

**MINUTES**  
For the  
Village of Dryden  
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting  
Held on Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Approved 3/20/24
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<b>MAYOR:</b>	Michael Murphy
<b>TRUSTEES PRESENT:</b>	Dickinson, Wakeman, & Sinclair
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Trustee Converse
<b>CLERK/TREASURER:</b>	Rotha Marsh, also recording secretary
<b>SUPERVISORS:</b>	Sergeant DeCoursey, Assist. Super. Caleb Bean
<b>ATTORNEY:</b>	Natalie French
<b>GUESTS:</b>	Mark Bell

The pledge to Allegiance was recited and the Board meeting was opened at 6:00pm

There was a brief pause while a new agenda was printed

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Privilege of the Floor was opened and closed at 6:08, There were no guest here at this time, the Board was notified that Joyce Day would like to display flags on the Village poles for the last time this year for the Dryden Garden Tour in June. No one objected.

**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-** Caleb reported that the DPW has been doing a lot of trimming in the Village. He had a picture of a tree at 17 Lake Rd that was in need of being taken down. It is a large maple that a wood pecker has made a large whole in. The tree is in Village right of way and the owner is very concerned about it being dangerous. Caleb also let the Board know that while trimming a tree on Lee Rd., a branch got away from him and came down on a mail box. The mail box was destroyed. It had hand painting on it so the DPW has bought a new one and the Clerk treasurer has offered to paint on it for the home owner. He also wants the Board to be aware that there are several Ash trees that will need to come down because of the emerald ash borer.

**Police Dept. –** Sergeant DeCoursey reports that everything in the Police Department is running smoothly at this time. He handed out the monthly calls report. They did some DWI checks on St. Patrick's Day. The Chief and he attended Officer survival training March 6-8, and the full-time officers will be attending motorcycle awareness training soon. Sergeant DeCoursey is on the Dryden School Resource Officer hiring panel and will be interviewing several candidates including a part time officer from the Dryden Police, John Tagliavento.

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**Approve the February 21, 2024 Regular Board of Trustees meeting minutes: (Mayor, Trustee Sinclair, Dickinson and Wakeman)**

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- Absent

Resolution No. 3.20.1-2023

Approve the February 21, 2024 Regular Board of Trustees meeting

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from the February 21, 2024 regular Board of Trustees meeting

**Approve the March 4, 2023 Joint Village of Dryden Board of Trustees/ Town of Dryden Public Hearing minutes: (Mayor, Trustee Wakeman, Sinclair and Dickinson)**

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- Absent

Resolution No. 3.20.2-2023

Approve the March 4, 2023 Joint Village of Dryden Board of Trustees/ Town of Dryden Public Hearing minutes

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from the March 4, 2023 Joint Village of Dryden Board of Trustees/ Town of Dryden Public Hearing minutes.

**C Present the Tentative 2024/2025 Budget and set a Public Hearing (before April 15<sup>th</sup>)**

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- Absent

Resolution No 3.20.3-2024

Set a Public Hearing for the 2024/2025 Budget

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby sets April 1, 2024 at 6:15 pm for a Public Hearing on the proposed 2024/2025 tentative budget.

**Abstract:**

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

Resolution No 3.20.4-2024

Abstract

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the abstract dated March 20, 2024 and authorizes the Mayor to sign it.

**Approve Camden Group's contract and 3.2% increase for Management of the Village of Dryden WWTP:)**

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- Absent

Resolution No 3.20.5-2023  
Approve Camden Group's contract and 3.2% increase for  
Management of the Village of Dryden WWTP

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the new contract increase amount of 3.2% to the Camden Group agreement beginning June 1, 2024 for \$10,991.70 per month for twelve months.

**Declare the Village of Dryden a Lead Agency:**

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- Absent

WHEREAS, the Village of Dryden Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the Board) has received Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1, prepared by Dryden Mutual Insurance Company (the Applicant) for the annexation to the Village of Dryden of certain premises in the Town of Dryden, being number 38.-1-31.2 (hereinafter referred to as Action); and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that said Action is classified as an Unlisted Action under the State Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that said Action is also subject to review and approval by other involved Regulations, namely the Town of Dryden; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of this written notifications to involved agencies, for the purposes of conducting a coordinated review and making significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby declare its intent to be designated as Action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board is directed to provide notice hereof to the involved agencies seeking their agreement (or objection thereto) in writing on or before noon on April 1, 2024.

**Declare April 27<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day in the Village of Dryden:**

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- Absent

Resolution No 2.21.7-2024  
Budget Amendment line-Item Transfers

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the following budget amendments / line-item transfers

Resolution No. 3.20.7-2023  
***Village of Dryden Proclamation***

*Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and*

*Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, aid in storm water mitigation, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and*

*Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and*

*Whereas, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and*

*Whereas, trees can help us reduce our greenhouse gas emission and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and*

*Whereas, the trees we plant today will provide environmental benefits, educational benefits and aesthetic benefits for the generations to come after us; and*

*Whereas, the Village of Dryden has renewed interest in supporting tree planting throughout the Village.*

*Now, therefore, I, Michael Murphy, Mayor of the Village of Dryden, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 27, 2024 as*

***Arbor Day  
In the Village of Dryden***

*In Witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Village of Dryden to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 2024.*

**Discuss and possibly approve Camden Group's proposal for program for 6 portable ultrasonic flow meters:**

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 3.20.8-2023

Approve Camden Group's proposal for program for 6 portable ultrasonic flow meters

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the proposed agreement to install 6 portable ultrasonic flow meters on the Village sanitary sewer lines to identify I & I issues over the next 3 years. The initial cost will be \$19,800.00 including the first year of readings and reporting services. Each additional year will be \$6,000.00. Monthly reports will be provided to the Village.

**Discuss and possibly approve the new agreement between Neptune Hose Co. No 1 and the Town of Dryden:**

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- Abstain

Resolution No 3.20.9-2023  
Approve the new agreement between Neptune Hose Co. No 1 and the  
Town of Dryden

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the new agreement as presented and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement

**Authorize the Mayor to sign the Discharge of Mortgage for Jason L. Dickinson and Carolyn Dickinson:**

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

Resolution No 3.20.10-2023  
Authorize the Mayor to sign the Discharge of Mortgage for Jason L.  
Dickinson and Carolyn Dickinson

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the Mortgage Discharge for Jason L. Dickinson and Carolyn Dickinson in connection with a 2008 CDBG grant. The Mortgage was satisfied.

**Authorize the Mayor to sign the NYSERDA Strategic Energy Management application:**

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- Absent

Resolution No 3.20.11-2023  
Authorize the Mayor to sign the NYSERDA Strategic Energy  
Management application

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the on-demand application from NYSERDA for Strategic Energy Management as presented.

**Discuss and possibly Approve Dan Antonioli to be the Village of Dryden's representative on the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council:**

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 3.20.12-2023  
Approve Dan Antonioli to be the Village of Dryden's representative  
on the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves Dan Antonioli to be the Village of Dryden's representative on the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.

**Discuss and possibly Approve Don Scutt's proposal to build/install a dugout and a storage shed on Village owned property on Wall St.:**

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- Absent

Resolution No 3.20.13-2023

Discuss and possibly Approve Don Scutt's proposal to build/install a dugout and a storage shed on Village owned property on Wall St. Property

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the plan by Don Scutt to build and Install a baseball/softball dugout and storage shed on the ball fields which are on Village owned property on Wall St.

**Discuss and possibly approve hiring Limb Walker tree service to remove the maple tree at 17 Lake Rd:**

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

Resolution No 3.20.14-2024

Discuss and possibly approve hiring Limb Walker tree service to remove the maple tree at 17 Lake Rd

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves hiring Limb Walker Tree Service at a total cost of \$950.00 including stump grinding to be expensed from the American Rescue Funds.

**Approve the Mayoral appointment of Matthew Cushman to the Planning Board**

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- Absent

Resolution No 3.20.15-2024

Approve the Mayoral appointment of Matthew Cushman to the Planning Board

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the Mayoral appointment of Matthew Cushman to the Planning Board to take the place of Dave Travor. His term will expire April 19, 2028.

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Mayor Murphy- The Mayor has requested Attorney French's services to draft a local law amendment to provide the Village with language to collect fees for professional services that are

brought about for any and all land applications. She will try to get this ready for the April 1 meeting for the Board to discuss and decide on.

Mark Bell- Mark brought the new agreement between Neptune Hose Co. No 1 and the Town of Dryden for the Village to approve. Sense a copy of this was already circulated to the Board and resolution passed, the Mayor signed the agreement. Mark then wanted to talk to the Board about getting the Village more involved with community activities. He also will come to regular Board meetings.

**Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues - not to reconvene:**

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

The Board and Attorney were the only one's present, all others were excused.

Resolution No. 3.20.14-2024

Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues - not to reconvene

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns To Executive session for to discuss personnel issue at 7:52 pm not to reconvene.