

The official minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees board meeting held on September 9th, 2024. Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, September 23rd, 2024.

In attendance: Mayor - G. Ostrander, DPW Superintendent J. Bechy, Treasurer/Clerk - G. Barnes, CEO – W. Brown, Village Attorney – S. DiGiorgio, Trustees: B. Bogan, L. Stern, A. Briggs, A. Hilley

Not in attendance: Fire Chief J. Waufle

Public in attendance: Patty Louise, Eli Olmstead, Thomas O’Brien

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
2. Open Planning Board meeting to discuss the SEQR for property #392.010-1-39.7.

Time in - 7:00pm

Brian Bogan made a motion to declare the Village Planning Board as the lead agent for SEQR

Alex Hilley seconded the motion Motion was carried by the Planning Board

The Village Planning Board determined the SEQR is an unlisted action and there is no negative impact.

Alex Hilley made a motion to accept this final decision

Larry Stern seconded the motion Motion was carried by the Planning Board

The Planning Board has sent the SEQR to the Oneida County Planning Board for section 239 review.

Brian Bogan made a motion to close the Planning Board Meeting

Alex Hilley seconded the motion Motion was carried by the Planning Board

Time out – 7:05pm

3. Open Village Board Meeting
4. Open Public Hearing to receive comment on proposed revision to Local Law #2 of 1999

Time In – 7:05pm

Motion to open Public Hearing made by Trustee Stern

Trustee Bogan seconded the motion Motion carried

No public comments

Motion to close Public Hearing made by Trustee Hilley

Trustee Stern seconded the motion Motion carried Time out – 7:10pm

5. Approve the minutes of the August 12th, 2024 Board meeting
6. Approval of Purchase Order(s)

Motion to Approve – A. Briggs 2nd – L. Stern Carried by All

Motion to Approve – B. Bogan 2nd – A. Hilley Carried by All

7. Approval of Audit of Expense Abstracts GEN ABS and T0 ABS for 9/9/24

Motion to Approve – A. Hilley

2nd – A. Briggs

Carried by All

8. Approval of budget transfers:

- From A Fund Contingency A0.1990.400 to :
 - A0.3410.470 Fire Dept Equipment Repairs in the amount of \$2254 for repairs to Holmatro cutters (insurance claim)
 - A0.3410.412 Fire Dept Insurance in the amount of \$81 to cover budget overage of policy premium
 - A0.1620.420 in the amount of \$1759 for repairs to VH Boiler (insurance claim)
- From F fund Contingency F0.1990.400 to F0.1620.420 in the amount of \$880 for repairs to VH Boiler (insurance claim)
- From G fund Contingency G0.1990.400 to G0.1620.420 in the amount of \$880 for repairs to VH Boiler (insurance claim)

Motion to approve budget transfers – B. Bogan

2nd – A. Hilley

Carried by All

9. Resolution on the Village Court requesting authorization to apply for funding for court tables from the Justice Court Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Waterville authorizes the Waterville Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-2025 cycle up to \$2500,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Waterville authorizes Village Justice Robert McNamara to apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2024-2025 cycle.

Moved by Trustee Bogan , Seconded by Trustee Stern,

Motion Carried by all

10. Public Participation (5 minutes per person)

- No public participation

11. Department Head's Reports

- DPW Superintendent J. Bechy
 - The old garbage truck and old community room chairs with racks (50 chairs, 3 racks) were put on Auctions International. Received a bid of \$9,300 for the garbage truck and \$65 for the chairs and racks. The Board agreed to not sell truck or chairs. J. Bechy will reach out to his contacts in Oneida County to see if anyone is interested in a used garbage truck. The chairs will be advertised with other sources.
 - The control system for the air handler at the Village Hall that was damaged due to a power surge was approved by the insurance company for the cost of repair minus the deductible.
 - A representative from NYS DOT called to inquire whether the Village was considering replacing the water lines on Stafford Ave (NYS Route 12). DOT would like to pave the state road and replace some sidewalks, but do not want to start the project until any lead water lines projects have been completed. J. Bechy will reach out to the State DOT to receive more information on their plans.
 - The annual Cruisin' Into Waterville will be held on Sept. 21st
 - Presented monthly DPW report

- Codes Enforcement Office W. Brown
 - Presented the monthly Codes report

- Fire Department
 - FC Waufle was not in attendance but submitted a written report
 - The fire department thanked DPW Superintendent Bechy for providing traffic cones for former Waterville Fire Department President, Bob Winfield's funeral, and for providing the garbage truck for his final ride procession.
 - Truck 421 was sent to Syracuse for annual inspection
 - The fire department has joint practices planned with Oriskany Falls and Deansboro
 - There were 27 calls for the month of August

- Clerk/Treasurer G. Barnes
 - Presented a CDBG rehab grant update. There have been 11 grants submitted to Thoma Consultants. Of those 11, 8 applicants are eligible, 2 are ineligible, and 1 is still under review. Of the 8 applications that are eligible, 2 are rental properties and 6 are one family residential.
 - The Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer will be attending the NYCOM conference from Sept. 16th – 20th. The office will be covered by former Deputy Clerk Barb McNamara on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am – 1pm.

- Village Attorney S. DiGiorgio
 - The owner of 155 Buell Ave. property is willing to convey the property to the Village. If the Village accepts the property, the Village will also assume the costs of demolishing the property. If the Village does not want to accept the property, legal action against the owner can be taken to have him fix the property.
 - Mayor Ostrander stated that the house needed to be demolished
 - DPW Superintendent J. Bechy will get more information on possible options for demolition of the building.

Motion made by Trustee Bogan to accept the property

Second made by Trustee Hilley

Motion Carried by All

- A letter was sent to the Waterville Fire Department regarding the property that was recently surveyed and determined to be owned by the Village. The letter requested a meeting between the fire department and the Village to discuss the property. There has been no response to date. Mayor Ostrander will meet with the fire department to discuss the issue before any additional action is taken.

