held, including workplace violence, sexual harassment, OSHA, and Forcible entry techniques. He said there would be scheduled trainings outside the department including Breath Test Operator that Sergeant Navas and Police Officer Daly would be attending, Law Enforcement Executive Training that he would be attending and Evidence Room Management Training that Police Officer McManus would be attending. He said from conversations with the Board, he has prepared an open competitive job posting for the Lieutenant's position and he would be distributing it online and posting. He thanked the outgoing Board members and congratulated the incoming Board members.

Superintendent Watts said they had repaired water leaks on South Avenue, and they had cleaned some sewers on Orient Street and Zacher Drive. He said a pump at the Pride Pak lift station had been repaired, trees were removed on Ann Street and Mead Avenue, and they would be working on Eagle Street. The fallen tree on Elizabeth Street was cleaned up. Curb boxes were replaced. All employees would be attending a training put on by the Orleans County Highway Superintendents



Association on April 9, 2024. He said all auction items were picked up and paid for. He thanked Mayor Sidari and Trustee Elliott.

Clerk-Treasurer Burgess thanked Mayor Sidari for his dedication and service to the Village for the last ten years, serving two years as Trustee and the last eight years as Mayor. She said she has witnessed his dedication, serving with integrity, knowledge and always being available to the taxpayers. She said he has worked alongside volunteers within the community, continuing to implement improvements in the parks. She thanked Mayor Sidari, saying his dedication has made her job easier. His devotion to the Village has not gone unnoticed. She wished Mayor Sidari the best in his retirement and thanked him for helping her grow in her position as Clerk-Treasurer of the Village. She said he would be missed. She also thanked Trustee Elliott for serving on the Board for the past several years. She said his insight was refreshing, often bringing an out of the box thinking which is beneficial to the board. She said she looked forward to working with newly elected Mayor Marguerite Sherman as well as Trustees Deborah Padoleski and Mark Prawel.

Trustee Sherman presented a plaque to Mayor Sidari, thanking him for his dedication to the Village. She said he had been part of so many projects that continue to move Medina in a positive direction.

Trustee Marciano said she would not be here with as much knowledge if it had not been for the Mayor and Trustee Elliott. Trustee Baker agreed with Trustee Marciano's sentiments.

Mayor Sidari said he cannot lay claim to the accomplishments as Mayor. He said there are too many people that have contributed to this Village. He said it was once said, a politician is in it for himself, but a public servant is in it for the people. He said it hasn't been I did this, but we did this. He encouraged people to get involved. He also said it is a must that all of you work together. He also thanked his wife Brenda for the support.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is adjourned into executive session at 8:08 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The meeting is reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Mayor Sidari is authorized to sign the Police Chief work agreement as presented.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

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

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess  
Clerk-Treasurer