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MINUTES  
For  
Village of Dryden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Held on  
Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

MAYOR PRESENT: Reba Taylor  
TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mike Hattery, Les Hibbert, Randy Sterling  
TRUSEE EXCUSED: Mike Murphy  
SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Superintendent Paul Sabin, Clerk/Treasurer Debra Marrotte & Chief Randy Mack  
SECRETARY PRESENT: Abby Homer  
ATTORNEY PRESENT: David Dubow  
GUESTS: Ken Scherrieble, Camden Group  
Tim Arnold, Weber Street also Dryden Fire Department  
Jeanne Grace, City of Ithaca Landscape Architect  
Mary Kirkwyland, Dryden Beautification  
Hank Newman & Susan Beckley, Ithaca Ice Company  
Adam Holic, Greystone Drive

The Pledge to the Flag was recited; the fire exit and restroom location was noted.

The Board meeting and privilege of the floor were opened at 7:02 p.m.

Trees:

Mary Kirkwyland, on behalf of the Beautification Brigade, summarized a tree planting project that has been in discussion with the Village Public Works Department. With the assistance of Jeanne Grace from the City of Ithaca, a grant request has been prepared. Funds for 7 trees to begin with are in place and if the grant were received, up to an additional 85 more trees and supplies could be purchased. The initial 7 are proposed for North Street and the NYS DOT has approved the plan. A map of the proposed locations for the future trees is being prepared. Species and other details were discussed, along with the request to apply to be a Tree City USA Community.

Trustee Hattery stated he was in support of the grant application at this time, with some slight modification to the language. He requested the communication be with the Superintendent of Public works on the final say of the details. The possibility of a Tree Board with an appointed committee was also mentioned, if the grant is successful.

Ice:

Hank Newman of Ithaca Ice Company briefly explained his intend to purchase 37 Elm Street and move his Ice manufacturing business there. He stated the Zoning is Commercial so he would likely be requesting a Zoning change.

Mayor Taylor mentioned the water project moving along and advised Mr. Newman to not automatically expect a zoning change.

The Board thanked Mr. Newman for the information and advised further follow up with Code Enforcement and or the TC Health Department if necessary.

Land Purchase:

Adam Holic of Greystone followed up on his possible purchase of the extra land at the end of Greystone Drive. Mayor Taylor updated that the Village asked for an estimated value of the property from a Real Estate Agent and a figure was given. It was based on buildable lot sales in the area, so a readjustment would be factored in with the mutual agreement that the lot will be unbuildable.

After some additional discussion of details, such as maintaining the access to the trail and adequate room for the snow plow, the Board agreed that a formal estimate should be sought from an appraiser. Trustee Sterling volunteered to contact someone.

WWTP Report:

Ken Sherriebele of the Camden Group presented his monthly report for the WWTP operation and maintenance. A grease problem from a local restaurant was discussed and the related sewer ordinances are being reviewed for procedure and enforcement action. Health Department involvement is possible. The contract for operations was discussed. As indicated previously, a 6 month review was done and a reduction in hours by 5, therefore decrease in overall cost was achieved. Clerk/Treasurer Marrotte compared the prior contract to the newly presented one and the only changes were the ones agreed to. Once the initial year of the contract is finished, continue renewals are an option through 2020.

Misc:

Tim Arnold of Weber Street, also member of Neptune Hose/Dryden Fire Department, introduced himself and indicated interest in local government.

Upon no further comments under privilege of the floor, it was closed at 8:12 p.m.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Mayor Taylor noted the Water Committee Meeting will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Possibly TC3 would have a representative available.

New members of Neptune Hose Company

On a motion by Trustee Sterling and seconded by Trustee Hattery, the following was passed. Vote: Sterling-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 9- 2017  
New Members of Neptune Hose

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following new member(s) of the Neptune Hose Co. #1 Inc:

Jordan Arnold-Junior Fire Fighter  
Elizabeth Wood, Chad Clark, Paul Pealo, Francesco Mutti, Kory Olsen,  
Wendy Hinkle

Town Fire Contract

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed.  
Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 10- 2017

Town Fire Contract

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the Town of Dryden Fire Contract with Neptune Hose.

Express Mart Easement

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed.  
Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 11- 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> Express Mart Easement

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the 2<sup>nd</sup> Easement for Express Mart/Rerob, LLC.

Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers

None submitted

Resolution added by Trustee Hattery-Tree Grant

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed. Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 12- 2017

Tree purchase grant

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and authorizes the tree grant to be signed by the Mayor, with modifications and final language to be approved/certified by the Public Works Superintendent.

WWTP O&M Contract

On a motion by Trustee Hibbert and seconded by Trustee Hattery, the following was passed.  
Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No.13- 2017

WWTP O&M Contract

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the revised WWTP Operation & Maintenance contract provided by The Camden Group.

DPBA Union Contract

This item was tabled. The contract is being reviewed a final time by the Village PBA Attorney.

Abstract

The Board discussed the frequent repairs to the 2005 Dump Truck. Superintendent Sabin stated he is in the process of gathering the maintenance records from when the truck was purchased new. Further discussion of keeping or selling the truck is will likely take place in the future.

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed. Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No.14- 2017

Abstract

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the 2/16/2017 Abstract and authorizes the Mayor to sign.

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed. Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No.15- 2017

11/17/16 Minutes

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby approves the minutes from the 11/17/2016 Board of Trustees Meeting, with any corrections noted.

Historical Society item donation

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed. Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No.16-2017

Donate items

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby approves the gifting of the historical items related to the Borden Milk Plant to the Dryden Historical Society, as described and pictured in the 1-2-17 Letter .

Water/Sewer rate increase proposal and related Public hearings

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed. Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No.17-2017  
Rate increase proposal

WATER RATES	CURRENT	PROPOSED
First 1250 gallons (minimum)	32.81	36.09
Next 13750 gallons (per thousand)	5.44	5.98
Next 25000 gallons (per thousand)	6.29	6.92
Next 20000 gallons (per thousand)	6.75	7.43
Next 40000 gallons (per thousand)	7.23	7.95
Next 100000 gallons (per thousand)	7.69	8.46
Next ALL gallons (per thousand)	8.16	8.98

SEWER RATES	CURRENT	PROPOSED
First 1250 gallons (minimum)	48.10	57.72
Next 13750 gallons (per thousand)	3.77	4.52
Next 25000 gallons (per thousand)	4.36	6.54
Next 20000 gallons (per thousand)	4.68	7.02
Next 40000 gallons (per thousand)	5.01	7.52
Next 100000 gallons (per thousand)	5.33	8.00
Next ALL gallons (per thousand)	5.33	8.00

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed.  
Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No.19-2017  
Water Rate increase hearing

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby sets a public hearing for March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed Water Rate increases.

On a motion by Trustee Sterling and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed.  
Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No.19-2017  
Sewer Rate increase hearing

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby sets a public hearing for March 16<sup>th</sup> on the proposed Sewer Rate increases, immediately following the water rate increase hearing.

P/T Police Hire

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed.  
Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No.20-2017  
P/T Police Hire

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the appointment of Bryon Jolly to a Part Time Police Officers position, effective 2/16/17 at the Hourly rate of \$18.74 as per the DPBA Union contract.

Easements for water project/TC3 & Foundation

Attorney Dubow updated the Board that these documents were not available yet for approval. Drafts are still being passed back and forth. Trustee Hattery mentioned the terms of the logo's on the proposed water tank need to be in writing attached to these or other related documents.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:

Monthly Reports/Projects:

Police-note distribution of 2016 Year End report and 2017 Goals for Police Department.

DPW/Village Hall -window bid spec proposal submitted by MRG Group in the amount of \$10,000. Mayor Taylor stated the cost exceeds the limits of the procurement policy so either a reduction in the cost of the proposal needs to be done or another estimate for the overall cost is needed. The reasons for the increase in the cost is due to asbestos and lead abatement that is necessary.

SRTS-Clerk Marrotte reported that the final design is done and the project is scheduled to go to bid in April

Water project-bids opened earlier that day. Came in within reasonable estimates, should be awarded in March.

Park-report from Trustee Hattery on future plans. He stated no additional volunteers have applied for the committee. He stated there was an old MOU with the Town for recreation/programing and asked the Village Attorney if a new one could be drafted. He stated the Town did not budget for the Music in the Park so the funding would need to come from elsewhere if the program is to continue.

Mayor Taylor noted that the test for the DPW Superintendent is still not scheduled. The Chief test is scheduled for March and the Sergeant test will be soon.

It was noted that there has been communication with the Town Recreation department regarding possible taking over the Village Summer Camp program because it has become hard for the Village Clerk to manage. More detailed discussions are anticipated in the future

The Board noted an application was received for Planning Board Membership. While there are no vacancies, the application would be kept on file for future.

The Board noted Southworth Library Budget request has been submitted, with a small increase requested.

Mayor Taylor noted an email from the Community Arts Partnership regarding the desire for murals along the main Routes within Villages throughout the County.

Mayor Taylor noted that NYSEG has volunteered to set the pole for the new siren and an anonymous benefactor would fund the remaining cost.

Mayor Taylor requested the Department Heads submit budget figures for 2017/2018 along with salary recommendations. It was agreed to have separate meetings to focus on the budget figures.

The Board briefly discussed a letter from Dryden Realty regarding vacant lots for sale adjacent to Village owned property at the end of Jay Street (in the Town). All agreed that the Village was not interested in purchasing the land.

Adjourn

Clerk/Treasurer requested the Board introduce a local law to allow the override of the tax cap. On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed.  
Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 21-2017  
Local Law 001-2017 hearing

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby introduces and sets a public hearing for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, immediately following the sewer hearing, on proposed local law 001-2017 to allow the override of the Tax Cap.

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed.  
Vote: Hattery-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Sterling-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 22-2017  
Adjourn to Executive Session

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby adjourns the meeting to executive session to discuss a particular employee, at 9:36 p.m., not to re-convene.