

MINUTES
For the
Village of Dryden
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Held on Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Approved

Sept 20, 2023

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| MAYOR: | Michael Murphy |
| TRUSTEES PRESENT: | Trustee Sinclair, Dickinson and Wakeman |
| ABSENT: | Trustee Fisher |
| CLERK/TREASURER: | Rotha Marsh, also recording secretary |
| DEPUTY CLERK/TRESURER: | Allison Kjellander-Cantu |
| SUPERVISORS: | Seargent DeCoursey and Chief Tagliavento |
| ATTORNEY: | Natalie French |
| GUESTS: | Paula Parker, Rocco Lucente, Don Schutt |

The pledge to Allegiance was recited and the Board meeting was opened at 7:01pm

Privilege of the Floor:

The floor was opened at 7:01pm

Paula Parker- Thanked the Board for allowing the painting of the Climbing wall, but while she was at the park noticed a problem with “dogs”. There were many dogs in the park not on leashes and way more “poo” than should be in a public park. She did some pretty extensive research on this issue. She is hoping that the Board will do something to correct the situation whether by enacting a local law, signage, Poop stations or some sort of enforcement. She also suggested an out-side service “Doody Calls” in Syracuse (315)365-5618. The Board agreed there is a problem and will look into what can be done about the issue.

Rocco Lucente- Wanted to address the Board regarding concerns heard at the open house. In Phase one of the project the roads will be gravel until construction is complete to allow for the heavy equipment. They then will be blacktopped. The walking trails will be gravel- Attorney French suggested something other than gravel as strollers do not do well on gravel- Trustee Wakeman suggested stone dust. Rocco also wanted the Board to be aware that the Village Solar’s in Ithaca only have 1.25 parking spaces per unit and do not seem to have any issues and they have more units per acre. Overall, he thought the open house went well. At this time the Board feels that he needs to submit his plan formally as per the local PDA law.

Don Schutt is with the Dryden Little League and he came to the Board proposing a new softball field on the property owned by Bruce Brecht that the Village is in the process of possibly swapping for a Village owned piece of land closer to Bruce’s garage. He spent the next forty minutes going over his idea for this new softball field which would include a row of overgrown almost dead trees to be removed. The Town of Dryden can bring in the fill that would be needed and it could be seeded by October 1. The Board discussed but cannot do anything until the property is Village owned.

Privilege of the floor was closed at 8:00 pm

Monthly Reports:

Camden Group- - The Board accepted the emailed report.

Code Enforcement- Code Enforcement also emailed their report and it was accepted.

Supervisor's Reports:

DPW- the DPW was excused

Police Dept. – Chief Tagliavento handed out his call list. He talked about going to an open house in Ithaca for the new electric cars with Trustee Sinclair. He was impressed as he has not seen any before this. He asked the Board if any of them wished to become CPR certified- Trustee Sinclair and Wakeman both were interested. The Camera's are still not all installed and a date to be finished is not set. The Dryden Central School district wants to renew their contract for Police presence at football games. (Clerk/Treasure Marsh will have the contract prepared tomorrow.) This year the Chief would like to have first responder night to be on a Sunday afternoon instead of a Wednesday evening. The date in mind is September 24. He also has a NYS DOT Commercial truck detail scheduled for September 16th. Last but not least new recruit Ron Lower has completed his 160 hours and is doing well.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

Approve the July 19, 2023 Regular Board of Trustees meeting minutes:

On a motion by trustee Sinclair and seconded by trustee Wakeman the following was passed:
Vote Murphy- Aye, Sinclair- Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Dickinson- Abstain

Resolution No. 8.16.1-2023

Approve the June 21, 2023 Regular Board of Trustees meeting

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from the July 19, 2023 regular Board of Trustees meeting

Abstract:

On a motion by trustee Dickinson and seconded by trustee Sinclair the following was passed:
Vote Murphy- Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Dickinson- Aye, Sinclair- Aye,

Resolution No 8.16.2-2023

Abstract

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the abstract dated July 19, 2023 and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

Discuss and possibly approve new file cabinets for the Clerk's office:

On a motion by trustee Wakeman and seconded by trustee Dickinson the following was passed:
Vote Murphy- Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Dickinson- Aye, Sinclair- Aye,

Resolution No. 8.16.3-2023

New file cabinets for under desks in Clerk's office

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves/disapproves the Clerk Treasurer to purchase new filing cabinets for the front office at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 to be expensed as part of the Building Renovation.

Approve the promotion for Tyler DeCoursey to permanent Police Sergeant:

On a motion by trustee Dickinson and seconded by trustee Sinclair the following was passed:
Vote Murphy- Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Dickinson- Aye, Sinclair- Aye,

Resolution No. 8.16-4-2023

Approve the promotion for Tyler DeCoursey to permanent Police Sergeant

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves Tyler DeCoursey's permanent appointment to Police Sergeant upon his passing his exam. The Board recognizes his achievement and will increase his rate of pay \$2.00 effective August 17, 2023.

Approve the new Montgomery Park use form and fees:

On a motion by trustee Dickinson and seconded by trustee Sinclair the following was passed:
Vote Murphy- Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Dickinson- Aye, Sinclair- Aye,

Resolution No 8.16.6-2023

Approve the new Montgomery Park use form

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves/disapproves the new Montgomery park use form with fees effective August 17, 2023 excluding any existing reservations.

Authorize adding two new bank accounts; one a reserve account for the Dryden Police and the second a special savings account for grant funds:

On a motion by trustee Wakeman and seconded by trustee Sinclair the following was passed:
Vote Murphy- Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Dickinson- Aye, Sinclair- Aye,

Resolution No 8.16.7-2023

Authorize adding two new bank accounts; one a reserve account for the Dryden Police and the second a special savings account for grant funds

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves two new Money Market bank accounts 1) a police Reserve account that will have \$3,500.00 transferred from the General MM account per the FYE 2023 adopted budget. And 2) a special MM savings account for grant funds which will transfer

\$23,208.10 from the General MM savings to its own savings account and authorize the Mayor, Trustee Fisher and the Clerk Treasurer to sign the account cards.

Approve new Employee Health Insurance Plan PP01 \$10/35 w/3T9 RX:

On a motion by trustee Wakeman and seconded by trustee Sinclair the following was passed:
Vote Murphy- Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Dickinson- Aye, Sinclair- Aye,

Resolution No 8.16.7-2023

Approve new Employee Health Insurance Plan PP01 \$10/35 w/3T9 RX

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves changing the employee health insurance plan from PPO \$10 OV Kids \$0 Plan to PP01 \$10/35 w/3T9 RX and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

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ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Electric Vehicle open house- Tom Sinclair went to the Tompkins County Electric Vehicle Showcase on August 15, 2023 with Chief Tagliavento. He was impressed, the Ford Mustang price tag is \$47,000.00 and has rebates of \$7,500.00 plus IRS credits that could total \$15,000.00 off. He was amazed that the F150 Ford Lightning had like a trunk in the front. He did emphasize that they would not be practical for plowing or towing. There may be grants available as well

Village Emergency Response Plan – Tom Sinclair spoke with Geoff Dunn and would like to start working on updating our plan. He would like to sit down with Josh (Police Chief) and Rotha (Clerk/Treasurer) for their impute.

Highland Road trees update- No update

Phone Service Boost- Nothing new

12-14 West Main Street Status- The Mayor is meeting with Linda Bruno and will update the Board next month

Electric and Gas Supplier – Trustee Wakeman requested copies of the invoices; Deputy Clerk Treasure will send them by email.

NY Forward Grant update- Mayor Murphy reports they are making progress; the next meeting will be August 31.

Short term Rental Policy Discussion no discussion

Goodrich Way property Trustee Wakeman- no discussion

Barton & Loguidice – no discussion

Sidewalk (TAP) grant- Mayor Murphy- Still working with the Town on this.

“Textmygov” messaging system just a reminder for now

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Adjourn:

On a motion by trustee Sinclair and seconded by trustee Wakeman the following was passed:
Vote Murphy- Aye, Sinclair- Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Dickinson- Aye

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Resolution No. 8.16.8-2023

Adjourn

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns at 9:47 pm not to reconvene.