

The Official Minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees' Public Hearing for the 2023-24 Village Budget and Regular board meeting held on April 3rd, 2023 . Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023.

In attendance: Mayor - G. Ostrander, Treasurer/Clerk – G. Barnes, DPW Superintendent – J. Bechy, CEO –W. Brown, Village Attorney – W. Getman, Trustees: R. Perry, L. Stern, B. Bogan, A. Briggs, Fire Chief – J. Waufle

Public in attendance: Patty Louise, Joe Misiasek, Ken Boone, Sean Baldwin

Motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year Budget
Moved by – B. Bogan 2nd – L. Stern Carried Time: 7:14pm

Public Comments: The Board was asked what was in the budget that increased the amount of fund balance used. Clerk/Treasurer Barnes responded that part of the increase was due to the Big Creek projects. Although the Village is receiving grant money, the Village still has to provide a 25% match for expenses. The Board was also asked if any money was budgeted for a COCVAC contract. Mayor Ostrander stated that a meeting between the Village and COCVAC still needs to be scheduled and there was not any money budgeted for a contract.

Motion to approve the 2023-24 Fiscal Year Budget
Moved by – B. Bogan 2nd – R. Perry Carried

Motion to close Public Hearing
Moved by – B. Bogan 2nd – L. Stern Carried Time: 7:30pm

Motion to open Regular Board meeting
Moved by – R. Perry 2nd – A. Briggs Carried

- Approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Board meeting (Both March Meetings were cancelled)
Motion – B. Bogan 2nd – L. Stern Carried
- Approve Purchase Orders
Motion – B. Bogan 2nd – A. Briggs Carried
- Approve Audit of Expense Abstracts GEN ABS 2/28/23, 3/13/23, & 4/3/23, TA ABS 2/28/23, 3/13/23, & 4/3/23, CDBG ABS 3/10/23
Motion – B. Bogan 2nd – R. Perry Carried

Public Participation

Joe Misiasek wanted the Board's permission to apply for two grants on behalf of the Village to help improve the trail system at the Reservoir. One grant is being offered by NYS DEC and is a 75/25 matching grant. This grant could be used to improve and create new trails. The other grant is a Federal grant that is a 80/20 matching grant and could be used to purchase equipment. The Board was interested in pursuing the grants but would like a more detailed plan of proposed projects.

Patty Louise asked the Board if they were aware of the growing concern about the two smoke shops in Waterville selling products to minors. Mayor Ostrander stated that the issue was recently brought to his attention. He will be setting up some meetings with officials to discuss the issue.

Department Heads' Reports

DPW Superintendent – J. Bechy

- The work at the Fire House for repairs due to the water leak are almost complete. The kitchen has been installed with some minor work needed to be done.
- The parts have been ordered to replace the electrical service at the Fire House.
- Recently placed miscellaneous equipment, pick-up truck and plow, and old water meters on Auctions International to sell. Requested permission from the Board to accept bids.
Motion to proceed with sale – B. Bogan 2nd – A. Briggs Carried

Codes Enforcement Office – W. Brown

- Submitted monthly Codes report.

Fire Chief – J. Waufle

- Called different body shops about having trucks having some body work done. Most shops either couldn't fit large trucks or they were over six months behind on insurance claims. Waterville resident Scott Saville will take a look at the trucks to see if he can do the work.
- The Fire Dept. and several other agencies will be having a DWI drill on May 5 at the high school the day before the school prom. This is the first drill since Covid.
- Truck 429 has a bad DEF sensor that needs to be replaced. Because of the nationwide problem with this sensor there will be a recall eventually. Mayor Ostrander stated that the truck should go ahead and be fixed but ask the repair shop if International will reimburse the Village for replacing the part.
- In 2022, the Fire Dept. responded to 327 calls

Village Attorney – W. Getman

- A trial conference for the lawsuit filed by M. Hubbard is scheduled for April 17.

Trustee's Reports/Old Business

- Brian Bogan
 - Thanked former Trustee Gerda Mortelette for her two year's of service to the Village

Mayor's Report

- Received an invoice to join the Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission. The amount was \$615.69.
- There has been an increase in the number of tickets issued in Waterville. In March, 21 tickets were issued.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Next meeting will be April 24 at 7pm

Moved by – B. Bogan

2nd – R. Perry

Carried

Time: 8:44pm

Signature

Date