

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

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Williams
Absent	Trustee Cutler
Police	
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matthew Fuller
Water	
Clerk	Janelle Rose
Public	Jeanie Mullen, Steve Davie, Caton Deuso, Phil Lindsey, Mitch Suprenant, Peter Amorosi, Mike Dickinson, Andrew Percetti, Tim Morency, Patty Morency

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 – December 5, 2022 & January 3, 2023

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

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

REPORTS - January 2023

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

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 **Williams**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Fund	Abstract #9	PBA #9	Comments
General Fund	\$35,769.66	\$13,034.27	
Water Fund	\$13,337.89	\$5,451.89	

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Amenities at the Yacht Basin** - Village residents have given the mayor some thoughts on what could be added to our yacht basin. Possibly a kayak or canoe launch to get people downtown. Mike Dickinson is working with a group on this. The yacht basin is the perfect location and is key for tourism. A village resident, Nasrene Haj has been in contact with NYS Canal Corp to work with both the town and village for a grant. The NYS Canal Corp is in favor of the launch at the south end of the basin. Mike Dickinson introduced Andrew Percetti who owns ADK Glamping Rentals. They do backyard set ups, weddings, parties, etc. They currently set up seasonally

at the Warren County Fairgrounds as well as a location at the old ADK Safari in Lake George called ADK Glampground. The season is usually mid-June through Labor Day. Andrew has 70,000 followers and sells out every weekend throughout the season. The yacht basin popped up in his radar and thought it would be an excellent location as currently the village has no accommodations for overnight stay. Andrew also mentioned that they would do upkeep and maintain the property while the glamp stations are leasing it. With it being right on the canal, they would also think about having mini boats to rent while they stay to explore the Hudson River. Andrew is looking at the old Agway for a warehouse and indoor glamping, parties, to draw people in for the winter months. Trustee Williams stated that it would have an economic impact. Andrew talked a little about the fees for glamping. At the fairgrounds, he charges \$50 per person, per night. The revenue annually is approximately 1 million. Andrew thinks that about 12 would fit in the spot they are looking at in the yacht basin which is behind the strip of 143-151 Broadway. They would also provide a fire pit as an option to rent along with the glamping rental. The NYS Canal Corp is aware of this opportunity as well.

A resident at the meeting stated that he has seen the operation at the fairgrounds and looks nice. Andrew said the tents range in size depending on the kind of room you want when renting it. Trustee Carpenter stated that if it were the boat rentals, he is aware of, they are very easy to control. Andrew said the catamarans are 35 horsepower 1-2 people for a tour on the water. It could be offered as a separate option or as a package with the glamping. Andrew will get proper permits as needed should the board decide to move forward with this service. He will also maintain the bathrooms at the yacht basin to ensure they are clean, in working order and they stay fully stocked with supplies. Mitch Suprenant has the specs of the grant Nasrene is looking into and will send them to the mayor for review. They will need a permit from the NYS Canal Corp.

- **Water Department Excavation** - The clearing of the perimeter of the reservoir is complete. It looks nice, and Joe wants to come back and work along the fence at the Water Plant. He is estimating taking approximately 30 hours to complete at \$175.00 per hour. Now is a good time to do it with no growth. The board approved the clean-up. Bill Caprood is working on getting a list of inventories he needs for infrastructure, so parts are readily available during a water break. ARPA funds will be used to purchase the inventory and all parts can be stored at the water plant. Trustee Carpenter is working on bids for the fence around the reservoir.
- **Water Department Water Rates** - The mayor explained to the board that we need to raise our water rate per thousand. He would like to keep the minimum at \$55.00. Our rates are much lower than most places around us. Mitch Suprenant explained that we must be careful because at one point our rates were too low to get any kind of grant funding. The mayor explained that we are currently at \$3.05/thousand and need to raise this a little. The water quality report is being done by Bill Caprood and he had a company come in and check for leaks. At that time, we were not too far off from the water going to the village vs. what was being billed. Now we are only billing half of our output of treated water to the village. The mayor said that we talked about new meters village wide at approximately \$400k so with labor we are looking at a project of about \$1million. The new meters would have no moving parts so they are much more reliable and will not break. We are coming up with another project to which all laterals (inventory) need to be checked for lead. If there are any lead lines in our inventory, they need to be switched out. Funding may be needed to complete this project. Attorney Fuller stated that there are some easier steps to start with like scratch tests in the home. Start with community outreach.
- **Gary Hill** - Gary said they are done logging for another winter. Gary and Trustee Carpenter agree to stick with Dale, our logger. Gary noticed that the deer were still there.
- **Canal Street Marketplace** - Mike Dickinson asked how the grant request of \$10,000.00 was coming along from the ARPA funds. The mayor and board asked Mike to submit a list of the repairs and projects they want to use the money for. As soon as it is submitted to the clerk's office, a check will be cut. A motion to pay CSMP was made by **Trustee Carpenter**, seconded by **Trustee Boucher**.
All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- **Jim Thatcher** - Jim said that Norabelle sent concept maps to him regarding the water project. The engineering study will not be done by June or July at the Old Fort Location. Jim is thinking the bidding will be next winter. Jim submitted the application for the Restore NY Grant – Round 7 on 1/23/2023. Jim structured the application differently. The idea is to get the 138 & 140 Broadway structurally sound so there is interest from a developer. The way the buildings are currently, no developer will be interested. Jim is going to reach out to Carrie Woerner as well.
- Trustee Cutler spoke with Jim Doty who owns the property where the current water tower is located on Burgoyne Avenue. Jim is on board to sell a portion for the new water tower.
- **CHPE** – Attorney Fuller talked with the attorney for CHPE. It is still at the design phase in the village. An agreement will be finished and a deposit of \$10,000.00 in escrow will be needed. Final plans are subject to board approval. The laydown yard has already started. The mayor feels like there needs to be better communication and coordination during this project.

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

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle M. Rose, Clerk-Treasurer
February 6, 2023