

The official minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees regular board meeting held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

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

**Public in attendance:** Patty Louise, Dan Friebe

- Meeting was called to order at 7pm
- Approve the minutes of the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Board meeting  
**Motion to approve – L. Stern                      2<sup>nd</sup> – B. Bogan                      Carried**
- Approve Purchase Order(s)  
**Motion to approve – A. Briggs                      2<sup>nd</sup> – R. Perry                      Carried**
- Approve Audit of Expense Abstracts for 3/11/24 GEN ABS  
**Motion to approve – R. Perry                      2<sup>nd</sup> – L. Stern                      Carried**

Public Participation –

- Steve Aldridge wanted to know what the issues were with the bridge at the Wastewater Treatment Plant since the cost to replace was so high. DPW Superintendent J. Bechy explained that the center pier supporting the bridge collects a lot of debris from the creek during major rainstorms which could cause the bridge to be washed out. If this happens, the Village will lose the only access to the WWTP.
- Patty Louise wanted to remind everyone that the deadline for people to participate in the Mohawk Valley Hometown Heroes program ends on March 31, 2024. The Village currently only has 4 participants.

Department Head's Reports

- Fire Chief J. Waufle
  - The tanker had an emergency repair for the blower motor.
  - The rotator lights for truck 421 still have not been shipped.
  - Trustee Stern asked the Fire Chief about the 8 pagers that are in the budget and why cell phones aren't being used in place of the pagers. FC Waufle explained that all the details of the call are not transmitted over cell phones. Pagers provide full details.
  - FC Waufle asked the boards permission to add an additional \$2000 to the Fire Dept. budget for a grant writer. The FD would like to have the grant writer write one grant per year.  
**Motion to approve grant writer services to budget – B. Bogan  
2<sup>nd</sup> – L. Stern                      Carried**
  - OSHA has new regulations on Fire Departments which could seriously affect volunteer fire departments. FC Waufle will be attending a webinar on the new regulations and will provide the board with a summary of the webinar.

- DPW Superintendent J. Bechy
  - The new garbage truck will be here within the next week or two. There is currently \$201,000 allocated for the garbage truck between the A reserve and this year's budget. J. Bechy and TC G. Barnes recommended taking the remaining \$46,681 out of fund balance to pay for the truck.  
**Motion to use fund balance to pay for truck – A. Briggs**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – B. Bogan            Carried**
  - Presented the February DPW report
  
- CEO W. Brown
  - Presented monthly codes report.
  
- Trustees Old/New Business
  - Trustee B. Bogan
    - The next DRI grant meeting with the steering committee members will be held at the Waterville Historical Society. Date to be determined.
  
- Mayor's Report
  - Thanked Trustee R. Perry for his service to the Village.
  - Mayor Ostrander has been calling attorneys to replace retired attorney W. Getman. The Mayor should have more information to provide the Board at the next meeting.
  
- Adjournment, next meeting will be the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 7pm.  
**Motion to Adjourn – R. Perry            2<sup>nd</sup> – B. Bogan                            Carried**  
**Time Adjourned – 7:59pm**

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Signature

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Date