

MINUTES
For the
Village of Dryden
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Held on Wednesday January 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Approved 02/21/2024

MAYOR:	Michael Murphy
TRUSTEES PRESENT:	Dickinson, Wakeman, Converse, Sinclair
CLERK/TREASURER:	Rotha Marsh, also recording secretary
SUPERVISORS:	Seargent DeCoursey, Chief Tagliavento
ATTORNEY:	Natalie French
GUESTS:	None

The pledge to Allegiance was recited and the Board meeting was opened at 7:00pm

Privilege of the Floor:

There were no guests who wished to speak

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 due to working early in the am. Mayor Murphy let the Board know that the DPW with Peter Wernsdorfer will be getting data readings from the flow meters installed near TC3 and possibly other places trying to determine the infiltration of water to the sewer plant. If we are pumping 147,000 gallons and processing over 600,000 gallons there is still an infiltration problem.

Police Dept. – Chief Tagliavento handed out his monthly call sheet, they finished the multi-jurisdictional training which all of Dryden's police staff trained except two, one had a conflict, the other isn't a road patrol officer. There were 10 different agencies, 14 to 25 officers, 12 lead instructors with 4 officers to each instructor. It went really well. They had DWI details but netted no arrests which is good. The Chief reported that Fred Gilbert is the new property manager for Chris Calbro properties.

In light of the early winter hours the DPW works and the snowy travel, the Mayor asked the Police and the Board how they felt about moving the time for the Board meeting to 6pm from 7pm. All agreed to the change. See resolution below.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

Approve the December 20, 2023 Regular Board of Trustees meeting minutes:

This was tabled, there were only three Board members at the meeting and Trustee Converse was not able to read the minutes to review due to email issues.

Trustee Converse was not in attendance for the last two meetings so could not vote on approving the minutes so these resolutions were tabled until the next Board meeting.

Approve the 2023 CDBG Community Development Block Grant Project

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

Resolution No. 1.17.1-2024

Approve the 2023 CDBG Community Development Block Grant Project

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the CDBG Grant Agreement, as written and attached and authorizes the Mayor to sign this agreement and all further 2023 CDBG documents that need signatures as related to the 2023 CDBG Grant Project #337HR320-23

Approve the Village of Dryden Observed Holidays as listed

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

Resolution No. 1.17.2-2024

Approve the Village of Dryden Observed Holidays as listed

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following list of Observed Holidays for Union and non-union employees

New Year's Day- Monday, January 1, 2024

Martin Luther King Day- Monday, January 15, 2024

President's Day-Monday, February 19, 2024

Memorial Day- Monday May 27, 2024

Juneteenth Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Independence Day- Thursday, July 4, 2024

Labor Day- Monday, September 2, 2024

Columbus Day- Monday, October 14, 2024

Veteran's Day- Monday, November 11, 2024

Thanksgiving Day- Thursday, November 28, 2024

Day after Thanksgiving- Friday, November 29, 2024

Christmas Day- Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Approve the Architectural/Engineering Consultant Agreement for the Bridge NY Project with Barton & Loguidice

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

Resolution No 1.17.3-2024

Approve the Architectural/Engineering Consultant Agreement for the Bridge NY Project

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves of the agreement between the Village of Dryden and Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Architectural/Engineering Consultant services for the BridgeNY Project “Replacement of the Lee Road over Egypt Creek Culvert”, as approved by Village the Attorney and authorizes and then Mayor to sign the agreement.

Abstract:

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

Resolution No 1.17.4-2024

Abstract

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the abstract dated January 17, 2024 and authorizes the Mayor to sign it.

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Energy Services Program final inspection report for the LED Street Lighting Project:

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

Resolution No. 1.17.5-2024

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Energy Services Program final inspection report for the LED Street Lighting Project

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the completion of the “LED” street lighting/camera project and authorizes the Mayor to sign the final inspection report.

Approve the new members to Neptune Hose Company No 1

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

Resolution No 1.17.6-2024

Approve the new members to Neptune Hose Company No 1

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following new members to Neptune Hose Co. No 1:

Jonathan Kirkwyland, Ace Austin, Robert Slocum, Lucas Heffron, and Bradley Popelka

Discuss and approve the request from Southworth Library for financial support of \$10,500.00 for the 2024 Library year but FYE May 31, 2025 for the Village

Tabled until February

Discuss and approve one of the following resolutions for the 2024 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement

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

Resolution No 1.17.7-2024

Approval of the 2024 and Future Amendments to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC)

WHEREAS, The Village of Dryden, as a member of Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC), must approve any changes to the GTCMHIC Municipal Cooperative Agreement (MCA) by resolution, and

WHEREAS, GTCMHIC must amend the MCA annually when any new members are approved at the Annual Board of Directors meeting, and

WHEREAS, from time-to-time other changes are made to the MCA as necessary and when changes are made, they are reported at the Annual Meeting with membership approval, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, until rescinded by resolution our current presiding elected official is approved to sign, without further action, any GTCMHIC MCA updates that have been advanced at the GTCMHIC Board of Directors meetings and approved by the Department of Financial Services, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, The GTCMHIC is directed to keep this resolution on file to accompany any current presiding elected official signatures to amended MCA changes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date adopted by the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Board of Directors and subsequently adopted by the Village of Dryden and authorize the Mayor to sign

Discuss and possibly approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter requesting a reduced speed on Rt 13

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

Resolution No 1.17.8-2024

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter requesting a reduced speed on Rt 13

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign a letter to NY State DOT requesting a reduced speed on Rt 13 in the Town of Dryden and the Village of Dryden between the intersections of Bahar Drive and Freeville Road

Approve the Pro-Housing Community Resolution

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

Resolution No 1.17.9-2024

Approve the Pro-Housing Community Resolution

WHEREAS, the Village of Dryden (hereinafter “local government”) believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Village of Dryden, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.

4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Approve Mayoral committee appointments

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

Resolution No 1.17.10-2024

Approve Mayoral committee appointments

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the following Mayoral committee appointments; Safety Committee- Trustee Clay Converse, and Finance and Personnel Committee- Deputy Mayor- Tom Sinclair

Present Proposed Local Law No. 002-2024 to allow the override of the tax cap and a set public hearing

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

VILLAGE OF DRYDEN

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 002 OF THE YEAR 2024

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 2024 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 2024 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. 1.17.11-2024

Set Public Hearing for Local Law 002-2024 Tax Levy Override

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby sets a Public Hearing for February 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm on proposed Local Law 002-2024 allowing for the override of the Tax Levy for the fiscal year 2024/2025

Set a Working Budget Board of Trustees meeting for the 2024/2025 year

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

Resolution No 1.17.12-2024

Set a Working Budget Board of Trustees meeting for the 2024/2025 year

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby sets February 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm for a working budget meeting.

Set a Special Board of Trustees meeting to choose a CDBG consultant

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

Resolution No 1.17.13-2024

Set a Special Board of Trustees meeting to choose a CDBG consultant

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby sets January 31, 2024 at 7:15 am for a special Board of Trustees meeting to choose a consultant for the CDBG-2023

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Mayor Murphy informed the Board about a grant opportunity that he would like to pursue to get funding for the Ezra Village water supply from the Dryden High School down Mott Road. If successful the Village would be helping Rocco Lucente by getting a 50% matching grant. The cost of applying initially would be the Villages. He also informed the Board about Dryden Mutual's plan to annex into the Village. In order to get water to the new (old Second Knob) property the Village would need to bore under Ellis Ave. At this time Paul Sabin has obtained a price quote for \$10,500.00. He would like to split the cost of this with Dryden Mutual if the Board agrees. First,

they would have to be annexed in. The Mayor would also like to pursue a fast EV Charger for the Village and possibly have it put in the municipal parking lot.

NY Bridge project on Lee road will need easements

Tom Sinclair has completed the water service inventory, this will be put on the next agenda

Tom Sinclair wanted the Board to know that the Dryden Central School has decided not install a sign at the elementary school entrance on Union St.

Jason Dickinson will have 4 flowering trees that he would like to donate to the Village

Adjourn:

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

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Resolution No. 1.17.14-2024

Adjourn

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns at 8:52pm not to reconvene.