

Village Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2024

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

Roll Call: Trustee Cutler, Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Williams

Mayor Traver 00:03

You set that? Probably in the middle of the table. Yeah, I'm just making sure it's going. Testing a new recorder. So, because the minutes they have to the old recorder, you had to write it down, listen to it, rewind it and it would bring you right back to the beginning. So, I asked Diane to go get a new one, and this one they'll be able to hook up to the computer and just convert it to text, so they don't have to go through all the meeting. So, you guys say something that you come back later down the road and say, well, I didn't say that. Well, we can know it's the same for us now, too. Yeah. Yeah. So, at any rate, it's going to make life a little easier.

Mayor Traver 00:53

So anyways, everybody had a chance to look at the minutes of February without any questions or comments. A motion to accept. **Trustee Cutler** and **Trustee Carpenter** all in favor. Aye.

Got the reports. Clerk, court, code, street water. There are not any questions on those at this time, we need a motion to accept. **Trustee Williams**, seconded by **Trustee Carpenter** all in favor
Aye.

Trustee Cutler 01:18

I notice they have been writing some traffic tickets.

Mayor Traver

Yeah, well, they had a really busy February, so I think we'll see. We don't have the sheriff's report in here. I know the judge. I talked to him today and he saw quite an uptick in that, I think just seeing it around town, too, from hearing people saying that they weren't around at all. Now hear them saying they're around all the time. So, some people are looking for it, and then some people are saying they don't want much, they're doing their job.

Trustee Williams 01:55

Two cars pulled over on Notre Dame Street. I haven't seen two cars pulled over on Norte Dame Street for years. Right. Yeah.

Deputy Clerk 02:21

General PBA 11,458.01. General abstract is \$12,627.94. The water PBA is \$2,617.30 and the water abstract is \$19,594.32.

Mayor Traver

\$10,000 of that water was the payment for the water tower? The water tower repairs?

No jumping up. Did lower that fiber. Did it? All right, good. That was a vibrant piggyback where you were able to coordinate. Yeah. So, we need a motion to pay the bills.

Yep. So anyways, the reports we need a motion to pay the bills **Trustee Boucher** we got a second **Trustee Cutler**. All in favor.

A new business, drifting ridge. So, the drifting ridge was under order by the sewer district. They wouldn't have let any building permits be issued without taking care of some stormwater issue over there. And with that, they were required to do five laterals for each building permit and to check those. So, they're in the process now of digging up. We, meaning the sewer district, sent letters out to the homeowners over there to get the permission to be able to let the contractor go on the property to check the laterals, because sewer district's thoughts were that that was where a lot of the storm water was leaking into the sewer system and pump station and then getting over the plant.

So, Larry Clute had put up \$50,000 to do that work. And I think, did he have 41 or 31 that signed on saying they let him on his property somewhere around there? Matt?

Attorney Fuller

I think it was something 40, 41.

Mayor Traver

So, his plan is to do enough, I think, to build seven homes is what the number I heard over there. So, with that being said, we had meetings over there. I went, DPW was over there. Sewer district.

Larry Clute, his engineer, Sean Doty. Matt and looked at the whole issue over there, and a lot of it, too, is storm water in the culverts. I mean, run alongside the road. There's, you know, filled in, people have filled in in front of their yards. There's a lot of overgrowth, and so there's a lot of stuff going on. And the guys had time. The weather was decent while they were over there, got the track hoe over there and cleared out a lot of those and did a little work in the pond out back where they dug basically a new trench from the pond out towards the road to get it flowing again and saw some pretty significant, you know, flows with that. That being said, there are still three pipes that go into the pond from for storm water and which are quite plug.

Jeff Caprood

They are probably a quarter of the way plugged.

Mayor Traver

Yeah. So, I guess the thing is, we got to work something out with Clute to see, because that pond is still under his ownership. We cannot find anywhere that it was turned over to the village when they dedicated the roads and all that type of stuff. Now they're under the understanding that it should have gone with it. We're working together to say, hey, let's solve this problem and you know, because the better we can solve that, the more he can start building over there and, you know, get some more houses on the tax roll, so. But just the work that we've done already over there has been, you know, you've seen that stuff along better, so, I don't know if you got any comments on that, Brodie or Cap.

Jeff Caprood

I mean, right now we got the. So, it would be around the bend. It would be the third pipe going out to the retention pond.

We got that completely cleared out. So that's one, the middle one where that guy's dumping over the fence, clippings, and everything there. He's dumped more since we went over there before. Okay, so we got the ground so wet right now that they can't get. We got caught in there a little bit the other day, and we snuck ourselves out and. So, we're about halfway down to the pipe going out to 46, but

once that's done, it should flow really well because that pipe was completely buried. I mean, water, just full of water as soon as we took that first scoop, they just sent it towards the machine.

Mayor Traver

Yeah. So, what's happened over there? Those homes along that, they've extended their property line ten foot, 100 by 150 lots, and they're probably now 180 foot or they're just encroached. Huh. Not fenced in.

Jeff Caprood

Right. The pond, not fenced in. Going east to west. No, my bad. North to south, it's not fenced in. East to west, it's fenced in. So, behind the houses, it's not fenced in.

Attorney Fuller

So, behind the houses it's not fenced in, correct?

Make that part of the deal. Yep, have Larry fence it in and we'll take it right.

Mayor Traver

Yeah, cause they have encroached on it, you know, I mean, it's making their backyard a little bigger.

Trustee Boucher

If we take it, will there be any way to get access to it in case we do need to maintain it?

Mayor Traver

Well, I think right now there's over by the pump station, there's probably access into it.

Jeff Caprood

Yeah, we can't get in by the pump station. We went and asked the gentleman, two houses down. If we could sneak by, it's pretty much where the retention pond starts. Okay.

The first pipe going back. So, we knocked at his door, and he was. He was fine with it. We told him, hey, whatever we dig up, drive it across your lawn, we'll come back topsoil, reseed it for you. He said, yeah, that's no problem.

Mayor Traver

So then where the pump station is, you can't get into that.

Jeff Caprood

No, Because of the fence in the back, because it's so narrow when you first get in there.

Attorney Fuller

So, if there was a gate or something on that, would you be able to get out?

Jeff Caprood

Nope. You just don't get.

Mayor Traver

And you would otherwise have to go in from County Rte to get in there.

Attorney Fuller

Yep. So, they are on the subdivision map and in the deeds to those parcels and in Clute Steve, there are easements where the pipes are.

Jeff Caprood

Right. So, you could go in. And I knew there was one closest to 46. Yeah, I do. They got a fence going that way.

So that's why we went and just knocked on the gentleman's door.

Mayor Traver

Yeah. So, yeah, so I guess as long as we got easements. Because there are two, it's a two-foot pipe, each one of them is two-foot, 24-inch pipe going to those ponds.

So, we've got the easements going through there, then. Well, do we have them or does he have.

Attorney Fuller

No, he hasn't. We don't have any. Right. Okay. But if we work out a deal to take that property that would be included in the deed.

Mayor Traver

Okay. All right. Just so you go right. Okay. So anyways, that's what's going on over there. But, yeah, you're right, John, we want to make sure we get it in here or I guess you'd have to work a deal out with the farmer that's really. He's not doing any farming that close to that. On a subdivision. Bridge, street lights. I actually talked with Dot. I don't know. I know Janelle had contacted national grid about them and they said, you know, all the concrete on the bridge is needed work, so I talked with the bridge crew, the engineer for the region one, and he said he's been in contact with national grid. They are going to replace all the poles. He said at that time they'll inspect the concrete part of the bridge, but they've looked at it. They don't feel there's any need to do any work that they can still mount those poles on those uprights. And I also asked them about being able. Would they be able to paint those, the cap, you know, the cap on all, both sides? I said, it's. You can faintly see the white. I said, I grew up on that island, you know, 50 years ago, and I don't even remember seeing much white paint then. And so, you know, he goes, well, sometimes that's tough. They don't like putting paint on the concrete because it can trap more water and cause more damage to cracking and stuff. He said, but he goes, that is an old bridge. And he goes, they may. He goes, I don't know if we could get a work order to do that. He goes, but we could probably allow you guys to do that. So. And I said, well, you know, we don't necessarily want to be having a flag on that bridge, but I think we could almost do from the wall, from the walkway, the south, the north facing wall, anyways, and see what happens and then, you know, go from there. But as I said, you know, I go, you know, it's uglier than **** that bridge. And it would be just, if they're gonna put new light poles on there, just a fresh coat of white paint may help it look a little better than what it is. So, but anyway, they are moving forward with it with national grid, so. Well, we'll talk about budget workshops after we got to kind of set some dates and stuff for that. We'll come back to that at the end here. 19 Summit street, a lady called about the tree on Summit street and it's pretty nasty next to McCarthy's, that same one next to McCarthy's old house there. Second one in. Yeah, yeah. You can see it bringing the black top up and the roots are the sidewalks really lifted but it's into the road too, so, I think that we got to look at that and see about getting that taken care of somehow because and I rode by it, and you can see the blacktop and stuff. Yeah, yeah. So, let's take a look at that and put it on the radar to see about, you know, it's pushing the curb, the sidewalks like it's pretty nasty, just like 50 others unfortunately and that I guess would go to talk about Marion street sidewalk as a whole business, but I don't know

what. We have to wait and see. I don't know if Janelle had sent him any information. Scavoni, he had painted it red because it's lifted and it's only lifted a little bit, but it's his responsibility.

Trustee Carpenter

Yes. I went up there and looked and you remember with the streets, streets to school project. That is perfect. This is. It's probably 50, 60 years old, to be honest with you. And it lifted two inches. He spray painted it. But he doesn't understand that. It's basically his responsibility.

Mayor Traver

He does understand that?

Trustee Carpenter

Well, I told him that and he, you know, I didn't get a very smiley look. Yeah. He worked in the city of Glens Falls. Yeah. He was a superintendent there. So he knows. You don't know if he knows.

Trustee Boucher

I think it was a ceremonial position he did up there.

Mayor Traver

Yeah. But I mean, so I guess. If we had. I don't know if you can check to see if Janelle has sent a letter out to her. Leave a note. So when she does come back to find out if we sent Mister Scavoni a letter and about that he is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the sidewalks. It is not the village's responsibility. If she hasn't sent that out to him. We have to send him a letter stating that. you weren't thinking about it, talking about it. But I can look and see. I can go in and see. Yeah, just see if that we can do in the next week.

Mayor Traver

Yeah, okay. Underwood Park. I guess we got the trees and stuff. I don't know if we, I think we've gotten some info for any, the flowers in the center. Oh, did we get some information as far as priced out wood and block, like a retained wall, black type deal? Because I know when he stopped over, Britney's all like, oh, she goes, I'd love to do that because she worked for toadflax over there and did that, so if we can get a, you know, do a new retaining wall or something, even if it's smaller, maybe not as long, I don't know, you know, how big it needs to be, does it have to be the same length or width or anything? But you can find out what they've got for pricing for that center. And these guys sound like they want to do the wall and stuff themselves. I know they talked about the granite, granite curving we have from the street, but then you got to bury it and it would probably be high enough.

Trustee Boucher

As long as you put that for the pavers, a couple rows of stone can pack the **** out of it and then lay. Yeah. So.

Mayor Traver

And, you know, these guys want to give it a shot to do it and rather than, you know, at least this time, you know, Cindy over there at Raggi's, she said that really it was rotting away and wasn't any good what we were going to do about it and so I know we haven't gotten any quotes from her yet to do any of the flowers, but if, you know, Britney wants to do that, if she wants to do that or she can get some help and you have time to let her do that, then why not use her? We'll get you some numbers on the difference between the wood and the block because the trees have come down. Is there any others that need to come down or do we need to have a contractor take them down?

Trustee Williams

Originally, we talked about taking all the trees down along that edge of the property and they stopped. You guys stopped. You stopped at the end of the building? Yeah, right at the end of the building. Well, we originally talked about taking them all down to get sunlight in. So that's the idea. Then we can bring soil in and then reseed. The maples, the original report we got on the big trees where there were two that were in tough shape. But the fellow from Sears that we talked to thought that maybe if we just thinned them out, took the dead stuff out, they may survive, so we were banking on that. I know there was some thought about taking them down. At that point, I would say, let's thin them out and let's see what happens before we take them down. They're good size. They're really a good size. They may not make it, 1, may not make it, but they thought it was worth the chance, after looking at the price, to have the tree thinned out.

Jeff Caprood

Okay, how about the bushes up front. They need to go. We're gonna pull them. Yeah. There was a consensus of everybody, including the village historian. Overgrown. Just making sure we didn't touch anything.

Trustee Williams

Well, part of the discussion on that one, some people don't feel safe because of the bushes they can't see. We've heard different comments, so we thought we would open it up. The other thing is, Matt suggested using some of the iron fence at the top to make it look extra nice.

Jeff Caprood

Oh, put it across the meter with the signpost. Right.

Trustee Williams

With the cast iron signpost. That may look pretty good. Paul didn't agree with that. Paul has a couple of different things he's interested in. I'll let him talk about that later. But he's trying to create a different walkway with some. There's a monument. He likes to put up a monument for this horse at. Was part of the trolley system that went by here. So, he's got this long secretariat. Well, then don't get on that. There's some horse that was at acrobatics.

Jeff Caprood

He saw us cutting the trees down, and he ran right over and he's like, hey, there's a time capsule down here. I said, we're not digging that. He goes, I understand that, but I want to show you where it is. I said, we're not digging into the ground. We're not going to hurt it.

Trustee Williams

Right. We may have to take the stumps down a little bit more. But I don't think they need to be removed or ground down. If we bring in the soil, we can cover most of that. So. But I think that's great with a flower box, yeah and if we can do that, maybe we can. She can replicate that some other places that we may want. Yeah.

Bill Caprood

What are you doing for pavers, though? Like loose pavers? That's not a good idea.

John Boucher

No, you got to get the wall. Yeah, but you had to glue them. Yeah, use the yeah, use the stuff because they'll be kicking them off and throwing them.

Trustee Williams

Did they use that on Broadway? No, they didn't use it. Some spots.

Jeff Caprood

They get some caps, they did some. They use mortar on some and then it goes and pops instead. But some of those you can put back on probably with adhesive in the hole. Still wouldn't look up on the hill. We got a whole nail. Good boy.

Why'd they do that? Driveway so narrow there. Why do you have no idea? Right before the tracks. Yeah. Pizza person took it out.

Mayor Traver

So we'll see about getting some of that stuff moving over there.

All right, good. West Summit street, the end of that street. Well, I think some thinking next one over, I put west summit on there. They want to, they're talking about the letter from Gugliamo, wanting to be able to use that to maybe if seeing that the village could kind of say landscape it, but push, push it down in some soil and grow grass a little griffin or wet summer Griffin.. And what we've got, you know, they had that letter asking us about getting some of the now say trash. But whatever is down there that, you know, they didn't really want down there.

But we still use that as a, as to dump our sweeping. Sweeping and stuff like that. So I don't know.

Jeff Caprood

And that whole street uses it for leaves. Right. And again. Right.

Mayor Traver

Even though two of them want a nice grassy area to be able to see the deer run and all that kind of stuff. But does it still become a dumping site, you know, down the road? Plus, if we really don't have a lot of places we can dump our material.

Yes. Yeah, he's done some work and stuff there already. And west summit is, I guess he had brought up a lot of trash and had it up by the side of the road next to Gugliamo's house. And he sent an email in saying, what's this all over? You know, detracted from his property and stuff. So. But Dave was up there and looked at it, and Dave went and talked to Mullen, and Mullen had it cleaned up.

There may be some scrap metal that he hasn't taken out yet, but he's. He's. He's going to make them. He's already made the whole area look nicer and he's not clear cutting anything down there. He's just, you know, making it look a lot, lot better. So. But he had talked about, well, could they buy it, too? You know, then? So, we'll see if it goes any further. But I just wanted to kind of put that in as a reminder. He had emailed saying all the, you know, the trash was up by the road and what, take care of it. I think he did it on the weekend, and it was Monday when he sent in the email, but it was cleaned up. They went up there and talked to him.

Jeff Caprood

There's also a test pit down there that's tested for PC. One of the wells that GE still is well signed, too. Yeah, the caution making everybody stay away from. Yeah, I think there's still five wells that GE has to monitor, maintain, and all that type of stuff. They'll have to do that for 100 years, I think. But, and I know it is an area that we can dump, so, I mean, it's kind of, if you take that away, we're really going to start getting restricted as far as where we put some of that stuff.

Bryan Etu

And the thing is, when it fills up, we push it off. Right. It's not messy. Right. Yeah.

Mayor Traver

And I think you're right. A lot of the residents will still be using it for their grass clippings.

Trusee Carpenter

Well, it's actually getting better. It used to be very steep, and because of what everybody's doing, it's starting and it's actually coming around safety wise because children used to use that. Our kids, Brod, used to go through that trail. Yeah. So, it is getting better, actually.

Mayor Traver

Illegally crossing the railroad tracks to get home.

Mayor Traver

Water tower. We had sprung those leaks. Billy, I want to give these guys an update on what? I know it's in a report, but what happened with, you know, divers came in, there was a gunshot.

Bill Caprood

It wasn't gunshots, so that was good. And it's all patched up. There's no leaks right now.

Trustee Boucher

How'd they say it looked overall?

Bill Caprood

Not great. Not great. You want me to call and see what rehab would cost? That's quite an ordeal. Gotta drain the tank.

Trustee Carpenter

Well, it is budget season.

Mayor Traver

That'd be a good time to get that. But that's going to be, I know the outside with the, yeah, more than that now.

Attorney Fuller

$\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars to paint that right now.

Bill Caprood

1.2 last time we checked and that was before LaBella was priced.

Trustee Carpenter

That was 2019. That was a while ago.

Mayor Traver

So, you know, I think looking at rehabbing is really not in the future, I think trying to figure it out and we'll talk about the water project here. Anyways, they did, they removed all the sediment, put new light pole light on the top that had been out and then they also did maintenance on the one over at the plant so that's done now. So, they're both beyond kind of the same schedule as far as calling them to do clean out. How much sediment. How much sediment was over there? How much really?

Bill Caprood

Three inches.

Mayor Traver

Okay. But how much was in this one?

Bill Caprood

14 to 16, and they don't even pump it all.

They pump the parts that aren't solid. Yeah, because it just clean a trough out through the trough up top. 1990.

Mayor Traver

Okay but I know we had it done when. How many years ago was that? And there was almost 3ft at that time wasn't there?

Bill Caprood

1990. Yeah, we took it all over 2ft.

Mayor Traver

Yeah, so and then who knows when that was done prior? I remember having it. Having it done. So I mean being at that old tank obviously the rust is settling right down into there so

Bill Caprood

I'm just gonna keep that on a 4-year cycle for both of them there's no sense they charge for travel obviously so no sense of not doing both. Yeah, that's true so that.

Attorney Fuller

Hopefully it's gone in four years.

Mayor Traver

Well, speaking of that update on the water project, I know you guys had been going back and forth with both. EFC, huh.

Attorney Fuller

It's been an interesting month.

Mayor Traver

Yeah. So, at any rate, the project for the community renewal, the grant money to do the streets is moving. Basically. DOH has got that. The funds are there. We got the contract. We're set with that. It's just now a matter waiting for DOH to give us the approval and then sending that out to bid. So, we're moving along there.

Attorney Fuller

The requirements because with OCR money, you don't have to meet certain requirements that you do with EFC. Right. So EFC's got a couple more steel requirements and things like that that the OCR doesn't have. So what I actually talked to Ted, they went back and put in the EFC requirements and things like that, even if they had to swap out that are more expensive because it's got to be american and all these other things, they did that and they included the EFC contract requirements because those are a little bit different, too. All so that we can bring the streets back into the drinking water state revolving fund, the SRF project that we pretty much abandoned last year, talked to EFC. They said, yes, you can come back and go to the SRF, but you gotta maintain the scope. So we have to do some streets work, replace the tower, and we have to do work on the pump station. Because we haven't submitted the revised scope to EFC yet. Labella's working on that, too. But in terms of

priority, we had to get Cooper, prospect and grove out to bid so that we can use those monies by May so we don't lose them million dollars from OCR. What they're going to do is now that they got that pretty good, they're going to kind of pivot. They're going to get us a revised proposal for the engineering work for the pump station to get that to where it needs to be for replacing the tank. And we've already got the engineering scope for Cooper prospect Grove because they already did it. Right. You paid for that? Well, we've been built for it. Yeah. It's going to be a pretty significant, remember, we were doing west summit and we were going down to Case. We were doing Griffin. Right. So all the streets west of are going there. We were doing those streets, too. Now we're not. It's a pretty significant change in reduction in scope. But we don't have \$12 million to spend. 4.6. Well, we have 2.4, I think it is, in grant from EFC. And then we got a million dollars from OCR. So we got 3.4 in grant. And then however far we can get as economically as possible under the SRF project. So one of the things we talked about in our meetings here in the last couple weeks is possibly trying to do Burgoyne, because I actually talked to Ted a couple times in between, and he said, you know, the reality is we didn't really focus on the Burgoyne stretch, even between prospect and Cooper, because we knew CDBG wouldn't pay for that OCR money wouldn't pay for Burgoyne because it's a feeder line. It's not just limited to that neighborhood. And so for going, the area that would have had to comply with the OCR CBD requirements was much bigger, but he said if, again, if we were just one of those streets, we would bring to the village's attention. Hey, we can't promise you what's going to happen to that Burgoyne line when we tie three brand new or a loop, a brand new loop onto that line. Like he said, it could. It could hammer, it could do all sorts of things. The flows are going to be faster within Cooper, prospect and Grove and we can't tell you what that's going to do to that area. We're going.

We know you can't pay for it, but we're just putting you on notice that we don't know what's going to happen here. Wells. Yeah. It's getting all fresh blacked out this summer. Correct. So we went back to town. Yeah, originally we were coordinating with the county because we wanted to do Burgoyne as part of our project so that they come in at the end, do all the work with theirs. So Ted reached out to the county today saying, what are the odds that we could get back in on this Burgoyne project? Because last summer we told them our project was dead, and they went off and engineered and they were getting ready to bid. So Ted got beat up a little bit on his phone call today. They weren't very happy with the village.

I think after talking to him, I don't think he presented it as well as if we were sitting there. We're just looking for an option. If they say no, okay, we won't do it. And it's probably another half a million or a million bucks worth of work. We just want to do it. But now their idea is that, hey, we put these three streets in. We can't promise you that we're not going to go break to break.

We got to tear the road off. Yeah. She get all the money?

Bill Caprood

Galvanized lines have been the ground for a long time. Not in good shape.

Attorney Fuller

Ted said to where? He said, well, we may have to come back later and do that work.

She said, well, we won't if we don't let them. And he said, okay, well, I understand that, but he's like, I'm not talking elective work. I'm saying, if that line blows, we're digging up the road. You got every right to. Yeah, we're digging up the road. So I sent an email. This, after all that went down, to say, this is why we're coming back to. All of this was off the table. Now with the tank leaking, the village had to reevaluate its options. I went back to EFC to say, hey, is there anything we can do? We got four uses money right now. Can we use, can we get back into the SRF program? And EFC said, well, they thought about it for a couple days. They got back to us quick and said, yeah, in concept, if you come back to us with a reduced scope, we'll probably fund it. Yeah. Every component being the infrastructure. Pump house.

Trustee Cutler

When you say fund it, they'll give us the original grant money?

Mayor Traver

27, 66. Okay.

Attorney Fuller

That's what we're talking about. Okay. So, what we have to do now is get them a revised scope of exactly what we're proposing within a budget that the village is comfortable with. I drew out that \$6 million number, roughly a million bucks we've got from OCR. That's a pretty substantial amount of work. If you remember last year, about this time, actually, we actually upped our bond resolution from 4.6 million, to 7.2. When Labella told us around January, hey, we think this is maybe like 7.2 million and then it was at the last second, we said, are you guys 100% sure with these numbers? And they said, well, no, we actually didn't go back to the tank manufacturer. They didn't go back to the tank manufacturer, and they said, well, they did it, and then they came back to 10.2 million. That's when the deal fell apart. So, anyway, it's been a lot of moving parts this month, but as we stand right now, we're waiting for sign off from DOH and OCR to go out with Cooper Prospecting Group.

Our plan will be to meet the SRF requirements and drive that project back into the SRF project.

For the streets part, we can use outside funding on the SRF project. So basically, what we're doing is we're taking that original scope of streets, knocking it down. Hopefully we can include Burgoyne, but the county poo poo's that and so be it. But the street. If we just landed cooper prospect and grove, I think we can meet the intent of the SRF for the streets Part of that scope streets pump station tank and then dedicate the SRF funds to the pump station and the tank.

That's kind of the plan.

Mayor Traver

We've got about 3.9 million in grant money, so it'd be a couple million dollars of funding.

Attorney Fuller

Yeah, we're probably three or \$4 million. \$3 million after that I think all total it's going to be around \$6 million.

He and I were throwing numbers around today. Don't pin me to this.

Mayor Traver

we got almost 2.8 from EFC that we have and then the 1.1 from OCR. Right.

Attorney Fuller

1 million even. It was an even million. Yeah.

Trustee Cutler

So how much are we looking for to spend on the tank?

Attorney Fuller

Yeah, as of right now but he, he had the idea at the meeting, and I don't know if they evaluated it but do we need a pedestal? That's kind of a discussion for the village too. You know, the pedestal has a different footprint, a different look in your backyard, those kinds of things.

We're using gravity on that huge tank but if you, you drop the size of the tank it might be cheaper. So, they are looking at using pumps.

Mayor Traver

Pumps to, you know, like you said, we put them on variable speed drives and run normal pressure.

Bill Caprood

And then if there's a fire, you have a bigger pump that can do fire.

Mayor Traver

You know, it's still have, you still could have a couple hundred thousand gallon tank.

Trustee Boucher

The old one, Hudson Falls, off the boulevard there, on Feeder Street, the old one in Hudson Falls. I mean, they paint it. I don't think they use it for anything. They don't use it. But it doesn't look bad being what it is.

I mean, it's similar to what our Knowles tank is. I mean, we wouldn't use the Knowles tank, right? Or we could, right. They said we could add more. They said we can add, we could add more sections to it. They said when we were thinking about getting rid of it to South Glens Falls, aqua store said you could put two or three more sections out if you want. And then you got pressure because you got all that water.

Mayor Traver

Yeah, but even like mention that possibly putting pumps, that would still be the water we're talking to. Put another section on. Four and a half million dollars for a water tower that might be able to have a million bucks into one with some pumps.

Bill Caprood

You'd have to have a little block building with electric heaters.

Attorney Fuller

We have a ton of property in Moreau. We can slap some solar panels over there, get grants for it, cut your electric cost down and there's all sorts of stuff out there.

Mayor Traver

Yeah, it's too bad that that tower, the water tank in the plant should have been another 50 foot higher and we wouldn't even have to worry about this over here because it's not much. How much lower is it, Billy? The tower over in the plant to this one? I have no idea.

Attorney Fuller

So, we're pursuing all this. You know, I think we got a good idea. We got a good plan and that stuff. If an idea like that tank can save a couple million bucks, then you might be into more streets. No one's guaranteed that.

Mayor Traver

Yeah, we'll look at that. But we're definitely moving, that waterline work is moving forward and we're doing that. I think if anything, dependent on who goes out to bid first, ours or the county streets could be the same contractor, that it could be done much more efficiently, mobilization and all that kind of stuff. So

Attorney Fuller

On that, what I talked to Ted about is because there's, again, this is all moving fast. Right. This is the last four weeks when in the fall, I mean, December, when we told Labella to go forward on those three streets, they weren't doing anything else on the water project, so they kicked that into high gear

to get it out so that we could be building in May. They're not far behind on Burgoyne. So because we got to get that money on the street for the OCR thing by May. His thought was, we get that thing out and bid, but right behind it is another bid coming for Burgoyne. Like, we can make certain things like mobilization and stuff like that. You can make that alternates. So, if you bid those as alternates and that contractor is already there, they can save 30 grand, 20, whatever it may be, ahead of another contractor that would bid on it by deleting mobilization. Because there aren't there. Right. So I'm like, we gotta be creative here, man. We gotta think of these things to kind of make sure that that contractor gets the work that's already there. We don't want two contractors fighting on a site that's a recipe for disaster. But if we bid this the right way and timing wise, he and I talk about this all the OCR says, you got to start spending the money by May, right? So get that contractor going. Get them started. And if at the same time this bid is rolling out for Burgoyne, they can just slow down in the streets. Jim didn't say we had to spend so much money every month. We just had to start spending it in May.

Mayor Traver

Yeah. Even mobilization would count.

Attorney Fuller

Exactly. So there's a strategy here to try to basically catch them up together. It all depends on accounting. Those emails were flying around this afternoon, so hopefully this week we'll.

Mayor Traver

Anyways, we got anything new on kayak? We're still waiting or anything or.

Trustee Cutler

I haven't seen any new emails since I was

Trustee Cutler

so with Army Corps right now is the. Yeah, I'll get together with you now. I put it on there. No, it actually was the Canal Corp needed some information when I left. That's what was the sticking point was Canal Corp. Need a little information from Morgan and the contractor who's gonna be putting the pad down. Okay.

Mayor Traver

The Warren Washington Ida. I know. We haven't really heard much more. We sent a letter to Dave O'Brien, the Ida, saying, hey, originally, we talked about you reimbursing us for engineering and our legal work that we're going to, for these meetings and everything. And we haven't been paid at all. And he kind of, he saw the email. He kind of was backtracking like he thought, oh, we were going to take care of that. I don't know. How the heck do we know what to build? So I think what we got to do is kind of get together our bills that we. From, from Myron Fuller, what we've had billed for the Warren Washington Ida project, and what Sean Doty, KSPE has under for that specific project. He's probably only got a little bit. We've got a few more. But I know they're both kind of sharing because they're there on behalf of the sewer district as well. So it's kind of like. Yeah. Splitting, splitting the time between sewer district and us. But we need to get reimbursed for that because, you know, they're creating this, all this work for us, and, you know, that's going to be their project. It's not ours. And we don't need be on hook for that.

Attorney Fuller

So I don't even know where they are. It's got to like 90% and then jump ship. Well.

Mayor Traver

Right. And I know they did toss a bell out. Yeah. Yeah. So there'll be more coming on that the. What else we got? Champlain Hudson that's kind of just crawling along, we're just waiting for, you know, final engineering and some legal stuff going through. But we aren't going to be impacted a **** of a lot other than probably at the end of Center street when they do that digging trench, boring. The annex. Everything's done. I think everybody's happy with the boundary lines and everything for that survey and everything. So it's pretty close to closing there. We should be getting that building pretty quickly. That is my school district and I will never represent.

Attorney Fuller

You think municipal is crazy?

Trustee Williams

Well, the email threat was bizarre, wasn't it? It was bizarre. We talking about the same things here? What are you talking about?

Attorney Fuller

Meg was like pounding out the desk outside. What is going on? She's like, don't ever take a school district. I'm out of here.

Mayor Traver

Budget workshops. We gotta look at getting some. Actually, the committees want to pick out some dates where they can go see, you know, water and DPW and see where, you know, they've got needs, wants and wishes, I guess, and get something together on budget so we can set a couple dates. I don't know. We have to have by the 31st tentative budget has to be presented by the 31st to the, to the public for a special hearing. The 20th march it needs to be presented to the board. It needed to be presented to our board. So we need to work. There's some workshops between now and the 20th. So I don't know if you guys want to check out some dates here when you guys think you can meet, you know, Dave and Pete with the DPW sometime this week, you think? And then. What about water? Yeah, whatever's good with him.

Bill Caprood

I can look at stuff right now, or just. What you got prices, like, when we meet? Yeah. Estimates on what we're, you know, looking and if what project might need to be done.

Mayor Traver

Yeah, I know we kicked the can down the road on several of them, but we need to, you know, kind of get an idea what you're going to need for this coming year.

Bill Caprood

I need a pump downstairs. So, I think that's what we got to get together.

Trustee Carpenter

Are you here on Friday? Fridays? Are you? Yeah, I'll be over this Friday.

Mayor Traver

Get it started. All right, so you guys can work on that.

Bill Caprood

Do we want to go, like, next Tuesday so I can try to get ahold of somebody for a pump? Yeah. All right.

Trustee Carpenter

That's fine. Yeah. Gives you time to, you're the one that needs to get the information.

Bill Caprood

Tuesday afternoon works.

Trustee Cutler

Brodie, next Tuesday afternoon, try to get some stuff together with your crew and want to go over to the barn and meet you. Whatever works. How about Tuesday at one? I'll make sure Ammer has all the dishes done up to senior center by then. That's 19, like every week. No, it's not 19.

Mayor Traver

So, we want to set a first budget hearing for the 13th at 05:00 so we can get, and that'll get information from Janelle and Diane on all the other items. We'll start working on that, so we'll have some basic information on what we know about the building and all that type of stuff. So, we will get one in at 05:00 on the 13th.

Pete Amorosi

Does that give her enough time?

Mayor Traver

Well, I think we're going to need to. We talked about getting the previous sheets, spreadsheets from last year and stuff, and get those to me and I can start working on a lot of the, you know, regular stuff. We started working on that. Put one together for the DPW for us. Yeah. You put one together for the DPW for us.

Bill Caprood

I have two pumps that are. One died, other ones. And I have three backup pumps. And this doesn't pump the lagoon or not. It pumps up to the trough. So if we had to. Because we're gonna be a new compressor. That thing shot. We could just replace the three pumps that are floats that are just plugged in to pump the top if we have to. You know what I mean? And just have it run off those instead of the other two pumps in case the other one died.

Mayor Traver

Yeah. All right. So we'll go for Wednesday the 13th at five. Yeah, that's Wednesday. tentative budget hearing first. And then at that one, we'll set the next one and go on from there. Yeah. We're going to have to kind of compress some of this, but we'll get it done. Yeah, I mean, the final budget. Well, final budget doesn't have to be adopted on May 1, but April 10 is when we have to have a public hearing. We can have a special meeting on the 31st for the tentative budget and then again come back with still another tentative with a public hearing. Not just a special meeting. It has to be by April 10. So that's a date we really have to make sure we hit to have a tentative budget hearing, public hearing for that. So, we can get comments.

Trustee Cutler

Doty property coming along?

Attorney Fuller

Yeah.

Surveys ordered. That'll stay outside of the scope. Because it's already ordered.

Mayor Traver

The tank was patched with epoxy. Was it? No, I think it was flex seal. Flex seal.

Trustee Carpenter

That's strong stuff.

Attorney Fuller

CHPE people were trying to get a call with you and me. I told Meg, not this week. I'm slammed.

Mayor Traver

What's the final roadblock with them?

Attorney Fuller

They want to put in a cap on their future liability if something went wrong with our infrastructure. We had to do something special because of their line. Like, if they're in close proximity to our water line and contractor says, well, I'm going to charge you x dollars extra because I have to deal with this line. They pay for it. They want to put a cap on that.

Mayor Traver

How much is he going to be nearer infrastructure. It's

Attorney Fuller

East street is the closest spot,

Bill Caprood

That's pretty deep, right? Supposed to be 20 something feet deep.

Mayor Traver

So, they're going from the maintenance area at CP Rail, I think that is where they're going to dig. So, they're going to East Streets maintenance lot. They're going to dig a hole and trench over to over by defiance and strains house somewhere in that area, right, and then they're going to bore all the way down and come up over Saratoga County. So, I don't think they're even going to come close to the infrastructure other than, you know, what's near East Street and Center, the end of Center Street. So. And I don't know what.

Attorney Fuller

I'll talk to Shawn again.

Mayor Traver

Yeah, so that probably the angle they take from Center street over to Canal, it probably hit over by, you know, Tizzy's old house. I don't know. You know all those along canal. I don't know where. Well, yeah.

Attorney Fuller

Where that's gonna hit there a couple that lives down on the east side of Canal house right there that they redid really nicely.

Mayor Traver

That's the ones on a planning board there. I don't know if George Kilmer had been notified by them, too.

Trustee Boucher

He made a deal already, but. Because under his parking lot. Was under his parking lot. Yeah. Frank's house.

Frank Burkhardt

They haven't made a deal with me yet.

Trustee Boucher

No, they talk to my mother every week, unfortunately. Well, they want to take the whole yard. You can't build anything ever on it forever. Who knows what they can't. You can't say you can. Yeah. You're 75ft out.

Mayor Traver

How far does your property go back there?

Frank Burkhardt

Goes back to the railroad track.

Attorney Fuller

I'm not entirely sure exactly where it crosses because it crosses from the north side of the south side. Right. Somewhere in that area west of Canal street.

Frank Burkhardt

They bored both sides. Yeah. That's village property right there. Yeah. It jumps in, jumps in behind others and tavern.

Trustee Boucher

So is it going through Tabitha's or is it going through the house on the other side of the north side?

Attorney Fuller

They clipped the fish property. From the last map I saw, they clipped it right there because they didn't need an easement from the village out by. Up by 50 East. Originally, they did a big chunk of it, but they moved it south of the rail bed coming off the center. At some point it crosses.

Mayor Traver

Yeah. Because. Well, fish also owns the mill block building. Brick building there, too. Right. They bought that. That kind of goes around Gillis's, doesn't it? Oh, yeah. Wraps it around. Yeah. And that wraps around the back of Gillis's property, I believe, because they got an. So, yeah. It's at an angle.

Trustee Boucher

Gillis's is pie shaped and theirs comes out further. Yeah. So maybe they're in on both. I don't know. I know that they like my mother's. They won't. It's. They want to.

They went 35ft, 75ft down. They'll never let you build anything on it. You can't put anything on ever again. She's like, Well, somebody wants to buy this property. What good is it? Put a garage up or something. Right? Yeah. What's good? Is it. Well, she was thinking about putting a car, a garage there always, anyway, because a couple people wanted to keep mowers and stuff. But it's like, what are you gonna do? The other option at first was saying they were going to Paul's house. Yes. And that's what he said. That's the difference. I mean, 75ft down, 75ft down, but, yeah. So they're raising them.

Mayor Traver

So anyways, I guess I think, you know, we're going to be minimally impacted as far as our infrastructure and, but, you know, whatever type. And I think construction wise, I think, you know, they're going to be having the haul trucks full of sediment and dirt and rock, whatever.

Trustee Boucher

They're the wire. The wire roles they've got.

Mayor Traver

So I don't know where they'll stage and that kind of stuff. So I think that that's what will be impact anybody as far as, you know, having a hassle with that.

Jeff Caprood

Have they staged south of white hall yet?
So they come further down.

Attorney Fuller

Well, they put the conduit and they have a pull cable. They're going to pull cable.

Trustee Carpenter

But they haven't been came on the bottom of champlain yet. Right.

Attorney Fuller

So that's gonna be this summer because those reels are gonna come off the canal from New York City. Okay. They built a special barge.

Trustee Boucher

The reels are wire. They've been bringing them all already.

Attorney Fuller

Those aren't the ones that are going in champlain. Those are reels I'm told are massive. I saw, actually, I didn't get a picture of it, but I saw a picture of barge under the bridge. The barge is huge. That's going to carry these reels. They're milestones.

Trustee Boucher

How are they going to get them under the bridge if it drops?

Attorney Fuller

Ship is amazing, too, that it's coming down through St. Lawrence

Mayor Traver

Now, just a question that may or not pertain to that Paul Hendricks was telling me he saw truck, cement truck after cement truck going down Burgoyne Avenue on Saturday. I don't know if you noticed him. And both ways. And he didn't know where they might be going and thought they were going down McIntyre and I didn't know if they were doing anything over by CP that they needed pour a big.

Trustee Boucher

Some of them were unlike unmarked, not front load any either. They were just the old fashioned back. They didn't have any name on. I saw three yellow ones go down because I followed them down. They did cut down. McIntyre.

Mayor Traver

So I don't know what was, because first I said, well, I know Irving's moving along with a building. Was it? But they would. Because it probably came from Peckham, probably out or the concrete. I don't know where they would come from. That road use agreement on Warren, and then Glens Falls on big boom or whatever bag. Yeah. So I don't know. They're unmarked ones.

Mayor Traver

And I go, well, geez, maybe Irving's pouring the floor, you know, in the building, because they poured all the columns and that type of stuff. And I don't know if the sheet metal is up on the building yet or not. I hadn't noticed. But then he would have went down route four. They wouldn't went down McIntyre. Come around East street. But so I don't know what the deal is. I don't know if you guys are out riding around. He said, he said, ian thought that they were going down McIntyre

Trustee Boucher

They came down Burgoyne ahead of me. They're going back and forth on Burgoyne Avenue for sure, because I came into the hardware and they were tour ahead of me.

Bill Caprood

They had a markup from the railroad station all the way up for the New York State park bike path along the tracks. They tore that whole bike path down. There was a market for it. One bike path right.

Mayor Traver

When did. In the last couple weeks. Was there any concrete there? Were they going to five combines? That's the only thing I can think of coming that way. Was there something for the bike? The Empire State trail?

Jeff Caprood

No, it was. Somebody else was doing it. Doing the work? I'm not sure.

Mayor Traver

Yeah, but I could have been a contractor for the Empire State trail. I don't know.

Trustee Williams

They took up the cinder patch. Yeah, we did it. They just did that two years ago. Well, they widened it and they added to it. I don't know if they. We did it. Yeah. They dug it out from the farm all the way up.

Frank Burkhardt

They dug it up and everything like that. Yeah. Yeah. Six inches or so. So you mean on the top line of Kingsbury? You mean that area or from.

Jeff Caprood

Yeah, Huntsburgers old farm, north.

Mayor Traver

That was a couple years ago. I don't know if they get cement on it now or anything. Maybe there was something that they had many truckloads of cement for. Yeah, because they. Paul said there's a lot of trucks or something.

What do they do with that Stonecast place? Do they. Yeah.

Mayor Traver

He's been out of business there for a while. Yeah. Terry, he's. Yeah, hes Something else. Yes, he is. But there's always seems to be. Seems to be people there. Yeah. He's in the outcast. Doors open all the time.

Jeff Caprood

And he's got more and more walls up. Yes. He's got fireplaces now, walls built. Maybe. But I would.

Mayor Traver

Maybe he needed a bunch of it.

Mayor Traver

138. 140 Broadway. I don't know what our, how we make our next step. To do something, to go out and try to push this. I mean, I don't know how or who I can reach out to. I don't know.

Attorney Fuller

Now it's wide open. Any contractor that might be interested. We gotta get this water thing in a spot and turn our attention back to that.

Mayor Traver

Anything else any of you guys got?

Trustee Carpenter

I've just got to add. 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. The time is coming and it's going to be going on for the next seven years. Because of the revolution started north here, ended South Boston.

and this area, Washington county is going to be starting. Has already started. And Peter, you'll like to know this. The third week of May, they're going to have a encampment in the back of the visitor center. And over at the Fort House museum, they'll have blacksmiths, candle makers, knife makers, gunsmiths to show how that's done. And later on in the year, they're going to reenact the Knox trail from Ticonderoga to Massachusetts. Of course, Washington county is very rich in historic events, so it's coming right now in this spring, and it's going to be going all over. If you remember those of us that are a little older, in 1976, from 1776 to 200th, it was quite a celebration that Fort Edward had here. And of course, they had the barge. Remember the bicentennial barge? So, yeah, it's coming up very quickly, and I happen to be on a committee representing us that's actually meeting this Thursday again. But, yeah, a lot of historic things are going to be happening here very quickly in the year, so it's kind of exciting.

Mayor Traver

Anything else anybody got?

Trustee Cutler

I was just going to ask John about the guy can line the courts over at the park.

Trustee Boucher

We have to get a hold of him or the general contractor, probably. The fence is done. Right. I was trying to get a hold of Neo, probably to push the other guys. Yeah.

Trustee Cutler

As far as putting nets and stuff up, we can have them give us a price. But there you go at \$2,000 to put two poles in.

Trustee Boucher

So I don't know. We could do it. It's not a big deal, but do you want to do the permanent court markings, not do the combo court on the bottom? So we'll have two quarts down there.

Trustee Cutler

Four quarts. Four quarts down. We could do that. We could always mark the other things went south in five years. I mean, you can always remark tennis court. So I think it was just.

Trustee Boucher

So, then we got two temporary nets or portable nests. Do you want to use them or do you want to put permanent nets in? I think we need, I think permanent. We can use the, we can use the temporary one, put them behind, you know, the other quartz is a ball stuff.

Trustee Cutler

Yeah, I think we, I think we should. We need 4 permanent nets. All right, here we do that.

Trustee Boucher

So, we need one more set of permanent net. That's all.

Trustee Cutler

Okay. We're going to decide on who's going to do it, though.

Trustee Boucher

Let's see how much Leo says he will charge them in and if it's astronomical, it might be. Isn't that much. All right.

Jeff Caprood

Are there permanent nets that are on a plate that you can literally.

Trustee Boucher

No, they're in a sleeve. They are in no sleeves. Just like up top there's sleeve. The bottom ones were there before they repainted the bottom one. We could have saw this, but with the markings on, they could have gone off and probably to do something with. But that would have been for tennis only because we're doing a pickle. So similar, just sleeves with concrete, square concrete around it. So, the cut where the intersection is in line, a square, and then dig down a few feet and put the sleeve in.

Jeff Caprood

Is that something you do before or after the lines are out.

Trustee Boucher

we do it probably after because we need to know where the intersection is

Jeff Caprood

I didn't know if we came out and measured everything marked it put them in and then they paint the lines from there.

Trustee Boucher

yeah I mean I'll help put the post and stuff we just got saw cut a square and that's all the others were the remember they did the concrete even with that which is what I'm glad they did that on Burgoyne instead of using a coal pass to do concrete in the trenches

Jeff Caprood

Yeah after a couple months I know but it's way better I never thought 100% what a difference instead of cold patch yeah would have been all gone but no what a difference I mean jeez but yeah no we'll coordinate that get the basketball court the kids are down playing on already so no lines on the basketball court.

Mayor Traver

we need to go to executive session to discuss legal matters with attorney Fuller other than that, I think. We need a motion to adjourn to executive session. Motion **Trustee Boucher**, seconded by **Trustee Williams**, all in favor. Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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Village Clerk-Treasurer