

**Village Board Meeting
November 18, 2019**

Attended:	John Burrell	Mayor
	Greg Cappelli	Trustee
	Joey DiPasquale	Trustee
	Spencer Murray	Trustee
	Patra Lowes	Trustee
	Niles Pierson	Engineer
	Gary Palumbo	Planner
	Mary Klahn	Clerk

Also Attended: Brenda and Cris Perks and family, Trevor Staples, John Thomas and Ginna Hensel.

Call Meeting to order at 6:00pm

Good News

Skate Park Grant – Brenda and Chris Perks \$300,000.00

Brenda Perks spoke and thanked the Mayor and Village Board for all of their help in receiving the grant. To recap the grant “built to play” will receive a \$300,000 from the Foundation to build the skate park. Again it is a matching grant, and the committee must raise \$250,000 within a year to receive the money. Mr. Staples explained the additional \$50,000 is a state grant to offset any environmental damage from building the park. Ms. Perks added they have applied for a \$150,000 State Parks grant. Ms. Perks stated that she would like to set up some work sessions.

Engineering Grant Check \$69,413.30

County Sales Tax Check \$112,084.24

Approve minutes

Motion: to approve the 10/21 minutes by Mr. Murray

Second: by Mr. DiPasquale All ayes. Carried

September Financial Report and Audit of Claims

Motion: to approve the financial report by Mr. Murray

Second: by Mr. Cappelli All ayes. Carried

General: \$32,325.07

Water: \$7,310.73

Sewer: \$17,570.16

Motion: to pay the bills by Mr. Murray

Second: by Mr. Cappelli All ayes. Carried

Mayor's Report

Joint Fire Commission Meeting Minutes 9/19

WNY Southtown's Scenic By-Way Meeting – Ellicottville 11/12

11/12 CCMOA Meeting Allegany

Mayor Burrell reported he learned at the CCMOA meeting in Allegany that the state recently passed a series of changes in the criminal discovery laws that will increase expenses for local governments. NYCOM is requesting specific changes in the laws and financial help from the state to lessen the impact from what the group considers an unfunded mandate.

Department and Committee Reports for Approval

Planning – Nancy Rogan/Gary Palumbo

Planning Report

Motion: to accept the Planning Report by Mr. Cappelli

Second: by Mr. Murray All ayes. Carried

Mr. Palumbo discussed a request to change a plat from 1992 so a landowner can build a house on a lot in the Town. The owner wants to build a driveway across a lot in the Village to reach the Town lot. Mr. Palumbo feels that the Planning Board in 1992 determined to exclude the Village lot from any development due to its slope. We have no desire to change the existing plat stated Palumbo. Mayor Burrell stated that there is no property tax advantage to the Village in allowing a driveway to go across the lot. Mr. Palumbo is going to have the Clerk send him the minutes from 1992 to further research.

Next item as the board knows the new zoning committee has been working on streamlining the process for public hearings. We have a written procedure and have given it to the planning board for more discussion.

The Town has been working to create a new amendment to include Solar Zoning. Mr. Palumbo and Richard Stanton have been working together to address a possible amendment for the Village along with a different type of application to help expedite the process. Mr. Cappelli questions how prepared the Village was for an amendment. Concerns included avoiding loopholes, creating specifications and just avoiding conflicts overall and no freestanding panels.

Motion: to accept the Solar permit as long as the planning board approves what will go on in our Village and no free standing panels by Mr. Cappelli

Second: by Ms. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Engineering – Niles Pierson

Motion: to accept the Engineering report by Mr. Cappelli.

Second: by Mr. Murray All ayes. Carried

Tennis Courts –Mr. Pierson stated that redoing the tennis courts quote is very high. Basically they should be resurfaced and need to be ground and filled with the proper materials. Is there a warranty, asked Mr. Cappelli. The Clerk will do some research to find old quotes and move forward from there.

Electric and Gas Usage – We had some challenges with the old blowers and the problem has been corrected and the electric bill has gone down. Mr. Cappelli stated that a light on Donlen Drive has been out for months and reported to Grid. Mr. Pierson will check into it. When we change to LED are they dimmable? Asked Ms. Lowes. Niles said it will be a whiter light and we will go with the dimmer of the two. Will they have caps? Asked Ms. Lowes. Yes stated Niles. Mr. Cappelli asked if there are other communities that have done this close by. Niles will research.

Water Truck -Mayor Burrell asked about the water truck purchase. Mr. Pierson responded that the Town will buy a new water truck in January. Niles has been working with the lawyers regarding all transfers of assets.

Sewer Service Regulations – Mr. Pierson explained the upcoming changes with water and sewer regulations. The Village will be in charge of sewer services for the Town and Village while the Town will be in charge of the water services for the Town and Village.

This discussion will continue next month.

Motion: by Mr. Cappelli to schedule 2 public hearings, one for Sewer Service Regulations and one for Sewer rate changes on December 16th, 2019.

Second: by Ms. Lowes All ayes Carried

Ellicottville/Little Valley Bucket Truck and Sewer Truck agreement – This agreement will allow the Village of Little Valley to use the new sewer truck when needed and in return they will allow us to use their bucket truck when the DPW needs it.

Motion: by Mr. Murray to approve the agreement with Little Valley

Second: by Mr. DiPasquale All ayes. Carried

Dude solutions program – Niles showed the new program and how the water department is in full swing and the DPW is in the process of using the program.

Old Sewer Truck - \$1500 was the high bid.

Motion: to accept the bid for \$1500 for the old sewer truck by Mr. Murray.

Second: by Ms. Lowes All ayes Carried

Parks – Patra Lowes

Beautification – Joe DiPasquale

Sidewalks

Special Events – Spencer Murray

One 10/29 we had our wrap-up meeting stated Mr. Murray. This year's Fall Festival was successful as participation was up, vendor participation was up and the number of arrests decreased. Overall a success!

Refuse – Patra Lowes

Looking at a new website stated Ms. Lowes. Reviewing and updating the policies.

Parking

Village Clerk – Mary Klahn

Old Business

Garbage/Refuse L.L., Review and update

Sun-up Holiday Park, last month sent them a letter and they have not signed in front of the Village Clerk yet to receive the check for the road work that we owe 1/3rd.

Correspondence

10/24 OSC Tax Cap Adjustment

10/28 response from the Nowak letter.

Motion: to adjourn at 8:05pm by Mr. Murray

Second: by Mr. Cappelli All ayes Carried