

The official minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees regular board meeting held on October 23rd, 2023. Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, November 13th, 2023.

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

Public in attendance: Patty Louise

- Meeting was called to order at 7pm
- Approve the minutes of the September 25th, 2023 Regular Board meeting
Motion – L. Stern 2nd – R. Perry Carried
- Approve Purchase Order(s)
Motion – B. Bogan 2nd – L. Stern Carried
- Approve Audit of Expense Abstracts for 10/23/23 GEN ABS, TA ABS
Motion – B. Bogan 2nd – L. Stern Carried
- Request for transfer from fund balance to:
A0.6989.400 - \$2579.00
F0.6989.400 - \$51.54
G0.6989.400 - \$51.54
Motion – B. Bogan 2nd – R. Perry Carried
- Request permission to pay Thoma Consultants invoice of \$6,531.19 prior to the next board meeting on Nov. 13th
Motion – A. Briggs 2nd – L. Stern Carried
- Public Participation – No Public Participation

Department Head’s Reports

- DPW Superintendent J. Bechy
 - The Village received a response from FEMA regarding the reservoir project. The 2.4 million project was to bring the reservoirs, which were damaged during the Oct. 31, 2019 rain storm, to current codes and standards. Representatives from Homeland Security and Dodson Engineering recommended the Village appeal FEMA’s decision. The Village has \$808,000 in FEMA emergency money for the reservoir work, but it would not be enough to properly decommission the three reservoirs.
Request permission to appeal.
Motion – B. Bogan 2nd – R. Perry Carried
 - The new village garbage truck that has been on order for over a year has received two price increases on the packer portion of the truck since the original order was submitted. The original price of \$215,000 has now increased to \$247,681. The truck is in and is at Hackers Packers waiting to have the packer installed.
Motion to accept price increase – B. Bogan 2nd – A. Briggs Carried

- Ken Boone has submitted his two week notice. Last day will be November 1st.
 - Attended the Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission meeting with Trustee Larry Stern.
 - NYS Assemblyman Brian Miller reached regarding the sink hole located at the Schoolhouse Apartment Building. Mayor Ostrander and Trustee Stern met with Assemblyman Miller at the sink hole site. Assemblyman Miller informed the Mayor that the litigation between the owners of the property and New York State is over and the courts found New York State does not have any liability in the damage and is not responsible to pay for the repairs. Fire Chief Waufle still has concerns over the fire department's ability to access the back of the building if there was a large scale fire at the apartment house. He says that it would be impossible for an aerial truck to make the turn into the back parking lot. The sink hole has demolished part of the driveway that the fire department would access in the event of a fire. The second driveway has obstacles and a sharp bend that makes accessing the back of the building difficult and/or impossible. VA Getman will submit a letter to the building owner's insurance company informing them of the possible safety issues.
 - The NYS DOT work at Big Creek near Stewart's and Main Street Auto is currently in the Design Phase. Construction is set to start next summer.
 - Presented monthly DPW Superintendent report for September.
- Fire Chief J. Waufle
 - Fire department had 20 calls in September – 14 EMS, 4 MVA, 1 Mutual Aid, 1 Automatic Alarm
 - The Bauer Cascade Systems is set to ship on December 4.
- CEO W. Brown
 - Presented monthly Codes report.
- Treasurer/Clerk G. Barnes
 - Resident Anna Foley recently purchased 175 Buell Ave. The residence is currently empty and Ms. Foley does not plan to move in until next summer. She has requested to have the garbage removed from her quarterly utility bills until she moves in.

Motion to approve request – G. Ostrander 2nd – B. Bogan Carried

 - The 2024 fire contract numbers with the Town of Marshall and Town of Sangerfield are (Village of Waterville 50%, Town of Sangerfield 35%, Town of Marshall 15%):
 - Overage from the 2022-23 fiscal year - \$7466
 - Town of Sangerfield's credit - \$2613
 - Town of Marshall's credit - \$1,120
 - Total Fire Department Budget for 2023-24 - \$176,018
 - Town of Sangerfield's portion including credit - \$41,511
 - Town of Marshall's portion including credit - \$17,791

Request permission to move forward in entering into the 2024 fire contract

Motion – G. Ostrander 2nd – L. Stern Carried

- Village Attorney W. Getman
 - Mayor Ostrander asked VA Getman whether he had a response to the letter that sent to COCVAC. VA Getman responded that he did receive a response and that COCVAC stated they would not give up their Certificate of Need for the Waterville area.

- Mayor's Report
 - Nominated David O'Brien to the ZBA Committee to replace resigning chairman David Upcraft.
Motion to approve nomination – R. Perry 2nd – L. Stern Carried
- Adjournment, next meeting will be the November 13th, 2023 at 7pm.
Motion to Adjourn – R. Perry 2nd – L. Stern Carried
Time Adjourned – 8:00pm

Signature

Date