

MINUTES
For
Village of Dryden
Board of Trustees Meeting
Held on
March 24, 2016

MAYOR PRESENT: Reba Taylor
TRUSTEES PRESENT: Charlie Becker, Mike Murphy, Les Hibbert, Mike Hattery
SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Chief Michael Watkins, Supt. Paul Sabin, Clerk/Treasurer Debra Marrotte
SECRETARY PRESENT: Abby Homer
ATTORNEY PRESENT: David Dubow
GUESTS: Michelle Mays, Run for Hayli

The Pledge was recited and Privilege of the floor was opened at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Taylor presented outgoing Deputy Mayor Charlie Becker a Proclamation for his dedication to the Village Board and all enjoyed refreshments.

Mayor Taylor mentioned information received from James Kirkwyland for his proposal to assist in the tree planting project on North Street. There were no objections to the proposal and Mayor Taylor noted she would possibly send a letter of Thanks and can sign off on the project, if needed.

Upon no further comments under Privilege of the Floor, it was closed and the regular Board meeting opened at 7:23 p.m.

New members of Neptune Hose
There was none

Tompkins County Youth Services Contract
On a motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed.
Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 27-2016
Youth Services Contract

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the 2016 Youth Services contract in the amount of \$477.00 for Summer Camp.

Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers
Clerk/Treasurer Marrotte submitted transfers to increase the Public Works sidewalk budget to include funds to repair the sidewalk that floods in front of the Village Hall. Overages in Police Uniforms and Youth Programs contractual were also listed. On a motion by Trustee Hibbert and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed. Discussion included how to handle the remaining Salt from the contract, it was noted that the Village is obligated to pay for the amount,

whether used or not. Supt. Sabin stated there is no room on site to store it. Mayor Taylor mentioned possibly it could be stored at the vendor until space becomes available. Supt. Sabin offered to look into the Salt further. Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 28-2016
Budget Amendments/Line item Transfers

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the 2015/2016 Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Marrotte.

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Becker and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed. Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 29-2016
2/28/2016 Minutes

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the minutes from the February 28th, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting with any corrections noted.

Trash hauling contract extension

Alternative Waste, current Trash Hauler, submitted a contract extension agreement for one year at the current rate of \$17.50 per sheet. On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed. Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 30-2016
Trash Contract extension

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves the contract extension with Alternative Waste for trash hauling services.

Abstract

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Becker, the following was passed. Vote: Murphy-Aye, Becker-Aye, Hibbert-aye, Taylor-Aye, Hattery-Abstain.

RESOLUTION No. 31-2016
3/24/2016 Abstract

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the 3/24/2016 Abstract.

It was explained that the bill for the Village Hall door renovations has been received and the work completed. A request for payment has been submitted to the State from the grant funds

received, but there is money in the Village hall fund to cover the expense until the reimbursement from the State. On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hattery, the following was passed. Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 32-2016
Pop A Lock bill-village hall door renovation

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and authorizes the payment in the amount of \$6,138.24 to Pop a Lock for the new door opening system at the Village Hall to be temporarily expensed from the Village Hall building fund until the reimbursement is received from the NYS grant.

Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Marrotte presented the proposed 2016/2017 Tentative Budget. She noted a 3% increase in the Fire Department contract request, 2% overall increases to the salaries by department, an increase to the transfer to Public Works equipment reserve. She stated the fund balance, reserve account information and the taxable valuation information was also provided. She also stated the full time Police Chief amounts were used for the Police Budget.

Comments/questions:

All Board members agreed that current Fire Department financial statements are needed.

Trustee Hattery stated that the reason for the proposed Fire Department increase is to fund the reserve accounts but the Village itself is not able to do that. He also said that possibly the retirement number should be held in the budget to protect future Boards from future increases.

Trustee Hibbert questioned why the Police gasoline account was not decreased like the Public Works, he noted the decrease in Police equipment and asked if the surplus car had been sold yet.

Clerk/Treasurer stated that the big things to be considered are full or part time police chief, police salaries and the large transfer to Public Works reserves.

Mayor Taylor also asked for committee recommendations and days and times for meeting, for finalization at the Organizational meeting.

Trustee Hattery requested a brief executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss several particular employees and potential litigation.

Trustee Murphy asked Chief Watkins, now that he put in for a full time Chief, does that mean he is staying or is that to prepare for the incoming? This was deferred to the intended Executive

Session. In February, the Chief submitted budget options for both full or part time Chief and personal service increases from 0-3%.

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Becker, the following was passed.
Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 33-2016
Special budget meeting

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby sets a special meeting to discuss Tentative budget on Monday, April 4th, 2016, immediately following the Organizational meeting. **Be it Further Resolved** that a Public Hearing on the proposed Fire Department contract amount (\$109,242) shall be held following the Organizational Meeting at the beginning of the special meeting.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:

WWTP O&M Contract- Mayor Taylor stated that upon review of the WWTP contract and the Public Works Department giving due cause that the current contract for operating and maintaining the WWTP is not being followed. The Village Engineer has previously provided names of other companies in the business.

Trustee Hattery proposed a resolution to be added to take action on seeking other alternatives for the running of the sewer plant, in a RFQ process or something similar.

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed.

Attorney Dubow stated that caution should be used as there is an existing contract. That contract has terms for opting out within a specified number of days. RFP process or bidding out for services will need to be coordinated with the current contract. The dollar amount of the contract dictates how the services are to be sought.

Mayor Taylor stated she would contact the Village Engineer for assistance upon sending the initial communication to YAWS.

Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 34-2016
WWTP Contract exploration

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Mayor to communicate to Yaws Environmental that the Village is choosing to exercise its option to **not** automatically renew the contract for Waste Water Treatment Plant

Operation and maintenance and also notify them of the intent to explore alternative vendors.

Security System Police Department/Village Hall

Chief Watkins distributed information from Cortland Pump for replacement of unusable video surveillance equipment for the Police Department/Village Hall (also linked to the fountain). A temporary loaner system has been installed. As this system repair was unexpected, the budget does not have funds to cover the expense, so Chief questioned if he could include that in the request from the State Grant. He submitted for the door and if given the OK to submit for the video system it would be \$1,600 over the original \$10,000 granted. He questioned if some of the excess cost (for either the door or the video system) could be shared from Village Hall building funds.

Board Members were not opposed to this option (to ask for payment from the Grant) and noted there could be a Village Hall cost share if need be.

Water Project

The Board was updated on the water project. Attorney Dubow submitted a new letter of Engagement for the now combined project so a resolution was added to authorize the Mayor to sign. On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hibbert, the following was passed. Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 35-2016 Attorney Letter of Engagement for Water Project

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Engagement submitted by Barney Grossman Dubow Marcus and Orkin for services related to the water project.

DPW

Superintendent Sabin read aloud a list of proposed surplus DPW items including Christmas decorations, playground toys, games, benches, parts and the 2004 Astro Van. A resolution was proposed to be added to authorize the disposal of these items. Mayor Taylor asked to look at the items to see if possibly another organization could use some of it, in lieu of selling or disposing. Supt. Sabin stated he would like to sell through online auction and use the proceeds to purchase a trailer. The resolution was withdrawn to allow for the Mayor to view the items.

Run for Hayli

Michelle Mays presented information regarding the 2nd annual Run for Hayli, who had Leukemia and passed away. The event will be Saturday 5/7/16 at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers from local emergency response departments will be on hand for traffic assistance and the High School Principal has been coordinating the safety parts of the run.

Board members gave no objections

Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Hattery and seconded by Trustee Becker, the following was passed.
Vote: Becker-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hibbert-Aye, Hattery-Aye, Taylor-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 36-2016
Adjourn to Executive Session

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby adjourns the meeting to executive session to discuss several particular employees and possible litigation, at 8:52 p.m. , not to re-convene.