

## MINUTES

Approved

For the  
Village of Dryden  
Broad of Trustees Meeting  
Held on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

**MAYOR:** Michael Murphy  
**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Clay Converse, Debbie Fisher, Dan Wakeman  
Jason Dickinson  
**SUPERVISORS:** Paul Sabin, Superintendent of Public Works, Sgt. Tagliavento, OFC  
**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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Murphy opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. There weren't any residents signed on to Zoom so the Mayor talked a little about the Covid-19 pandemic and what was being reported, to give residents a chance to sign on.

At 7:05 there were still no residents so the Mayor closed the Public Hearing and opened the Board of Trustees meeting.

### **Privilege of the Floor:**

Privilege of the Floor was opened at 7:06 and the Mayor asked Rich DeGuido if he would like to speak first.

Rich updated the Board on the status of payment applications. No. 14 has not been fully approved and getting a response has been difficult. Bill Troy offered to try calling, Rich didn't think it would matter, Covid-19 being the cause. He mentioned his concerns about DN Tanks not being able to finish the restoration at the water tanks, also due to Covid-19.

In response to the Mayor's questions about a letter that the Mayor had previously forwarded to Rich regarding the West Main Street dump that NYS had testing done on, Rich assured the Board that everything looked really good and that there weren't any real concerns that the numbers said to him.

At the Mayor's request Rich explained the (3) pending resolutions on tonight's agenda. He explained they were standard resolutions needed to proceed with Wastewater Engineering Planning Grant #89791 that the Village was awarded for the inflow and Infiltration Evaluation. The next step will be by conference call and a procedural agreement will need to be signed by the mayor. The smoke testing could start as soon as May 4<sup>th</sup> so it was discussed getting a letter out to residents, and notices posted on Facebook, the website and possibly swift 911 to inform all residents that the smoke is harmless. The fire Dept. should be notified as well. Rich will send a sample letter to the Village.

**Code Enforcement-**Due to the COVID-19 situation the monthly report was turned in as written reports only and distributed to all Board members.

**Camden Group-** Ken reported that the sewage treatment plant failed a fecal test and received a violation. After investigating, a crack was found in the head of the chlorine system. It has been repaired and all is well. They also had a guide rail fall causing some minor damage that is in the process of being repaired. One flow monitor is back in and another will be installed next week. He informed the board that there are concerns of all those working at the sewage treatment plant as it is a susceptible place for viruses. At this time there are no reports of illness related to Covid-19.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Police- Sgt. Tagliavento has ordered batteries for a mobile speed unit that should be up and running in the Village sometime next week. At this time he is not encouraging his officers to do traffic stops unless really necessary and if they do approach do so from the passenger side or give at least 6 ft. distance. They are not handling any documents at this time to avoid covid-19 exposure. There is an online complaint form, but he's not sure how they will work out yet. If anyone is interested, the person whose does the department's sewing is making masks and they are for sale. He has 94 95N masks on hand for the officers and staff.

The Mayor announced that The Grange has decided to cancel Dairy Days but thinks they would still like some of the cows put at Time's Square. He also thinks the Memorial Day Parade should be canceled. It was discussed and decided to wait till next month and see if all local parades aren't canceled.

DPW- Paul went over his report and requested bringing in some of his crew to remove plows, start mulching, possibly putting out barrels and plants, and planting trees. The Board discussed at length what was essential and what wasn't. It was agreed that the crew could come back with no more than 50 % on at any time, one person to a vehicle, 6 ft. distancing or one man jobs. The Playground needs to be closed, caution tape put up and signs saying so. All work at Montgomery Park will wait.

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

### **Approve March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Minutes:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.1-2020

Approve March19, 2020 Minutes

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from March 19, 2020

### **Authorize the mayor to execute a Grant Agreement with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.2-2020

Execute Grant Agreement with NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Dryden has been awarded a Wastewater Engineering Planning Grant #89791 to support an Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation of the Village Sanitary Sewer System;

and

**WHEREAS**, the Village must execute an agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation to access and utilize grant funds for the Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation;

## **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the Village of Dryden is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the Village of Dryden's obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement.

**Authorize 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation of the Village Sanitary Sewer System:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.3-2020

Authorize 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Dryden has been awarded a Wastewater Engineering Planning Grant #89791 to support an Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation of the Village Sanitary Sewer System;

and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Dryden must provide a minimum local match of \$6,000 to enjoy the benefit of the maximum grant award of \$30,000 from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED** that the Village of Dryden authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation of the Village Sanitary Sewer System. Under the Engineering Planning Grant Program, this local match must be at least 20% of the grant award of \$30,000. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the Mayor of the Village of Dryden shall not exceed \$6,000. The total estimated maximum project cost is \$36,000. The Mayor of the Village of Dryden may increase this local match through the use of in-kind services without further approval from the Village of Dryden.

**Approve SEQR Type II Determination for the Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.4 2020

SEQR Type II Determination

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Dryden has been awarded a Wastewater Engineering Planning Grant #89791 to support an Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation of the Village Sanitary Sewer System;

and

**WHEREAS**, 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED** that the Village of Dryden hereby determines that the proposed engineering report for the Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation of the Village Sanitary Sewer System is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (18 & 21) and is therefore not subject to review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

**Accept the resignation of Makenzie Covert:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.5-2020  
Accept the Resignation of Makenzie Covert.

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby accepts Makenzie Covert's resignation effective April 7, 2020

**Abstract:**

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

Resolution No 4.15.6- 2020  
Abstract

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the abstract dated April 15, 2020 and authorizes the Mayor to sign it

**Adopt 2020/2021 Budget:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.7-2020  
Adopt 2020/2021 Budget

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adopts the 2020/2021 Budget

**Rescind Resolution No 3.19.17-2020 hiring Dalton Keeney:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.8-2020  
Rescind Resolution No 3.19.17-2020

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby rescinds Resolution No 3.19.17-2020, hiring Dalton Keeny as Part Time Police Officer, effective March 19, 2020 and sponsoring his attendance to 5 Weeks, Phase II of the Police Academy

**Approve hiring Dalton Keeney as Part Time Police Officer and sponsoring him to 5 Weeks of Phase two Police Academy:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.9-2020  
Hire Dalton Keeney as part time Police Officer

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves hiring Dalton Keeney as a Part Time Police Officer Recruit at a rate of \$12.43 per hour effective April 15, 2020

**And be it further Resolved**, the Board of Trustees hereby approves sponsoring his attendance for 5 Weeks, of Phase II of the Police Academy when classes resume after COVID-19.

**Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues to reconvene:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.10-2020

Adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel Issues

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby closed to executive session to discuss Personnel issues at 8:23 p.m. to reconvene

Reconvene at 8:40 p.m.

**Appoint Sgt. Josh Tagliavento to Police Chief provisional upon passing the Civil Service Exam for Police Chief:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.11-2020

Appoint Josh Tagliavento to Police Chief

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby appoints Sgt. Josh Tagliavento to Police Chief, provisional upon passing the Tompkins County Civil Service Exam effective April 16, 2020 along with a \$.50 per hour increase in pay

**Set a Date for the May 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.12-2020

Set Date for May BOT meeting

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby sets May 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm for the Board of Trustees meeting via Zoom

**Mutual Aid Tompkins:**

Trustee Fisher informed the Board that Mutual Aid Tompkins has requested to install a Cupboard type pantry at Montgomery Park. This would be open to the public to help themselves to non-perishable food items if needed and to also stock the cupboard with donations. This will not take away from the Dryden Food Pantry but will give residents in need another source for food if needed and if there are any problems we can ask them to remove it.

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

Resolution No. 4.15.13-2020

Mutual Aid Tompkins Food Cupboard

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves allowing Mutual Aid Tompkins to install a Food cupboard pantry at Montgomery Park.

**ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:**

**Intregrated Systems- Camera** – The Board discussed the proposal that was presented. Further discussion needs to be done before any decision is made.

**Adjourn:**

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

Resolution No. 4.15.14-2020

Adjourn

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns at 9:03p.m not to reconvene