

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 26, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE RIDGEWAY TOWN HALL.

Present: Mayor Marguerite Sherman
Trustees Jess Marciano, Diana Baker, Deborah Padoleski, and Mark Prawel
Police Chief Todd Draper and Superintendent of Public Works Jason Watts
Attorney Matthew Brooks

Excused: Fire Chief Matthew Jackson and Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner

Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Sherman opened the first public comment period.

Mr. Ron Stork addressed the board stating that community members had reached out to him about the signs that would be placed at Gulf Street Park for the disc golf course. He asked that the signage does not take away from the historic value of the park since three World War II Veterans had started the park. He asked where the signage would be placed. He also said that the Boy Scouts had done a great job painting the playground equipment.

Ms. Carol Callina said there is a sink hole on Prospect Street and that there are tires covering the hole. She asked that this is addressed since it is a safety concern.

Ms. Gabrielle Barone said she asked for copies of the grant writer proposals that were submitted. She said copies should be made available to the public at the meetings as well as posted on the website. She stated there is a difference between securing a grant and administering a grant and she asked that the board give the proposals a closer review.

Ms. Jean Wetherbee thanked the department of public works for addressing the problem on Prospect Street across from the YMCA.

Mr. Alex Green stated the Village's website (under meeting rules and procedures), lists the board meetings as beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center. He also asked why every light pole has an American Flag except for two of the poles. Superintendent of Public Works Watts stated that the bus stop is located there, and the bus keeps snapping the flags off the poles.

Mayor Sherman said signs measuring thirteen inches by twenty-two inches would be placed at each hole of the disc golf course. She said this was being funded by remaining funds from a grant. She also said the board was not changing the name of Gulf Street Park and that no sign would be up by the road where the existing sign for Gulf Street Park is.

Trustee Padoleski asked who would be putting up the signs and where would they be placed. Superintendent Watts said the group who had established the course would be placing signs on trees within the park.

Ms. Carol Callina asked the board to name the course the Medina Red Horse Disc Golf Course at Gulf Street Park.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Prawl. The disc golf course signs are approved as the Medina Red Horse Disc Golf Course at Gulf Street Park.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Prawl. Mayor Sherman is authorized to sign Executive Order Number 16 to submit to NYSERDA in reference to the Clean Energy Grant Award.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Mayor Sherman is authorized to sign the Municipal Advisors Service Agreement between Bernard P. Donegan and the Village of Medina.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Trustee Marciano said that she and Trustee Baker had been walking through the Village to survey the No Parking Signs. She said there appears to be a mismatch between the signs and what e-code says and that the signs do not match what is written in the code. She said she and Trustee Baker would contact Code Enforcement Gardner to go over these discrepancies.

Mayor Sherman said she was still gathering columbarium pricing information. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sherman said the board had budgeted for a grant writer, a request for proposals had been published and there had been three responses. Mayor Sherman said there are specific grants the Village would like to pursue. She said there are also grants available for engineering studies. Trustee Marciano suggested contacting Ms. Barone to find out what we need to look for. Trustee Baker said we all need additional knowledge before spending money. Trustee Padoleski said that she didn't think the grant proposals they had received had addressed the specifics in the request for proposals. The matter was tabled.

The list of surplus equipment the Superintendent of Public Works provided was tabled.

Mayor Sherman said the Superintendent of Public Works had obtained two quotes to complete the pipe repair on East Center Street. She said he was working on obtaining a third quote per the procurement policy. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sherman said the Hometown Wellness Center was requesting to hold their second annual 5K run / walk on Saturday October 19, 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Baker. Hometown Wellness is allowed to hold their second annual 5K run / walk on October 19, 2024.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Prawel. Mayor Sherman is authorized to submit a position duties statement to Civil Service for a temporary account clerk to fill a position in the Village Clerk's Office while an employee is out on leave.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sherman said there was a billing error by National Grid which resulted in two of the Village accounts being under billed. She said account code A3310.4 would be overbudget.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Padoleski. Clerk-Treasurer Burgess is authorized to move \$1,500.00 from the contingency account, A1990.4 to A3310.4.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Prawel and seconded by Trustee Baker. The minutes of July 22, 2024, and the minutes of August 12, 2024, are accepted as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

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

All ayes
Motion carried.

Trustee Marciano noted that it was decided during the budget process that office supplies needed to be ordered through the Clerk's Office to ensure that costs are being compared and that the Village is purchasing supplies at the lowest possible price.

Mayor Sherman said she had received a letter from Medina Area Partnership stating that they would be holding Ale in Autumn from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eight hundred tickets are

being sold, with twenty-four businesses participating and that the starting point would be the Senior Citizen Center.

Police Chief Draper said the National Night Out was held on August 6, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Wise Middle School. He thanked Trustees Baker and Marciano for their contributions to the National Night Out Committee and said that the event was a success. He said the Niagara County Academy Graduation was held on August 23, 2024, and that Officer Nick Joy, Class President, gave a very good speech and he and Mayor Sherman had attended the graduation. He said Officers Joy and Ferris would have approximately eight more weeks of field training. He said Dustin Wells was doing well at the Genesee County Academy and that they are currently completing the firearms portion of their training. He said the School Resource Officers would be resuming their duties at the Medina School District on September 4, 2024.

Mayor Sherman said the Super Cruise would be held on Wednesday August 28, 2024. Superintendent Watts said Mr. Tom Snyder had talked with him and asked that Main Street be blocked off so that cars can start coming in to park at 4:00 p.m. He said they are requesting that the road is blocked from Pearl Street to Center Street. He said they planned on charging \$10.00 per car. Trustee Padoleski asked if that is an entrance fee. Superintendent Watts said they would be giving out trophies. Trustee Padoleski asked Attorney Brooks his thoughts on charging for an event held on Village property. Attorney Brooks said they cannot make a profit, and that the Village needed to reinforce that. Trustee Padoleski said she thought the real problem was the lack of communication. She said if he's trying to cover the costs of the event, that is one thing, but the sponsors need to communicate with the Village. Mayor Sherman said it is a newbie mistake since this is their first year taking over the event. Trustee Prawel said it should have been presented to the Board and that he didn't think it should be held at all. Trustee Marciano said she did not want to prevent people from putting their cars in the Super Cruise.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The Super Cruise is allowed to be held on Wednesday August 28, 2024, on Main Street as previously presented.

A vote was taken.

Trustee Marciano	Aye	Trustee Baker	Aye
Trustee Padoleski	Aye	Trustee Prawel	Nay

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Prawel. The Super Cruise is not allowed to collect an entrance fee unless they provide an expense report within thirty (30) days. Motion did not receive a second, no action taken.

Superintendent Watts said they had moved the playground equipment at Gulf Street Park and he thanked the Boy Scouts for painting the equipment, stating they did an excellent job. He said a new heating and air conditioning unit was installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The new truck had been delivered and a plow and salter would be installed on September 3rd. A fire hydrant was replaced at the corner of West Avenue and Hedley and a leaky hydrant across from 1038 Park Avenue was repaired. He said the stage was repainted and repaired and they were working on placing

concrete pads in Pine Street, Gulf Street, State Street and Butts Parks as Buddy Benches, picnic tables and baseball benches are being donated by the Rotary Club. No parking signs were installed between Pride Pak and Enterprise Way. He said brush pick up would be delayed a day and would be on September 3rd.

Trustee Padoleski asked if 305 Park Avenue had been addressed. Trustee Marciano asked if the shut off was repaired or found on Gulf Street. Trustee Marciano also said that she had an individual contact her and for \$175.00 they could come out and evaluate the Village's solar panels.

Mayor Sherman said Fire Chief Jackson was not in attendance, but he did supply his monthly report to the board. She said Firefighters Petry and Kyle were in week five and continue to do well, with the academy staff commenting that Firefighter Petry is doing very well and has a great attitude, is enthusiastic and has a great work ethic. It was reported that a few members attended Baxter's Family Day Event where they provided fire safety demonstrations. A few members also attended the Medina Central School District Welcome Back Picnic. Mayor Sherman said on Saturday August 31, the West Battalion Fire Departments will be doing their annual Make-A-Wish Foundation Boot Drive. The annual Fire / Police Ball will be held on October 19, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Club. Tickets are available from any firefighter or police officer.

Trustee Marciano thanked everyone involved in organizing the National Night Out. Mayor Sherman also thanked everyone for their hard work on the event.

Mayor Sherman said Clerk-Treasurer Burgess and herself had a brief meeting on the New York Forward Grant Program and the process. She said the Planning Board wants to ensure our regulations for signage are up to date for the New York Forward Grant Program as well as zoning in the business park. Mayor Sherman said the Canal Corporation would be holding a meeting as they are investing \$10,000,000.00 on the other side of the canal. She said the Seneca Chief had been in Medina for their trial run. She said they were impressed with Medina and the efforts of the Orleans County Tourism and Village Tourism and that they plan on coming back next year.

Mayor Sherman opened the second public comment period.

Ms. Gabrielle Barone said that the EDA was not contacted after the Fuller building hearing. She thanked everyone for getting signage up in the business park and the involvement keeping trucks off the roadway.

Ms. Cassandra Sabo addressed the board stating she owns a home on Gulf Street and there is a sewer problem. She quoted the Village Code, 244-4, asking why she has been told that she must excavate the road, when the code states something different. Trustee Marciano said the code she is referencing is in relation to water, not sewer. Ms. Sabo asked why one is paid for, and not the other one, and why the Village couldn't meet her halfway. Mayor Sherman said it is in the code. The Village cannot meet her halfway. Trustee Marciano said the code is written intentionally and that the Village Board cannot change the code for one circumstance. Trustee Marciano said she could meet with any of the board members to discuss how the code is written. Ms. Sabo said has a video proving there are breaks in the main and that her neighbor is having the same problem. Superintendent Watts said it is possible there are cracks in the main, but there is not a collapse, and it is still flowing. He said if there was a problem with the main, they would fix it. Attorney Brooks said the tap into the main is the

homeowner's responsibility. If it is blocked and not working, it is up to the homeowner to repair it. Attorney Brooks said this is universal. It is the homeowner's responsibility. Ms. Sabo asked who she can speak to about the problem. Mayor Sherman asked Trustee Marciano and Trustee Prawel to set up a meeting.

Ms. Linda Limina asked if there was an update on the water negotiations. Mayor Sherman said she has not received a response from the Town of Shelby Supervisor. Ms. Limina asked if there was an update on the Fire Station addition. Mayor Sherman said a request for proposals was published with a September 12, 2024, deadline for a one bay addition. She said they need to do the leg work first to be able to pursue grants.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. The meeting is moved into executive session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss the possible promotion of a particular person or persons.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Padoleski. The meeting is reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. Officer Reeves is promoted to the position of Police Sargent at the starting salary according to the union contract with a probationary period of seventy-eight weeks.

A vote was taken.

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

Trustee Padoleski stated she voted to oppose but reserved for further discussion.

Mayor Sherman said she also would like further discussion.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. Officer Navas is appointed to the position of Police Lieutenant at a starting salary of \$74,000.00 with the ability to work overtime as allowed per the union contract with a probationary period of seventy-eight weeks.

A vote was taken.

Trustee Marciano	Aye	Trustee Baker	Aye
Trustee Padoleski	Nay	Trustee Prawel	Nay

Mayor Sherman

Nay

Trustee Padoleski stated she voted to oppose but reserved for further discussion.

Mayor Sherman said she would also like further discussion.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Padoleski. The meeting is adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer