The official minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees board meeting held on October 28th, 2024. Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, November 25th, 2024.

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

Public in attendance: Patty Louise

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm
- 2. Approve the minutes of the September 23rd, 2024 Board meeting

Motion to Approve - B. Bogan

2nd – L. Stern

Carried

3. Approval of Purchase Order(s)

Motion to Approve – A. Briggs

2nd – A. Hillev

Carried

4. Approval of Audit of Expense Abstracts GEN ABS and T0 ABS for 10/28/24

Motion to Approve – A. Hilley

2nd – L. Stern

Carried

5. Open Public Hearing for CDBG project 1209CP136-23

Motion to open Public Hearing – L. Stern

 2^{nd} – A. Hilley

Carried Time In - 7:04pm

No public comments or questions

Motion to close Public Hearing – A. Hilley

2nd – B. Bogan

Carried Time Out – 7:06pm

6. Mayor Ostrander moved to pass the following Pro-Housing Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Waterville (hereinafter "local government") believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Village of Waterville, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

- 1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
- 2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
- 3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
- 4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.

5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Trustee Bogan seconded the motion

Resolution was carried by All

- 7. Public Participation (5 minutes per person)
 - Patty Louise stated that broken glass has been left in the parking lot behind her business from the fire department's extraction demonstration at Cruisin' Into Waterville. FC Jarrod Waufle said he would take care of it.

8. Department Head's Reports

- DPW Superintendent J. Bechy
 - o The NYS DOT portion of the creek project by Stewart's has started. They have dewatering pumps running 24/7 while the project is taking place. Complaints have been received by some residents near the project.
 - The WWTP project is 99% complete. DPW J. Bechy would like to have the Board tour the plant to see the improvements. The Board decided to tour the plant on Sat., Dec. 7th at 9am. DPW J. Bechy also stated that he hopes to have a public open house in the spring.
 - The State mandated lead and copper inventory has been submitted. Of the 658 water services in the Village, 8 services were found to be lead (on the Village side), 10 services were lead from curb stops to main, 13 were unknown (in house), 62 unknown (public side), 68 were galvanized required replacement. The next step is to have the inventory listed on the Village website, and by Nov. 15 letters need to be mailed to the 161 residents with lead, unknown, or galvanized required replacements. The letters need to be mailed yearly until either the lines have been replaced or the type of service line has been determined to be safe. The Village is required by law to do the lead testing for any of the 161 residents with questionable service lines.
 - o There are currently 6 to 7 houses on Upper White St. that are still on the old 10" water main that need to be connected to the new 12" main. The Board needs to have discussions on how the Village should handle getting these residences changed over.
 - O The new car charging stations at the Village Hall are installed and ready for use. The two stations on Main St. are free to users. As long as they remain free, no one will use the new stations at the Village Hall. The Main St. chargers have remained free because they were not used much, and the cost to hook internet to them for a payment system was more than the amount of the electricity bill. However, in the last 4-6 months, the electric bill for the Main St. car charging stations has significantly increased due to people plugging in their vehicles and leaving them all day. DPW Bechy asked whether the Village should continue to let people use them for free or turn them off until either a payment system is installed or new chargers are installed.

Mayor Ostrander made a motion to turn off the Main St. car chargers Trustee Bogan seconded the motion Motion carried

o The Village second appeal sent to FEMA for their decision to deny 2.4 million funding to decommission the reservoir dams damaged in the 2019 Halloween flooding has been denied again. The Village was granted \$808,000 back in 2020 for repairs to the reservoirs but have only received \$50,000. After FEMA denied the Village's second appeal, they also revoked the \$808,000 originally granted to the Village including the

- \$50,000 partial payment. The Village has spent \$70,000 for FEMA mandated engineering fees.
- o DPW Bechy recommended to the Board to hire Jacob Jones as a FT Laborer. He was hired as a PT Laborer on May 27, 2024. He is currently making \$18/hour and DPW Bechy would like to raise him to \$20/hour.

Mayor Ostrander made the motion to hire J. Jones as FT Laborer at \$20/hour L. Stern seconded the motion Motion Carried

- Abdoo Security has installed a new camera at the Fire House and are working on the cameras at Babbott Park. All cameras will be tied into the system at the Village Hall.
- o Presented the September DPW report
- Codes Enforcement Office W. Brown
 - Presented Codes report
- Fire Department
 - The fire department received 5 new portable cellular radios at no cost from the County.
 Truck 423 will be going in for maintenance at Vander Molen and truck 421 will be coming back.
 - o Fire department had 17 calls for September with a 100% response rate.
 - Presented a new member application, Cory Murtaugh, to the Board.
 Motion to accept application B. Bogan 2nd L. Stern Carried
- Clerk/Treasurer G. Barnes
 - o Main St. Liquor owner, Dawn Eisenhut, asked to have the sewer and garbage for her unused apartment removed from her utility bill. She does not plan to rent the apartment unless she receives grant money to renovate the apartment.

Motion to approve applicant – G. Ostrander 2nd – A. Briggs Carried

- Village Attorney DiGiorgio
 - o Met with Fire Chief Waufle regarding the survey on the pavilion. They are working towards a resolution to the situation.
 - The closing documents have been drawn up for the Olcott property on Buell Ave. and will be sent to Mr. Olcott for his signature.
- 9. Trustee's Reports/Old Business
 - Trustee Bogan
 - The NY Forward application has been submitted. The committee is now waiting for a date for the presentation.
 - Trustee Hilley
 - o Presented the Board with a copy of the Good Eviction Law. Trustee Hilley would like the Board to review the law for discussion at the next meeting.
- 10. Mayor Ostrander made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel Motion seconded by B. Bogan Motion carried Time in: 8:12 pm

Motion to leave Executive Session made by G. Ostrander

Motion seconded by B. Bogan Motion carried Time out: 8:25 pm

Trustee Briggs seconded the motion	Motion Carried	
Trustee Bogan made a motion to hire Bo		cer Trainee at \$20/hour
Trustee Stern seconded the motion	Motion Carried	
 11. Adjournment, next meeting will be Monda Motion to adjourn – B. Bogan Time – 8:27 pm 	ay, October 28 th , 2024 at 7pm. 2nd – A. Hilley	Motion Carried
Village Clerk's Signature	— Date	

Trustee Stern made a motion to hire Pat Doughty as a PT Account Clerk at \$75/hour