

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 10, 2024,
AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Marguerite Sherman
Trustees Jessica Marciano, Diana Baker, Deborah Padoleski, and Mark Prawel
Police Chief Todd Draper
Attorney Matthew Brooks

Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Sherman said she had received a request from the Orleans County Economic Development Agency asking for a letter of support as Orleans County is applying to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for a grant to provide funding for the Orleans Microenterprise Assistance Program.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Baker. The Mayor is authorized to sign a letter of support and submit it to the Orleans County Economic Development Agency pursuant to funding for the Orleans County Microenterprise Assistance Program.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Trustee Marciano said she had talked to Rob Richardson and the clean energy grant would not be able to be utilized for a speed limit sign. She said he suggested using part of the Clean Energy Grant that was awarded to the Village to audit one of the municipal buildings. The cost would be \$3,400.00 to do the audit and the remaining funds could be used toward reducing energy costs. Trustee Padoleski said she believed that type of audit had been done in the past.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Prawel. \$3,400.00 of the Clean Energy Grant will be utilized to complete an audit of a municipal building and the remaining grant funds will go toward reducing energy costs after the audit is complete.

All ayes
Motion carried.

The establishment of a water savings account was tabled until the business meeting.

The sewer capital charge was tabled until the business meeting.

Mayor Sherman said that the Village may need to take out a BAN to fund the EV charging stations project. She also asked if the Board would like to look at a different location to place the EV charging stations since the canal is part of the New York Forward project. Trustee Prawel asked if the Village would need to come up with funding if an additional grant was not received from National

Grid. He also questioned the maintenance of the stations down the road. Trustee Padoleski said she was uncomfortable with the funding and that she preferred that they are not in the canal basin. Trustee Baker said she thought the municipal lot behind Mark's Pizza would be a better location. Trustee Marciano said she was comfortable moving forward since they did receive the grant. Attorney Brooks said we would need a resolution to take out a BAN if the project moves forward. The matter was tabled.

The discussion on CHIPS equipment was tabled.

Police Chief Draper said that an officer had transferred to the Warsaw Police Department, and they are requesting to purchase his vest. Police Chief Draper asked that the board declare the vest surplus and sell it to the Warsaw Police Department for \$500.00. He said the vest was purchased for \$999.00 in 2021, it cannot be owned by the general public and that it is made specific to the officer and would not be issued to another officer. He said the police officer is currently borrowing the vest.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Baker. The police ballistic vest is declared surplus.

A vote was taken.

Trustee Marciano	Opposed	Trustee Baker	Aye
Trustee Prawel	Opposed	Trustee Padoleski	Aye

Trustee Marciano said she was opposed to the last vest being declared surplus and that this officer had resigned. Trustee Prawel agreed that the vest should be paid at full value. Police Chief Draper said the Village had received a grant which paid for half of the cost of the vest.

Trustee Marciano said she was not in favor of equipment leaving the Village at a discounted rate. Trustee Padoleski said maybe there needed to be a policy on declaring how equipment is disposed of for all departments. Trustee Padoleski rescinded her vote. Mayor Sherman said the motion is denied.

Mayor Sherman said that the Sandstone Society would like to put a small video kiosk in the City Hall Sandstone Hall of Fame.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Prawel. The Medina Sandstone Society is allowed to place a small video kiosk in the City Hall Sandstone Hall of Fame.

All ayes
Motion carried.

The sandstone plaque in front of the Village Clerk's Office was tabled. Trustee Marciano suggested discussing the project again further down the road when they could see what the budget looked like.

Mayor Sherman said the Medina Renaissance Group had requested to hang a banner across Main Street advertising Blues Thursdays. She said Code Enforcement Officer Gardner had looked at the code and it could only hang for thirty days. Mayor Sherman said it is a private organization

requesting to hang the banner. Attorney Brooks said the Village could request a Certificate of Insurance. Trustee Prawel said he thought it would be a distraction. Trustee Marciano said she was not in favor of putting up a banner for a private entity and asked where they would draw the line. She said there are other ways to get the word out. Trustee Baker suggested creating a policy. No action was taken.

Mayor Sherman said she had been approached by Brett Goheen. There is additional grant funding remaining and they are looking to name the disc golf course Red Horse Disc Golf Course and would like to place signs and benches at the course. The matter was tabled until additional information is received.

Mayor Sherman said that four RFPs had been received on the Inflow and Infiltration Study. The matter was tabled until the business meeting.

Mayor Sherman said the USDA is requesting an agreement between the Village of Medina and their financial advisors as well as their bond counsel reflecting the costs associated with the Fire Station addition. Bernard P. Donegan and Hodgson Russ had submitted agreements for board review.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Mayor Sherman is authorized to sign the agreement with Bernard P. Donegan in connection with the Village of Medina's Fire Department Building Improvement Project.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. Mayor Sherman is authorized to sign the engagement letter with Hodgson Russ pursuant to the Fire Station addition.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sherman said the board had budgeted to hire a grant writer and that G&G would like to be considered as they are currently doing grant work for the Village. Trustee Prawel asked how many grants he secured for the Village. Trustee Marciano asked if an RFP could be put out to obtain a more robust idea of other firms and their track record. Mayor Sherman said several grants are due by the end of July and expressed the urgency to hire a grant writer now.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Prawel. The proposal submitted by G&G Grant Writing in the amount of \$24,000.00 is accepted.

A vote was taken.

Trustee Baker	Opposed	Trustee Padoleski	Aye
Trustee Marciano	Opposed	Trustee Prawel	Aye
Mayor Sherman	Opposed		

Motion denied.

Mayor Sherman said the final invoice from Super Seal had been received for the completion of the basketball court at Butts Park.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. The Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to pay the invoice received by Super Seal in the amount of \$63,371.20, the remaining balance for the completion of the basketball court at Butts Park.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sherman said that the Wastewater Treatment Plant needed to have repairs made and is a requirement of the Department of Environmental Conservation. She said two quotes were received, one from Villager Construction in the amount of \$79,583.55 and the other from Grizzly Sealing and Concrete in the amount of \$55,500.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The quote as submitted by Grizzly Sealing and Concrete in the amount of \$55,500.00 is accepted to complete repairs as required by the DEC.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The motion made at the September 25, 2023, meeting appointing Lauren Backlas to the Boxwood Cemetery Commission is rescinded.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sherman said she had approached the Town of Ridgeway about possibly holding the Village Board Meetings at their location.

Mayor Sherman asked if any of the students in attendance had any questions.

Xaviel King asked what is the point of having a vest sit around when you can make money off of it. Mayor Sherman said that is why there is a board so everyone can weigh in. Police Chief Draper said unused vests are used for training.

Mr. Jeff Schiffer commented that the board should look into having a concession stand at Butts Park. He also expressed concern over the smoking and the marijuana smell at the park and that he had grandchildren who go to that park, and he doesn't want them around it. Mayor Sherman said there is no smoking policy in the parks and asked Attorney Brooks if they could be ticketed. Attorney Brooks said there are state laws on smoking in parks. He said they could receive a trespassing notice. Attorney Brooks said the Village could pass a local ordinance on smoking in the parks.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. The meeting is moved into executive session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter relating to the hiring of a particular individual.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer