

DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM AND LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Williams
Highway	Jeff Caprood
Police	
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matthew Fuller
Water	
Clerk	Janelle Rose
Public	Peter C. Amorosi, Jeanie Mullen, Jim Thatcher, Steve Davie, Pat Mullen, Lisa Naughton, Tina & Frank Flanigan

THESE ARE NOT OFFICIALLY ADOPTED MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD AND STAFF REVISIONS. ANY REVISIONS WILL APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING MONTHS MINUTES AND WILL STATE SUCH APPROVAL OF SAID MINUTES.

**MINUTES**

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY MINUTES WAS MADE BY:  
 Trustee **Williams**, SECONDED BY **Trustee Cutler**.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	VB Monthly Meeting- August 1, 2022
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*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**REPORTS-**

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS WAS MADE BY:  
 Trustee **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**.

Clerk/Treasurer, Village Justice, Police Chief, Street, Water Department, Code Enforcement.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

Accept the Audit of Monthly Bills  
 MOTION BY Trustee **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b>Abstract #4</b>	<b>PBA #4</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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General Fund	\$ 50,372.82	\$8,975.01	
Water Fund	<b>\$ 87,974.59</b>	\$2,974.19	This large sum includes the Moreau School taxes for our properties over on FE Road and Reservoir Road.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Lisa Naughton – 540 Drifting Ridge** – What is the status of the police department here in the village? We need and want protection and think that it is better to invest in our own department in the long run.

Mayor Traver explained that there have been several discussions with Washington County, and they are looking at all options. For the past 5-6 months we have been maintaining a department with the help of the county. We currently only have two full time officers and two part time officers. One of the ideas discussed is to contract with the county to get coverage in the village to police 24/7. We will be setting up a public meeting to layout what the different options are for us. We notice that in the summertime, there is a need for police presence. The issue the village has run into is that over the last 10 or so years it has been hard to maintain staff. We are running numbers and we all want what is in the best interest of our village residents. We also looked back from 2016 to the present and we have had 17 officers come in, get trained and certified and then left.

- **Frank Flanigan – 531 Drifting Ridge** – This police department needs to have a chief and a sergeant to run smoothly and properly.

Mayor Traver agreed that we need quite a bit of protection here in the village. We will have a contract if we go with the county. The county has helped a lot. It is broken into three segments, and we are the middle section. We want someone here in the village touring around. We all agree that we need that protection here. We will put the notice of the public meeting in the paper, the chronicle, the website, and any social media. The Sheriff's department will be here to answer questions.

- **Pat Mullen – 9 Griffin Avenue** – wondering if there was any more discussion on the village selling the vacant lot next to 13 West Summit that is owned by the village. The village has a water line that runs through that property. Currently, Pat has no access to the property he purchased and wants to either purchase the property or have a right of way to his property.

Mayor Traver stated that the board did not discuss this and apologized for not having any more information for him for this meeting. The mayor asked the board to think about what they think they would like to see happen to that piece of property and we will put it on the agenda for the October meeting to discuss further and possibly have a decision either way for Pat.

- **Steve Davie – 1131 Burgoyne Avenue** – The minutes should trigger the subject to be put on the agenda for next meeting.
- **Ventrac** – The mayor stated that a decision needs to be made on the Ventrac machine from Capital Tractor.

Tom Wolfe supplied an updated quote with the attachments agreed upon by the board and the DPW. There is question as to whether the stump grinder is going to be beneficial. The village has trees that have been removed and another round this October so the grinder would come in handy however it is not a large grinder to do the bigger stumps. It will work but will take more time to grind down a large stump. The Ventrac will be purchased with a snowblower, drop spreader, tough cut mower, finish mower attachments. The DPW and board decided that for the stumps, renting one for a day or week would be more cost effective and more efficient. A finished mower and brush hog attachment will be more useful should the zero turn go down for any reason. The earliest the machine would be available with a 6–8-week lead time would be mid-October if ordered now. The snowblower attachment would replace the tool cat. The discussion of a milling head came up, but the Ventrac does not have that attachment. Trustee Boucher also mentioned that with the cost of this machine and all the attachments, we need to make sure we have the manpower to run it, so it is not sitting idle. The mayor stated he felt a milling head would give us more bang for our buck than a stump grinder. Tom Wolfe said the skid steer could attach a milling head and get rid of the New Holland, possibly a trade. The mayor also stated that we could borrow from the county any equipment we do not have. Milling gives us a more permanent fix when filling potholes and patching up the roads. The east side of Baldwin Avenue really needs repair. Some of the roads needing repair will be done when our water and wastewater project is under way next year.

- **Frank Flanigan – Drifting Ridge** – Drifting Ridge is horrible, and the design is bad. Tori Trace is a better road than Drifting Ridge Road. The mayor mentioned funding to replace the water line so that it is only 4-5 feet deep rather than the 14 feet depth its at now. When there is a water break, it is almost impossible to get to. Samantha Drive is starting to deteriorate as well in King Edward Knolls.

Trustee Williams asked that we budget for stump removal for next year. Mayor Traver asked Tom Wolfe if he thinks the stump grinder is worth it? The only issue is that it is hard to rent now.

- **Trustee Boucher** led a discussion regarding the Biochar in the Town of Moreau. He went online and watched the Planning Board meeting. The trucking, he said will be on 197 to Fort Edward Road to the 4 corners and turn right on to Bluebird Road to the industrial

park. It will not pass the school. He mentioned that should something happen down the road, he is concerned for the village water supply, the reservoir. The Department of Environmental Conservation has been leaving it as a matter of local concern. DEC does not have the final determination. They have looked at compost facilities, a company out of Canada has liquid fertilizer and it was found to have heavy metals in it. Trustee Boucher is concerned with the repercussions of heavy metals. Trustee Boucher would like the board to send a letter to the Town Board of Moreau with their concerns. If we lose our reservoir we are in big trouble. Even though we have thorough testing of our water, should there be any findings of contamination, there is nothing that can enforce them to shut down until their permit time frame ends. They were given a 5-year permit.

- **Bridge Street Trees** - The village owed trees along Bridge Street after the first bridge are trimmed away from the power lines by National Grid. The trees have been trimmed so much that they are hanging over the road and they are in such a state that they could split down the middle and fall. These trees need to be removed. Pictures of all trees at every angle need to be taken and sent to National Grid to put them on notice. Pictures can first be sent to our attorney so he can draft a letter to send to National Grid.
- **EV Charger installation** at the village parking lot on East Street – Mayor Traver wanted to recap the presentation made at the August meeting with Christian at ChargeSmart as he was not at the meeting to hear the presentation. There is a lot of unanswered questions regarding the funding of this project. The village as a municipality needs to follow the procurement policy. The village attorney is gathering more information from the company, so we have a better idea as to what needs to be done prior to choosing a company to install.

Trustee Williams explained that ideally, they would like to see 8 charging stations. The mayor requested a study by Sean Doty with KSPE to determine how many spots this parking lot can handle. Also, the question of how many handicap spots need to be reserved for the size lot we have before we can decide as to how many charging stations we can put there.

The board authorized the mayor to sign the agreement that was sent over from KSPE, Sean Doty to do the engineering study on the parking lot.

Motion was made by **Trustee Williams**, seconded by **Trustee Carpenter**.

All ayes. Motion Carried.

- **Pump House** – 104 Gregory Lane – The board decided that the pump house in King Edward Knolls needs to be repaired, re-sided and a new roof. Three quotes were provided to the board. The job was awarded to First Choice Siding and Windows, Jason Swota with a quote of \$14,500.00.

Motion was made by **Trustee Cutler**, seconded by **Trustee Carpenter**.

All ayes. Motion Carried.

- **Temporary Sewer line on Bridge** - There was question as to what is going on with the temporary sewer line they put on the bridge. Before work can begin to get the new line there and get rid of the temporary one, they are waiting for parts. The county must go through procurement. Follow up on this will stay on a regular basis.
- **Meeting on lateral lines in village** – On August 16<sup>th</sup> Bill Caprood attended a meeting regarding the next project which entails doing inventory on all lateral lines in the village to determine if they consist of lead. This is a mandate from the state to check all lines from the main to the curb stop and potentially to the home if there are any homes determined to have lead.

Jim Thatcher stated that all the phases completed, CDBG 1-4 will not need to be inventoried from main to curb stop as they all do not contain lead. Jim said that Queensbury sent out a survey to be returned to them asking if their lines contained lead or not from curb stop to home. The minutes and information about the meeting is filed at the Clerk's office.

- **Closing with Irving** to buy Church Street from the village is complete
- **Champlain Hudson Power** - No additional information.
- **Annex building** – No more information from BOE on where we stand with acquiring it. Tom Roche and James Donahue will follow up.
- **Public Informational Meeting** - The village board will set a public informational meeting regarding the future of our Police Department for the end of September. Sheriff Murphy will be there to answer questions. The meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the fire house.
- **Dave Cutler** motioned to have part time officers be raised to \$22.50/hour and retro back to 8/1/2022. A motion to accept this request was made by **Trustee Cutler**, seconded by **Trustee Boucher**.  
All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Deputy Mayor Pete Williams** – explained the grant from the GFH and John Huggins. They provided many safety items for our village and one of them was the illuminated cross walk sign. Due to Broadway being a state road, we cannot install these signs. They need to be purchased by the state vendor and installed by the state. Pete suggested the one given to us from the grant be used on our

next busiest crosswalk, Case Street. All agreed this was beneficial for the school and all pedestrians. Pete also mentioned that John Huggins from the GFH made an interactive map for Fort Edward by using Trampoline. This map needs to be installed by our department of public works. The maps are 2ft x 3ft in size. The map has all the landmarks around the village for visitors to be able to find the locations of interest.

- **Trustee Boucher** is still working on Mullen Park quotes for new courts. The board discussed possibly having the ones we currently have resurfaced. We could hire a paving company to pave and another company to coat. He will investigate this and provide more information at our next meeting.
- **Trustee Carpenter** informed all that the annual reenactment will be held on September 24,25 which is balloon fest weekend. It has been three years since they have been here due to covid. They will be arriving that Friday and there will be \$5.00 parking.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle M. Rose, Clerk-Treasurer  
September 6, 2022