

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

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler
Absent	Trustee Williams
Police	
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matthew Fuller
Water	
Clerk	Janelle Rose
Public	Paul Archer, Tom Hill, William Hafner, Jim Thatcher, Frank Burkhardt

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.

The mayor asked all to take a moment of silence for Bill Durkee who passed away on December 10, 2022.

REPORTS - December 2022

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

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 **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Fund	Abstract #8	PBA #8	Comments
General Fund	\$120,250.31	\$10,040.26	Town and County Taxes included in this total for Moreau property. Also the paving job by Evolution payment is in this total.
Water Fund	\$27,225.70	\$4,582.85	

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 16 OF 2022-2023

Agreement and acquisition of Property 138 & 140 Broadway

Motion By: Trustee Boucher
Seconded By: Trustee Carpenter
Dated: January 3, 2023

WHEREAS, properties located at 138 and 140 Broadway were acquired by Washington County pursuant to tax foreclosure

proceedings in accordance with the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees had previously invested sums to secure the structure located at 140 Broadway; and

WHEREAS, the properties at 138 and 140 Broadway are critical to the downtown revitalization of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Village inquired of the Washington County Board of Supervisors and Treasurer as to the Village's acquisition of the properties at 138 and 140 Broadway, and the County representatives were willing to convey the properties to the Village, and an agreement has been drafted and presented to the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to authorize the Mayor to finalize negotiation of the agreement with the County, execute same, and proceed to closing on the properties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Mayor to finalize negotiation of the agreement with Washington County for the acquisition of the properties located at 138 and 140 Broadway, and to execute same and proceed to closing on the properties, and to take such other and further actions as the Mayor deems necessary to carry out the approvals granted herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Moreau Town and County Taxes** – The mayor asked our attorney if there was anything we could do about the taxes over there with our water plant and property. The attorney states we should engage in getting an appraisal of the plant and property and line it up for the Board of Assessment Review. It has been brought up in the past that if the Town of Moreau agreed, we could be exempt from paying those taxes, however they do not agree. We need to challenge the value if need be. The out of district users could offset this cost with paying a higher rate for having village water over in Moreau.
- **Sears Tree Service/Hills Tree Service** – Both of these companies joined forces. The contracts that we already discussed with Tom will remain the same until the next fiscal year. Now that they have joined, they can offer more with cleanup after a removal or trimming. They have more equipment and more manpower now. Paul from Sears mentioned state contract pricing as well that could benefit the village. They will prepare a proposal for a couple different choices on pricing and service.
- **Restore NY Grant** – Jim Thatcher mentioned that the letter of intent to apply needs to be complete by 1/27/2023. We could not get the public hearing set for 1/3/2023 as the Post Star could not get it in for three consecutive days before then with the holiday deadlines. The village board may need to set a special meeting and have the public hearing at that time after posting in the paper for the three consecutive days. A motion to set the special meeting/public hearing for 1/11/2023 at 6:00 pm was made by Trustee **Carpenter**, seconded by Trustee **Boucher**.
All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- **Office Construction** – The board approved the office construction cost of \$7,355.00. Motion by Trustee **Cutler**, Seconded by Trustee **Williams**.
All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- **CDBG** - the RFQ is ready for engineering services. The resolution for the SEQRA needs to be done at the next meeting and it will need a legal ad and will need to hire an engineer.
- **Drifting Ridge** - The mayor would like a letter drafted for the residents in Drifting Ridge. There are a couple of places that have had numerous meters replaced due to them freezing. The mayor would like the letter to state that they need to pay for the new meters. If they were protected from the weather, they would not freeze. They need to be installed in a pit.
- **Annex Building** – The decision to give the village the Annex Building will be put on the ballot in May. The town and village would like to take the vacant building over for document storage. This building could also be used for public meetings. If this is accomplished, the art center can probably be restored back to an art center again.

- **Paving** – The mayor asked if paving around the village could be ranked to fix some streets using our EWR and POP money that is available from the state. Jobs like repairing streets from runoff onto pavement causes potholes and deterioration of the streets in which the EWR money can be used. (Extreme Weather Repair)
- **Job Posting for Deputy Clerk** – Janelle has set up an account through indeed to get the posting up there. She is working on the job description now and will have it approved by the board before posting.
- **Reservoir Clean-up** – Joe Maille will be doing the clean up work. He has a diamond edge brush hog and several chain saws. He will start the clean up next week. Trustee Carpenter is trying to coordinate with the fence guy as well to make sure it is not left without a fence for too long. They will mark it to make sure that they start at Burt Road from the pump house to the end of the road. Flag men will help with traffic.
- **Code** – The mayor asked if Dave had anything to report. 249 Broadway had 100% saturation of natural gas in the basement. National Grid removed the meters from the house. 229 Broadway, John Stanton has been in court and due back again in January. He was ordered to restore all utilities to apartment.
- **LaBella Meeting** - The mayor gave a recap of the last meeting with LaBella regarding the water project. LaBella is waiting for the survey to be complete. They are not sure what style water tank will be constructed, depends on availability. Ricky Adams would like to walk the area with Bill Caprood and Bryan Etu and keep them included in future meetings regarding the project.

Motion to move to executive session was made by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion to leave executive session was made by Trustee **Carpenter**, seconded by Trustee **Cutler**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle M. Rose, Clerk-Treasurer
January 3, 2023