

**MINUTES**  
For the  
Village of Dryden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Held on Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Approved

<b>MAYOR:</b>	Michael Murphy
<b>TRUSTEES PRESENT:</b>	Clay Converse, Dan Wakeman, Jason Dickinson, Deb Fisher
<b>SUPERVISORS:</b>	Supt. Paul Sabin, Chief Tagliavento – Not Present
<b>DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER:</b>	Rotha Marsh, also recording Secretary
<b>ATTORNEY PRESENT:</b>	Bill Troy- Barney, Grossman, Dubow & Troy
<b>GUESTS:</b>	Rich DeGuida- MRB Group, Ken Scherrieble- Camden Group Residents-David Traver, Camille Traver, & Jonathon Gutchess

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Open Privilege of the Floor at 7:02p.m.

David Traver- Lives at 6 Greystone Drive and is worried about Egypt Creek. There is a beaver dam that has backed up the water making Egypt Creek much higher than normal. The Board assured him that they are aware of the situation but waiting on the DEC. It was suggested that Mr. Traver try calling the DEC. He also is concerned about a street light that is out on Marsh and Lewis. He was informed that the Dryden Police Dept. make rounds every night and report street lights that are out to NYSEG. It was also suggested that he report the outage to NYSEG.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Code Enforcement-**Shelley Knickerbocker emailed her report and it was forwarded to the Board. The Town of Dryden is contemplating building ball fields behind the Town offices.

**Camden Group-** Ken Scherrieble – Ken reports that they are finalizing all claims with the insurance company in regards to the floods at the sewer plant. He reports that there was another flood to the basement on a Saturday caused by a cracked plastic end cap on the hydronic water heating system. This has been cleaned up and the plastic end cap replaced with a steel cap. A wet sensor is being installed so that an alarm will alert them if something like this should ever occur again.

The #2 pump is now running. They are doing internal painting. They have pulled the flow meters for the winter except for the ones at TC3. Internet access is needed for these. David Stathis will be here on Dec. 2, working with Superintendent Paul Sabin to work on this.

**MRB Group-** Rich DeGuida did a short recap of his report from last month's meeting to bring Ken Scherrieble who was not present up to date on the Sewer TV inspections. (See last month's minutes).

Boland's Excavating and Topsoil Inc. has completed all of the punch list work except painting the door at Well House #2. This is planned for Friday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Rich did a walk thru inspection with Paul Sabin and Rich is pleased with the work they have done. Pay application #1 has been submitted. Once the door is painted a final pay application and a certification of substantial completion will be submitted. Rich gave Paul Sabin some of the close out documents. He will send an electronic copy. The Village of Dryden Water System Improvement Project should be finished by the end of the year. When asked about the Lake Rd. well house level sensors being hooked up to the SCADA, Rich informed the Board that this was not part of the Water System Improvement Project and would be done later. He suggests radio transmitters. Tompkins Co. Health department made this requirement after the project was started and has not issued a deadline to have these installed

D.N. Tanks has completed final site restoration at the TC3 tank. They installed a thick layer of topsoil and seeded, the grass is already starting to grow. They have provided the manual and close out documents. The final cost is substantially lower than the contract so a change order has been submitted.

Rich also wanted to make the Board aware that the three major grant programs that we apply for have not been authorized by the State of New York and probably won't until next May or June. One good thing may be that we have a "shovel ready" project and they tend to get funded first.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Public Works Report-Supt. Paul Sabin-** reports that the DPW have been diligently picking up leaves. The cameras at Montgomery Park need to be operational again soon as there has been a lot of garbage being left there. The Christmas Wreaths have been hung. The tree will be lit on Nov. 30 or Dec. 1. No audience. Trustee Fisher wanted to thank Rotha Marsh and Allison Kjellander-Cantu for painting the ornaments on the wreaths. Mayor Murphy spoke to Neptune Fire Co. who has agreed to have a Santa parade on a firetruck through town if allowed within Covid – 19 restrictions.

**Dryden Police Dept. – Chief Tagliavento:** Not Present

#### **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

##### **Approve October 21, 2020 Minutes:**

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

Resolution No. 11.18.1-2020  
Approve October 21, 2020 Minutes

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from October 21, 2020

##### **Approve October 29, 2020 Minutes:**

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

Resolution No. 11.18.2-2020  
Approve October 29, 2020 Minutes

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from October 29, 2020

**Approve DN Tanks Change Order #3, change in Contract Price from original \$2,125,695.00 to \$2,056,226.58**

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

Resolution No11.18.3-2020  
DN Tanks Change Order #3

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves DN Tanks change order #3 decreasing the Original Contract from \$2,125,695 to \$2,056,226.58.

**Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for DN Tanks**

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

Resolution No11.18.4-2020  
DN Tanks Certificate of Substantial Completion

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for DN Tanks.

**Approve the proposal from Reagan Land Surveying, Inc. for the Village Hall Topographic Survey:**

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

Resolution No11.18.5-2020  
Dryden Village Hall Pre-Design Topographic Survey

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the Proposal from Reagan Land Surveying for the Pre-Design Topographic Survey of The Village Hall at a cost of \$2250.00

**Abstract:**

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

Resolution No11.18.6-2020

Approve the Abstract

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the Abstract dated November 18, 2020 and authorizes the Mayor to sign it

**Authorize unpaid 2020 Village Taxes to be turned over to the County:**

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

Resolution No. 11.18.7-2019

Authorizing unpaid 2020 Village Taxes to be turned over to Tompkins County

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby authorizes the unpaid 2020 Village Taxes in the amount of \$40,451.03 plus \$46.00 Village surcharge to be turned over to Tompkins County Budget and Finance to levy onto the 2021 Town and County taxes

**Approve Juneteenth as a Village of Dryden Observed Holiday:**

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

Resolution No. 11.18.8-2019

2021 Village of Dryden Observed Holidays

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves Juneteenth as a Observed Village of Dryden Observed Holiday in 2021

**Approve the 2021 Village of Dryden Observed Holidays:**

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

Resolution No. 11.18.9-2019

2021 Village of Dryden Observed Holidays

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following Village of Dryden Observed Holiday's for 2021

**New Year' Day- Friday, January 1, 2021**

**Martin Luther King Day- Monday, January 18, 2021**

**President's Day-Monday, February 15, 2021**

**Memorial Day- Monday May 31, 2021**

**Independence Day- Monday, July 4, 2021**

**Labor Day- Monday, September 6, 2021**

**Columbus Day- Monday, October 11, 2021**

**Veteran's Day- Thursday, November 11, 2021**

**Thanksgiving Day- Thursday, November 25, 2021**

**Day after Thanksgiving- Friday, November 26, 2021**

**Christmas Day- Friday, December 24, 2021**

**Discuss and possibly approve increase to Longevity for non-union employees:**

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

Resolution No. 11.18.10-2020

Increase Longevity to Non-Union Employees

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby  
approves increasing the 2020 Longevity for Non-Union employees to reflect the  
same as the Public Works Union Contract

**Present the Proclamation for Ron Denniston**

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

Resolution No. 11.18.11-2020

Proclamation for Ron Denniston

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby  
approves the following Proclamation for Ron Denniston

*Proclamation*

*Honoring*

*Ronald Denniston*

*For his service and dedication to the  
Village of Dryden*

*WHEREAS, Ronald Denniston, a friend and former Resident of the Village of Dryden passed away on  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and*

*WHEREAS, Ronald served as a Trustee on the Village of Dryden Board from April, 1971 thru March,  
1979. His loyalty to the Dryden community as President of The First National Bank of Dryden will not go  
unnoticed, and*

*Whereas, the Village of Dryden, its residents and neighboring communities have benefitted by his commitment to encourage growth of the village, and*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees on behalf of the residents, employees and friends of the Village, that the members thereof express their sympathy and sincere condolences to the family of Ronald Denniston and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board forward a copy of this resolution to his family and friends at the First National Bank of Dryden.*

**Discuss and Authorize the Mayor to obtain an appraisal of the Village of Dryden's Jay Street Property:**

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

Resolution No. 11.18.12-2020

Jay St. Property Appraisal

**Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and Authorizes the Mayor to obtain an appraisal of the Village's Jay St. property at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00

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**ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:**

Holiday Tree Lighting/ Santa riding on a Firetruck through town (addressed above under Department Reports)

Zoom Meeting for December- Next month's BOT meeting will be a Zoom meeting

Sewer Rate increase- Trustee Fisher and Mayor Murphy notified the Board that a sewer rate increase of at least 10% will be necessary and will need a Public Hearing. Clerk/Treasurer Marrotte will get figures together for the Board to make a decision.

Town of Dryden becoming an internet provider- Mayor Murphy informed the Board that the Town of Dryden would like to meet with the Village Board to discuss their becoming an internet provider. They are interested in starting in the Village.

Trustee Fisher informed the Board that NYS DEC is contemplating repairing the dam at Dryden Lake or possible just tearing it down. This would eliminate the lake altogether.

Police Reform- The safety committee will meet in December to put together a reform plan that can be presented to the Board and Community.

Scott Bova – MRB Group sent an email late this afternoon for the Board to review their progress.

Mayor Murphy is working with Andrea Aguirre at Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability on possible energy savings for the Village for the building rehabilitation through the BEA program and possible grants

LED Street lights- a 20 year finance plan was submitted to the Village. Clerk Treasurer Marrotte thinks that there would be considerable savings if the Village paid for the equipment and financed the balance over 9 years. This needs to be decided on by the end of the year.

Deer in the Village- Trustee Wakeman thinks the Board needs to look into ways of reducing the deer population in the Village as they are becoming a nuisance.

**Adjourn:**

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

Resolution No. 11.18.13-2020

Adjourn

**Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns at 9:17pm not to reconvene.