# **Regular Village Board Meeting**

## April 20, 2020

Attended by phone: John Burrell Mayor

Patra Lowes Trustee

Greg Cappelli Trustee

Joe DiPasquale Trustee

Richard Stanton Attorney

Gary Palumbo Planner

Niles Pierson Engineer

Mary Klahn Clerk

Also Attended: Doug Bush, Jesse Klahn, Mark Chudy, John Thomas and Caitlan Croft.

**Call meeting to order:** 

Pledge to the flag- Phone Meeting

**Good News** 

**Business From the Floor** 

**Approve minutes** 

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**Motion:** to approve with the changes by Mr. Cappelli.

**Second:** by Mr. DiPasquale All ayes. Carried

Page 4: wait until we had the budget – to be announced.

Change the first page the 1 million came back to the county.

Mill Street sidewalk will take a month and a half. Half sewer and half town water will be split.

# Minutes of April 1st 2020

**Motion:** by Mr. Cappelli to accept the minutes.

Second: by Ms. Lowes All ayes. Carried

## March financial report

Motion: to accept the financial report by Ms. Lowes

Second: by Mr. Cappelli All ayes. Carried

### **Audit of claims**

John is adding NYCOM for \$720.00

Richard Stanton's bill - \$7,927.50 split half general and sewer.

Jessse Klahn's mileage \$402.50

**Motion:** by Mr. Cappelli to add the 3 bills above to the audit of claims.

**Second:** by Mr. DiPasquale All ayes. Carried

**Motion:** to pay the bills by Mr. DiPasquale

**Second:** by Mr. Cappelli All ayes. Carried

**Budget** - Mayor Burrell will be e-mailing to all by the end of the week.

## **Department and Committee Reports for Approval**

## **Planning**

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

Second: by Mr. DiPasquale All ayes. Carried

Joint meeting for planning and Zoning, talked to Damian Neupher will be joining the meeting as new member.

Ms. Lowes asked about the "to do checklist". Will it state if the short term rentals are allowed and will it show the certificate of occupancy? Mr. Palumbo is working with Niles and Kelly to come up with a check list for Kelly to use. Yes, anything that is in the permit to start a short term rental will be in. If a garage at 22 Jefferson was granted and permitted that short term rentals were not allowed. Will it be in the permit so it doesn't get fallen thru the cracks? Asked Ms. Lowes. No question stated Gary it will be in the permit. More backing legally if something would come up, stated Patra. Gary doesn't know if the land owner signs but would be a good idea. When a CO is issued it may not have what the planning board has required. Safeguard so the CO doesn't issued without everything checked. 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet. Go back a step and planning board chair was signing off. Gary should be part of that process.

Ms. Lowes asked if someone from the Village board would create a committee to update the comprehensive plan. The village board should also have a representative with the ZBA under #8. Mr. Cappelli and Doug Bush would be helpful on the committee once the voting takes place.

Organizational meeting would be the time to appoint them to the committee. In talking to NYCOM and State level looking for 16<sup>th</sup> or 18th of June for the Village election stated Mayor Burrell.

### **Engineering – Niles Pierson**

**Motion:** to accept the Engineering Report by Mr. Cappelli.

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Mr. Cappelli asked Niles about the Governor's requirements for social distancing. Two DPW workers were seen riding in the same truck together. Niles responded about riding in the same truck together that he had spoken to the DPW Department. The County is bringing masks to the town hall. Tom Scharf the Town Highway Superintendent has ordered his men back to work full time starting today. Niles is requesting that the Village do the same. The guys have done a great job and keeping up with work stated Mark Chudy. Mr. Cappelli asked about the Governor's orders and are we complying with them? Just because the Town is doing this

doesn't mean the Village has to do it stated Mayor Burrell. Mayor Burrell also stated that he is fine with people using their own trucks. Jesse Klahn stated that New York Rural Water suggested that the water department distance themselves. Mr. Cappelli stated it was a sound recommendation. As a group we should be wearing masks and taking precautions. We have to be smart about that. Encourage our employees to say no if they aren't comfortable. Niles stated that the current Governors pause order is thru May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board decided that the Village Employees should stay at 50% according to Governor's pause order until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Secondly we need a health and safety plan stated Richard Stanton. Mr. Stanton kindly offered masks to Niles for tomorrow. Ms. Lowes asked about a safety plan already in place. Richard Stanton stated that he is checking into it and we will also offer training. Gary Palumbo has templates and will share tomorrow. Can we come up with something before the next meeting asked Patra? Gary Palumbo will work with Richard. Jesse Klahn also added that the state recommend that communities around this area should train each other to run their systems just in case we have a problem in the future.

#### Parks – Patra Lowes

Dog park is open, is that a good thing asked Ms. Lowes? People are using it stated the Mayor. He has not heard any concerns.

### Beautification – Joe DiPasquale

Do the Ally Katz have a plan asked Ms. Lowes? Yes, they are social distancing. Business as usual.

### Refuse - Patra Lowes

Refuse Local Law has been tabled. John stated when we come up with final refuse law we need something like a door hanger to remind all of the community what we are doing. Comments for Richard. How does a public hearing work? We have to notice it the same so we can receive coments. Check list for a public hearing. Rich needs everyones comments so he can send to the County. We want to make sure we have done up front. Have you received the comments? John has more comments and will get to Rich. Patra has already sent to Richard and has nothing new. Patra asked about the press and are going forward with large pickup on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Mark and Patra talked about the leaf pickup. One day a week – Monday's. will be incorporated with the new garbage law. Greg asked about the Casella pickup? Mark stated all Village has

been picked up and is planning on Mondays going forward. John stated that people have a lot of debris should have to buy a permit and we would pick up a truck load. Patra stated in the past too many abusers and doesn't want it to get out of hand again. People have to have something to go by.

**Williamson Law invoice** – Mayor Burrell would like Ms. Klahn to send back to Williamson and have them split the bill for new programs and resend to Town and Village.

#### **Dr. Green Lawn Contract**

**Motion:** by Mr. Cappelli to have Mayor Burrell sign the contract.

**Second:** by Mr. DiPasquale All ayes. Carried

Ms. Lowes asked about the Arlington arms drainage? Niles stated the issue came up in the fall. We cleaned out the catch basin and gave Bob Kaine pointers for what to do. They had signed the agreement. Apparently West Rose hooked into the Arlington Arms storm drain. They should have come to the village and asked to hook up. It's between two neighbors? Village can't do it for them. Should we stay out of this asked Mr. Cappelli to Mr. Stanton? Richard responded yes. Comment was made by Arlington and he said it was plugged with grease.

#### **Old Business**

Received a letter from Mayor Burrell and Greg regarding 24 Rockwell stated Ms. Lowes. Richard Stanton stated that a dissertation on the value of the property is in order and for us to rush I don't think is responsible. Mr Stanton also stated that a Brownfield program would look attractive. Rich Stanton will send information to Harry Weissman.

#### **New Business**

Local Law to override the 2% Tax Cap – The county needs our tax rate per thousand. Won't have until we adopt a new budget. Because we did away with the Justice Court. Last year we raised 267,026 by property tax and this year the state has made a \$12,971 reduction. If we don't override it will reduce the amount to be raised by taxes by almost 5 percent. Not

knowing what is going to happen with chips and governor is projecting that revenues will be short and whatever COVID has done to the state. I would like to add basically 2 percent to the amount to be raised by taxes. Coming up with and end and 2 % more than we raised will be \$272,367. This will give Mary the ability to get the numbers to the County.

**Motion:** by Mr. Cappelli to agree to raise \$272,367 dollars by property tax.

Second: by Mr. DiPasquale All ayes. Carried

# Correspondence

# Adjournment

Motion: by Mr. Cappelli to adjourn

Second: by Mr. DiPasquale All ayes. Carried