

MINUTES

Approved

For the
Village of Dryden
Board of Trustees Meeting
Held on Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

MAYOR: Michael Murphy
TRUSTEES PRESENT: Clay Converse, Dan Wakeman, Jason Dickinson, Deb Fisher
SUPERVISORS: Supt. Paul Sabin, Chief Tagliavento
DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER: Rotha Marsh, also recording Secretary
ATTORNEY PRESENT: Bill Troy- Barney, Grossman, Dubow & Troy
GUESTS: Rich DeGuida- MRB Group, Ken Scherrieble- Camden Group
Shelley Knickerbocker- Code Enforcement,

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited to a flag that Trustee Wakeman held.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mayor Murphy opened Privilege of the Floor at 7:05p.m., asked if there were any participants, there were none so Privilege of the Floor was closed at 7:06p.m.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Code Enforcement-Shelley Knickerbocker emailed her report earlier and it was forwarded to the Board. She had nothing other to add and asked if anyone had any questions. Trustee Wakeman wondered if she knew what the First National Bank of Dryden was planning for the lot next to them where the building was demolished. All she knew at this time is they applied to have a temporary fence put up for safety reasons.

Camden Group- Ken Scherrieble – Ken reports that they are doing snow removal at the sewer plant and still working on setting up the computer with Teledyne’s help. When all is working they should have data available from 2008.

Christmas Day the sewage flows were extremely high 1.1 million gallons that day which is unusual. The average for the month was .546 million gallons. The week before there was heavy snow followed by heavy rains four days later.

Trustee Dickinson is concerned with the flooding around the sewage treatment plant. There are 3 drain sources there that are supposed to drain away from the plant to the creek but when the creek is that high the water does not drain but instead backs up at these areas. Mayor Murphy believes a levy should be built to keep the creek from backing up.

The alarm in the sewage plant basement will alert personnel when any water gets to 8”. Ken feels the sump pump in the basement is not adequate and is obtaining prices for one that can handle more water. He should have these prices for the Board at the next meeting.

MRB Group- This should be his last report on the Village Water System Improvement Project. All documents have been submitted.

Rich went over the engineer's I & I analysis and Trustee Wakeman's concerns via email which he also sent to the Board for review. He pointed out that Lewis Street had peak flows which Trustee Wakeman feels comes from Poets landing and two sewage pump stations gravitating towards Lewis St. Rich also noted that there were no concerns at Poet's Landing when the smoke testing was done.

At this time Rich would like permission to submit the reports to the EFC and DEC. It was concluded that the two private laterals, one on Lee Rd and the other on Rochester St. needed to be examined. It was suggested that the Village could offer to pay for having The Drain Brain camera the private sewer laterals from the residences out to the main. This should be done before any other repair work started. The Board gave Rich the ok to submit the reports as requested.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Report-Supt. Paul Sabin-A written report was emailed to the Board. Paul has been working with a lab in Watertown on the new water sample requirements (Dioxane, PFOA and PFO's) for the 5 Village wells. Normally the cost would be \$3,000.00 per well but the lab has agreed to composite all 5 wells together and save the Village \$12,000.00.

2 beavers have been trapped so far, the trapper thinks there are 3 more. The Crew is still trying to find a way to remove the dams. They will have to wait for dryer weather to use any heavy equipment.

There is a bill from Caskey's Garage (Alliance One) on the abstract for the 2016 International dump truck for nearly \$5000.00. Two bad injectors and seals on the injectors caused motor oil to get into the fuel system and the motor to loose oil pressure when starting. It has been fixed and back on the road.

Dryden Police Dept. – Chief Tagliavento: The department assisted the State Police in recovering a stolen firearm and a wanted subject. That person is now in custody.

Chief Tagliavento is working on budget numbers to make sure there is training money as he feels there will be lots of diversity type training needed.

He asked the Board their opinion on the Village Police Policies. A Covid-19 policy needs to be added, other than that both Trustee Converse and Dickinson feel the department has good policies. Now may be time to reconsider body cameras. There are new docking stations that load information daily to the cloud making it easier to comply with the new discovery laws. The info can be either be downloaded or uploaded to the DA as needed eliminating hiring someone just to handle the record keeping.

Chief Tagliavento emailed the Board earlier in the day a new policy he wants adopted. Police General Order 315: Duty to Intervene. Village Attorney William Troy strongly urged the Board to have their labor attorney review before adopting. The Board agreed this would be best.

Regarding a tabled decision from last month on whether or not to reimburse Office Dana Smith for EMT training Sgt. Lawrence submitted a letter of recommendation to the Board. Several arguments were discussed. For one Officer Smith did not follow protocol by requesting payment before taking the class, EMT classes are not normal Police training and the Board is not sure if it really benefits the

Village. The Board could not decide whether or not they would have approved if he or any other officer had asked first anyway. Trustee Dickinson proposed reimbursing half the tuition. A vote will take place later in the meeting.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

Approve December 16, 2020 Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Fisher and seconded by Trustee Converse the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 1.20.1-2021 **Approve December 16, 2020 Minutes**

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from December 16, 2020

Accept the resignations from Neptune Hose Company No. 1:

On a motion by Trustee Converse and seconded by Trustee Dickinson the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 1.20.2-2021 **Accept Neptune Hose Company #1 Resignations**

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby accepts the resignation of Christine Nash and Nicholas Tier from Neptune Hose Company No. 1 effective January 7, 2021

Present Proposed Local Law No. 001-2021 to allow the override of the tax cap and a set public hearing:

On a motion by Trustee Wakeman and seconded by Trustee Fisher the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

VILLAGE OF DRYDEN **PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 001 OF THE YEAR 2021** **A LOCAL LAW TO ALLOW THE OVERRIDE OF THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C**

SECTION I. PURPOSE & INTENT.

It is the purpose and intent of this local law to allow, if determined necessary and/or appropriate, for the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing in 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

SECTION II. AUTHORITY.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c which expressly authorizes a local governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) or more of said governing body.

SECTION III. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, County of Tompkins, is hereby authorized, if determined necessary and/or appropriate, to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing in 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY.

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm, or corporation or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court order or judgment shall not affect impair or invalidate the remainder of this local law but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm, corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law would take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Resolution No. 1.20.3-2021

Set Public Hearing for proposed Local Law 001-2021 Tax Levy Override

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby sets a Public Hearing via Zoom for February 17, 2021 at 7:00pm on proposed Local Law 001-2020 allowing for the override of the Tax Levy for the fiscal year 2021/2022

Set a date for a Public Hearing on a proposed Sewer Rate Increase:

On a motion by Trustee Fisher and seconded by Trustee Converse the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No1.20.4-2021

Set a date for a Public Hearing on a proposed Sewer Rate Increase

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden sets the date February 17, 2021 at approximately 7:10pm for a Public Hearing via Zoom on a Sewer Rate Increase. This Public Hearing will immediately follow the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law 001-2021

Abstract

On a motion by Trustee Wakeman and seconded by Trustee Fisher the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Abstain, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No1.20.5-2021

Abstract

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the Abstract dated January 20, 2021 and authorizes the Mayor to sign it

Approve a reimbursement to Officer Dana Smith for EMT training:

On a motion by Trustee Dickinson and seconded by Trustee Converse the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Nay, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Nay, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 1.20.6-2021

Approve a reimbursement to Officer Dana Smith for EMT training

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves reimbursing Officer Dana Smith \$375.00 towards EMT Training.

Approve list of Volunteer Interior Structure Firefighters for Cancer Disability Insurance:

On a motion by Trustee Fisher and seconded by Trustee Wakeman the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Abstained, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 1.20.7-2020

Approve list of Volunteer Interior Structure Firefighters for Cancer Disability Insurance:

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following list of Interior Structure Firefighters at Neptune Fire Co. for Cancer Disability Insurance Coverage.

NAME (LAST, FIRST)	DATE STARTED AS INTERIOR FIRE FIGHTER*	DATES OF ANNUAL OSHA COMPLIANT FIT TEST	DATE OF PHYSICAL EXAM WITH NO CANCER DIAGNOSIS	Date of Birth	APPROVED BY VILLAGE OF DRYDEN
Pudney, Harland	10/19/1974	1/5/2019	2/11/2020	X	1/20/21
Hall, Michael	10/1/1996	1/5/2019	1/30/2019	X	1/20/21
Young, Richard Jr.	6/1/2003	1/5/2019	1/30/2019	X	1/20/21
Wood, Matthew	1/1/2006	1/5/2019	1/30/2019	X	1/20/21
Arnold, Timothy	9/1/2007	1/2/2019	1/30/2019	X	1/20/21
Vorstadt, Kenneth	9/1/2007	1/2/2019	1/14/2019	X	1/20/21
Tyler, Pete	9/1/2007	1/5/2019	10/15/2019	X	1/20/21
Wildridge, George	9/1/2007	1/2/2019	1/30/2019	X	1/20/21
Bell, Mark	9/1/2007	1/5/2019	1/30/2019	X	1/20/21
Cotterill, David	9/1/2007	1/3/2019	1/30/2019	X	1/20/21
Kirkland, Jeff	9/1/2007	1/5/2019	11/4/2019	X	1/20/21
Griffin, Craig	10/2016	10/2016	02/2016	X	1/20/21
Arnold, Bryan	9/1/2011	1/2/2019	1/30/2019	X	1/20/21
Chambers, Andrew	10/2013	03/2013	03/2013	X	1/20/21
Brunner, Dustin	9/1/2013	1/2/2019	8/15/2019	X	1/20/21
Bower, Katie	9/1/2015	1/3/2019	1/30/2019	X	1/20/21
Petrella, Lisa		9/12/2019	10/11/2019	X	1/20/21
Warner, Tom		2/19/2019	2/19/2019	X	1/20/21
Clark, Andrew		1/3/2019	12/24/2018	X	1/20/21
Carpenter, Austin	3/10/2014			X	1/20/21

Approve resolution supporting replacing Dryden Lake Dam:

On a motion by Trustee Fisher and seconded by Trustee Wakeman the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 1.20.8-2019

Approve resolution supporting rebuilding Dryden Lake Dam

Where As: There has been a dam at Dryden Lake, Dryden, NY since 1802

Where As: The original structure was constructed to provide water for a sawmill then later provide for ice harvesting

Where As: Said dam also serves as habitat for wildlife along with general recreation for the people of Dryden

Where As: The structure and the body of water has significant value to the Village, Town and County

Where As: The Town of Dryden is in support of maintaining the dam and Dryden Lake

Now Therefore be it Resolved: that the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby supports the Town of Dryden in replacing the current dam at Dryden Lake

A certified copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the Town of Dryden

Discuss and possibly Approve an Adjustment for the sewer portion of Dryden Central School's January 2021 and April 2021 Water/Sewer bills for 22 Pleasant St

On a motion by Trustee Wakeman and seconded by Trustee Converse the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 1.20.9-2019

Approve Adjustment to Dryden Central School Water/Sewer Bills

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby approve adjusting Dryden Central School's sewer portion of their January 2021 and April 2021 water/sewer bill, not to include the minimum sewer rental fee of \$57.72, due to a broken pipe at their house at 22 Pleasant St. The house was planned to be turn down in August and had no heat so froze and burst filling the basement.

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ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:

Sewer rate Increase- a spreadsheet prepared by Clerk Treasurer Debra Marrotte on the Sewer Fund Reserves was emailed to the Board and reviewed by Trustee Fisher. It is projected that the reserves will be in the red approximately \$55,000.00 at the end of the year. A 10% rate increase for the Village Residents and the Cortland Road Sewer District would net approximately \$74,000.00 in revenue. It was decided that a 10 % increase would be proposed to the public at the Public Hearing previously set up for February 17.

Jay St. Property- the Mayor is still working with an Assessor- Because the property is unusual the assessor has not determined a fair appraisal as of yet.

Zoom Public Hearings and Meeting for February- the Public Hearings and BOT meeting for February will remain a Zoom meeting

Community Block Grant Update- 5 properties have been approved

Village Hall Upgrade- The Village has paid MRB Group to complete the construction drawings and when finished all will be ready to hold a Public Hearing in April and get bids in May. Deciding on the bidding can be later. Actual samples will be available at the Public Hearing.

Update on Charging Station- the Mayor reported that the correct parts for the charging station are here, now we need a price to install them, at that time we can again apply for the grant to pay for it. Google Maps still has not corrected the address coordinates.

LED Street Lighting update- the Mayor reports that less than 10 people like LED lights- opinion on color is split. The samples really didn't cast as much light as the real lamps should. The Village LED lamps will be 3000 Kelvin as suggested by the engineers. Payment for the NYSEG poles is in the abstract but before payment will go out NYSEG needs to replace the pole on Lee RD and all lights that are burned out.

Community Policing- Trustee Fisher has worked with Clerk Treasurer Debra Marrotte and a survey is now on Survey Monkey to obtain community opinions. Meetings are being set up with various community members to discuss the Village Police Policies.

Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (Union Contracts):

On a motion by Trustee Wakeman and seconded by Trustee Dickinson the following was passed: Vote Murphy- Aye, Converse-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Wakeman-Aye, Fisher-Aye

Resolution No. 1.20. 1-2020

Adjourn to Executive Session

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters (Union Contracts) at 9:51 pm not to reconvene.