

The official minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees regular board meeting held on May 22nd, 2023. Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, June 12th, 2023.

In attendance: Mayor - G. Ostrander, Treasurer/Clerk - G. Barnes, DPW Superintendent – J. Bechy, Village Attorney – W. Getman, CEO – W. Brown, Trustees: R. Perry, B. Bogan, L. Stern, A. Briggs, Fire Dept. 1st Lt – K. Boone

Not in attendance: Fire Chief J. Waufle

Public in attendance: Patty Louise, Lori Meszler

- 7 PM Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

- Approve the minutes of the April 24th, 2023 Board meeting
Motion – R. Perry 2nd – L. Stern Carried

- Approve Purchase Order(s)
Motion – B. Bogan 2nd – A. Briggs Carried

- Approve Audit of Expense Abstracts GEN ABS , T0, CDBG ABS dated 5-16-23 and GEN ABS, SPEC GRANT ABS dated 5-22-23
Motion – A. Briggs 2nd – B. Bogan Carried

- 2nd Public Hearing for the 2020 CDBG Grant
Motion to open hearing – B. Bogan 2nd – L. Stern Carried Time open: 7:03
No public comments or questions
Motion to close hearing – R. Perry 2nd – B. Bogan Carried Time closed: 7:07

- Public Participation
 - Lori Meszler, a 23-year resident of the Village, presented a letter to the Village Board regarding the property at 333 Stafford Ave. She has concerns about the stone fence the property owner is building on his property. The fence, which is approximately 6 feet tall, is being built very close to the sidewalk without any mortar or concrete to hold the fence in place. She is worried the fence could collapse on someone walking past the property, or during the winter months the Village snowplow could hit the fence causing it to collapse onto a Village employee. Mayor Ostrander stated that the Village is looking into whether the resident needs a State permit since the residence is on a State road. Mayor Ostrander and CEO Brown will be meeting with attorney Paul Hadley to investigate additional codes violations.

- Department Head’s Reports
 - DPW Superintendent J. Bechy
 - M. Hubbard returned to work at the Wasterwater Treatment Plant . They are working on the restoration of the parking lot and seeding of the lawn.
 - Have a meeting next Tuesday, May 30th, with Trouts Unlimited and Fish and Wildlife regarding the next steps for Big Creek. The area has been surveyed by Trouts Unlimited and they plan to start work at the culvert on Main St. There is enough grant money from the County to do work to the dam.
 - The fire house electrical service has been completed. The water damage restoration is almost 100% complete.

- The flower pots and baskets that Alcott's arranges for the Village will not be ready for Memorial Day weekend.
- Codes Enforcement Officer W. Brown
 - Submitted monthly codes report to the Board.
- Fire Department
 - The annual hose testing has been completed. The annual truck servicing was supposed to be done this week at the fire house, but Churchville called and stated they were short staffed. They asked that trucks be brought to them. Took truck 424 to Churchville and now they're stating that the truck will not be done for 2-3 more days.
 - Requested permission for the Fire Dept. to take a truck to the Memorial Day parade which is held in Waterville, Deansboro, and Oriskany Falls, to the Verona Field Days, and to the Oneida County Convention held in Camden.
 - Permission was granted
- Treasurer/Clerk G. Barnes
 - Received a Facility Use Request to use the Community Room on July 9th.
Motion to approve – B. Bogan 2nd – R. Perry Carried
 - A CDBG recipient requested a subordination agreement so he could obtain a home equity loan to do additional renovations. The resident has not provided an amount for the loan, but would like to get approval for the agreement providing the requested amount is a fair amount that is approved by the Mayor.
Motion to approve – B. Bogan 2nd – A. Briggs Carried
- Village Attorney William Getman
 - The settlement agreement between the Village and M. Hubbard has been signed with a completion date of 7/1/23.
 - Still not word on the appeal filed against the resident on W. Bacon St. for zoning violations.
- Trustee's Reports/Old Business
 - Brian Bogan
 - Town of Paris is still trying to find a director for the Summer Rec swimming program.
 - Larry Stern
 - Attended the Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission meeting. The meeting mostly focused on Town of Kirkland/Clinton issues. The next meeting will be held in Waterville.
- Mayor's Report
 - Received a lot of complaints regarding the sinkhole issue and reports of vagrants in Waterville.
- Adjournment, next meeting June 12th, 2023 at 7pm.
 - **Motion to adjourn – B. Bogan 2nd – R. Perry Carried**
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Signature

Date