

**MINUTES**  
For the  
Village of Dryden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Held on Wednesday August 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM

**MAYOR:** Michael Murphy  
**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Dan Wakeman, Jason Dickinson, Stephanie Mulinos,  
Trustee Deb Fisher  
**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Supt. Paul Sabin  
**EXCUSED:** Chief Josh Tagliavento  
**DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER:** Rotha Marsh, also recording Secretary  
**ATTORNEY PRESENT:** Bill Troy- Law Offices of William Troy III  
**GUESTS:** Residents-Chris Quinlan, David & Camille Traver, Evan Engelhart,  
Travis Stelick, Jenai Rossow

The Board meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited

Privilege of the floor was opened at 7:01

**David Traver-** Mr. Traver had concerns with the minutes from the last meeting. He started reading them and it was determined that he had minutes from 2017 and not last months. He was informed that he could get a draft copy of the minutes as soon as 1 week after a meeting but that the July minutes were not approved therefore not on the website, but were on the agenda for approval this evening and then would be on the website. He should be able to find all other meeting minutes there. He also voiced concerns about the little garden on Greystone Drive owned by the Village but taken care of by the Rotary, himself and his wife. They left compost material in an orange bag and it wasn't picked up by the DPW. It was determined that a miscommunication happened and that it shouldn't happen again.

**Chris Quinlan-** spoke on behalf of the other Brookside Drive residents that were in attendance. They are extremely concerned with the possibility of flooding. He mentioned that the DPW cleaned out the ditch in their back yard some years ago but have not since. Superintendent Paul Sabin explained that this was all on private property and that it is almost always impossible to use heavy equipment as their back yards are almost always too wet. The land owners would also need to give permission to the Village to do any kind of work on private property. The Mayor wanted them to know he understands their problem and if the Village can help they will. As for the Lewis St. Bridge, the plan is to clean out under it and build up the south side so the water gets funneled through instead of building up sediment and other matter. This is scheduled for either the second or third week in September with help from Giam Dodici, U.S. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. It was noted that this won't take care of the flooding completely unless TC3 fixes issues upstream. The residents would like to be notified of what is being done and when and will leave their email address for the Clerk's office to do so as directed by the Mayor. The Mayor did ask if any of these Brookside Dr. residents have called the NYS DEC or the Army Corp. of Engineers about the flooding issues. None have but would be willing to if it would help. Superintendent Paul Sabin suggested they contact the Town of Dryden to fix downstream areas that are contributing to their flooding. It was mentioned that retention ponds near TC3 would really help but that would take participation with TC3 and the Town of Dryden. The residents are also concerned

with beavers damming up the water again. Superintendent Paul Sabin will contact the trapper again, it is too wet for the DPW to access these dams.

Privilege of the Floor was closed at 7:41pm, all guests left the meeting.

**Monthly Reports:**

**Code Enforcement- Shelley Knickerbocker** –her written report emailed to the Board and she attended the monthly DPW meeting.

**Attorney Bill Troy**- Bill reports that he has been in contact with Peter Walsh, attorney for the Town of Dryden. They are finding things and moving forward with obtaining easements for the proposed internet service. It was noted that the Village Board has concerns with what benefit would the internet service be to the Village.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Paul Sabin- Emailed the Board his report earlier and handed out a report from PLS Engineering, P.C., Pleasant Valley Electric, Slack Chemical and the Village Office that outlines a plan that the Village board should discuss to see if they want to proceed with. The Village currently pays Dicksons Environmental Services to remove the waste sludge from the sewage treatment plant. This new plan outlines a way for the Village to save money by Lime Stabilizing the waste sludge as it come off the belt press at the sewage plant and have it removed by an employee who wishes to have the sludge applied to his farm fields. There are permits required and testing involved before a decision can be made. Paul is requesting approval from the Board to proceed with setting up a dry lime feeder and start testing. There are costs involved but in the long run the Village could save thousands every year. The Board agreed that this was worth pursuing as long as everything was being done legally with all necessary permits, tests and protections in place. Trustee Wakeman would like to research other sewage plants that are already doing this.

Paul also explained that a technician agreed with him that a surge anticipator valve at the Dryden Lake Park well is malfunctioning and may be the cause of most of the discolored water complaints. He turned this valve off two weeks ago and no water complaints. He turned this valve back on and between him and the office there were at least 15 calls in complaints within 15 minutes. This valve will be replaced with a pressure relief valve at an approximate cost of \$4600.00. The manganese test on the two new wells came back and is not a problem. Paul also thought there was a rattle in one of the pumps. The technician from W2O will confirm if the rattle is bad bearings when replacing the valve.

Chief Tagliavento- Was excused

**ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**Approve the minutes from July 21, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting:**

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

Resolution No. 8.18.1-2021

Approve minutes for Minutes from July 21, 2021

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from the July 21, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting

**Approve Jordan Guenther as a new member to Neptune Hose company No. 1 of Dryden:**

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

Resolution No. 7.21.2-2021  
Approve June 24, 2021 Minutes

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from the June 24, 2021 Special Board of Trustees meeting

**Appoint Joshua Tagliavento as Permanent Police Chief effective August 19, 2021:**

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

Resolution No 8.18.3-2021  
Appoint Joshua Tagliavento as Permanent Police Chief

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby appoints Joshua Tagliavento as the permanent Chief of Police for the Village of Dryden effective August 19, 2021 after successfully passing the Civil Service Chief's Exam.

**Approve rate of pay increase for Joshua Tagliavento as Permanent Police Chief:**

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

Resolution No 8.18.4-2021  
Approve rate of pay increase for Joshua Tagliavento as Permanent Police Chief

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves increasing the rate of pay for Joshua Tagliavento as Police Chief to \$35.64 hourly effective August 19, 2021

**Approve Superintendent Paul Sabin's request to order a new 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500:**

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

Resolution No 8.18.5-2021  
Approve Superintendent Paul Sabin's request to order a new 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the request from Superintendent Paul Sabin to order a new 2022 Chevrolet Silverado

2500 in an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00. Funds to come from Public Works Equipment Reserve subject to a 30 day Permissive Referendum

**Budget Amendments/ Line Item Transfers:**

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

Resolution No. 8.18.6-2021

Budget Amendments/ Line Item Transfers

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers presented by Clerk Treasurer Debra Marrotte

**Abstract:**

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

Resolution No 8.18.7-2021

Abstract

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the Abstract dated August 18, 2021 and authorizes the Mayor to sign it

**Approve Drawdown Request #4 from Community Development Block Grant submitted by Thoma Development:**

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

Resolution No. 8.18.8-2021

Approve Drawdown Request #4 from Community Development Block Grant

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby Approve Drawdown Request #4 from Community Development Block Grant submitted by Thoma Development in the amount of \$7,500.0

**NYS DOT Right of Way Assignment of Claim and Release:**

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

Resolution No 8.18.9-2021

NYS DOT Right of Way Assignment of Claim and Release

Between First Presbyterian Church & NYSDOT

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the Right of Way Assignment of Claim and Release between the First Presbyterian Church & NYS DOT.

**Authorize the Mayor sign the NY Power Authority Substantial Completion & Operation Transfer:**

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

Resolution No 8.18.10-2021

Authorize the Mayor sign the NY Power Authority Substantial Completion & Operation Transfer

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the Substantial Completion & Operation Transfer dated August 10, 2021 for the Village of Dryden LED Streetlighting Upgrade project.

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**ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:**

Covid -19 and potential changes to safety protocols- Will continue to follow Health Dept. recommendations

Village Hall Building Security- Trustee Mulinos had a meeting with Chief Tagliavento who is concerned about the safety of Village employees at the Village Hall. Deputy Clerk Treasurer Rotha Marsh was asked if she feels safe working in her office. She responded that she does but thought that if all office staff had a monitor showing who was coming in the front doors visible to them before that person entered the building they all would be more aware, less chance of surprise. The board discussed many different options that may be included when renovations may take place but for now hooking up monitors allowing office personnel as well as an additional monitor in the police patrol room to see who was entering the front door would be a good start.

Village Hall Upgrade/ Roof update updates- Dan Wakeman and the Mayor were shown the damage in the records room, ladies bathroom and front office from water. Hoffman Plumbing will look at the Ladies Room and Jeremy Stiles Contracting will look at the roof.

Business Energy Report updates? A meeting is scheduled to discuss this on Friday August 20, 2021 at 10:00.

Cameras updates- Still waiting on camera test shots to be scheduled

LED Street Lighting updates- substantial completion is done, waiting on Applewood Lane lights and the cameras.

Potential Property Sales/Changes

- A) Jay Street- Letter needs to go out to the neighboring owners with a turnaround ROW for the Village DPW
- B) Brecht's Property- waiting on Mr. Brecht
- C) Goodrich Way - Letter to neighbors of intention to sell stating that cannot be developed.

Marijuana Legalization and Consideration of opting out of allowing retail dispensaries-The Board discussed options and decided to check with Groton, Freeville and the Town of Dryden to collaborate on what was best.

Tom Sinclair and Student project- Mayor Murphy let the Board know that Planning Board member Tom Sinclair who is a SUNY Binghamton Professor want his class to work on The Village Zoning and Planning Laws. They would work with Code Enforcement to make sure our laws are in accordance with state laws and appropriate for the Village. They would recommend any changes that should be made.

Trustee Dickinson suggested the South St. Well house property for a dog park.

**Adjourn:**

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

Resolution No. 8.18.11-2021

Adjourn

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns at 10:02pm not to reconvene.