

MINUTES  
For  
Village of Dryden  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Held on  
Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

DEPUTY MAYOR PRESENT: Mike Hattery  
 TRUSTEES PRESENT: Tom Sinclair, Mike Murphy, Randy Sterling  
 SUPERVISOR PRESENT: Chief Randy Mack (excused 7:05 p.m.) Superintendent Paul Sabin, Clerk/Treasurer Debra Marrotte (excused 7:54 p.m.)  
 SECRETARY PRESENT: Abby Homer  
 ATTORNEY EXCUSED: David Dubow  
 GUESTS: Ken Scherrieble, Camden Group  
 Vaughn Golden, Dryden Courier  
 Greystone Drive Residents: Brad & Aleshia Rauch, Maureen Brull, Chris & Matt Gibbons, Chris Quinlan & Adam Holic  
 Bruce Drowne, David Bravo-Cullen of Lee Road  
 Ken Gardner, NE Appraisals  
 Don Scutt

The Pledge to the Flag was recited. Emergency exits were pointed out and Trustee Hattery introduced himself as Deputy Mayor presiding in Mayor Taylor's excused absence.

Deputy Mayor Hattery requested a slight alteration of the agenda due to the Police Chief needing to be excused. On a motion by Trustee Sterling and seconded by Trustee Murphy, item B-the resolution regarding the Police Officer's shifts was discussed.

The Board meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

It was noted that the 12 and 8 hour shift schedule proposal would be beneficial to bring the department back to 24 hour coverage and it should be reviewed again after six months. Sterling-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Hattery-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
DPBA Shift MOU

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the MOU with the Dryden Police Benevolent Association (DPBA) regarding shifts/hours of work/overtime.

Police Chief Mack was excused at 7:05 p.m.

Privilege of the floor was opened at 7:05 p.m.

WWTP Report-Ken Scherrieble summarized the monthly report and noted the plant was meeting parameters. He stated the flow meters for the outside/CRSD area have been tested, two passed and just needed batteries, the 3<sup>rd</sup> had to be pulled and be tested.

Privilege of the floor was then opened to the public (with a 3 minute per guest time limit noted).

### Flooding

Chris Quinlan, 2 Brookside, explained his experience with the recent flooding and asked what could be done?

Dave Traver (Greystone Drive) asked if Egypt Creek could be cleaned out, near the Lewis Street Bridge.

Chris Gibbons, Greystone Drive) seconded the concerns on the flooding issues and stated the creek was just not holding the water.

Trustee/Deputy Mayor Hattery gave a brief history of the past Virgil Creek Dam project and concurred with the importance of stream maintenance. He updated on the formation of the Flood committee in 2014 and the existing flood mapping project with USGS with the aid of Tompkins County Soil/Water group.

Trustee Sterling recommended getting a petition together and send to DEC.

DPW Superintendent Paul Sabin stated he has called DEC and been told that the streams have been cleaning out themselves.

A woman from the audience asked what the criteria is for assistance/declaration of a disaster area. Trustee/Deputy Mayor Hattery replied that there has to be significant structural damage to 30-40 homes. Ways to possibly notify the public to report damage was also discussed.

David Bravo-Cullen, Lee Road, recommended a storm retention pond, documenting the damage and working together with the Town and County.

Bruce Drowne, Lee Road, described his loss of property from the creek flooding, recommended doing more work on Egypt creek and mentioned a good location for a water retention facility would be Livermore Road.

It was asked if there would be loan funds available for flood damaged areas. Trustee/Deputy Mayor Hattery replied that he would look into this with the County.

Chris Quinlan and Dave Traver both volunteered to take part in the existing flood committee to continue the process.

### Greystone Drive land

A group of concerned residents wrote up and signed a statement "opposing the public sale of the property at the end of Greystone Drive". Copies were given to the Board and one was left for the Clerk file. The reasons stated and listed were loss of community green space and access to the public Shug trail.

Maureen Brull stated she is an original owner since the area was developed and the thought of the sale of the property was unbelievable. She said the area is/was used for the neighborhood kids to recreate.

Dave Traver, 6 Greystone Drive, mentioned he has never seen the green space be used at all and he asked what the proposed sale price was.

Trustee/Deputy Mayor Hattery stated that the Board was approached by the adjoining property owner, Adam Holic, asking if there would be interest to sell. He continued that a portion of the area was appraised and there has been no formal offer to purchase or a formal decision to sell. Ample access to the trail would be left, if the decision is made to sell and funds from the sale have been discussed as to be used to improve the entrance and access to the trail. He apologized for not having a public meeting before and stated the Board would not take formal action without a public meeting first (which the neighbors would be notified)

It was noted by one of the residents that he went to the minutes on the Village website to read what has happened at previous meetings, and the last ones on there were March of 2017.

Privilege of the floor was closed at 7:48 p.m.

The Board was approached by Ken Gardner of North East Appraisals, who was contacted by the Clerk/Treasurer to estimate values of Lake Road easements now discovered to be needed, related to the water project. He stated he was not sure how much of what he would be sharing should be public, but it was up to the Board.

Agenda item E to go into executive session was moved by Trustee Sterling and seconded by Trustee Sinclair. Motion was carried Sterling-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
Executive Session

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby adjourns the meeting to Executive Session to seek advice of legal counsel, at 7:50 p.m., to reconvene.

All present less the Board, Attorney, Clerk and Mr. Gardner exited the room.

The Board re-convened at 8:54 p.m. Clerk Treasurer Marrotte was excused.

Montgomery Park donation

On a motion by Trustee Sinclair and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the offer for accept the donation from the Montgomery Park. The language proposed by the Committee had the word “significant” in it, and most agreed that the term was difficult to interpret, as to when repairs /expenses would become significant, therefore the use of the funds applicable. The intent that the money would not be used for routine park maintenance was stated and a friendly amendment was made to the resolution. Vote: Sterling-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
Montgomery Park Funds

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby that the Village of Dryden Board of Trustees accept a contribution of \$20,000 from the Sertoma Club of Dryden. These funds are excess contributions for the Montgomery Park Playground Build and are to be used exclusively for capital improvements and/or repairs in the playground itself. The Board directs the Clerk/Treasurer to deposit these funds in a new account designated for these purposes.

Abstract

On a motion by Trustee Sterling and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed. Trustee Sinclair noted a bill for sewer plant supplies to Momar was taken out and held for clarification. Trustee Sterling mentioned that there was a bill for summer camp tee shirts from a company in Ithaca and the printing company in the Village should be used in the future if possible. Vote: Sterling-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
Abstract

**Resolved** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden hereby approved the 7/20/2017 Abstract and authorizes the Mayor or designee to sign.

Minutes

On a motion by Trustee Sinclair and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed. Vote: Sterling-Abstain, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye. Trustee Sterling asked for his presence to be marked “excused” as opposed to “not present”, as he did not recall not asking to be excused. Deputy Clerk Homer mentioned that the minutes reflect what is said at the meeting and without a roll call, or the name being said as excused at the meeting, the member would be marked not present by default.

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
4-3-2017 Minutes

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby approves the minutes from the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 Board of Trustees meetings (161<sup>st</sup> Organizational & special meeting following), with any corrections noted.

Tompkins County Youth Services Contract

On a motion by Trustee Sinclair and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed. Vote: Sterling-Abstain, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
2017 Youth Services Contract

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby approves the contract with Tompkins County Youth Services, in the amount of \$477.00 for Summer Camp, and authorizes the Mayor to sign.

Appraisal report/values for Lake Road water project easements

Trustee Sterling made motion to accept the document prepared by the appraiser. Motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and passed. Vote: Sterling-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
North East Appraisal report

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby approves the appraisal report submitted by North East Appraisals for the easements related to the Lake Road portion of the water project.

DPW Laborer

Superintendent Sabin requested authorization to hire 1 or 2 Laborer’s for the DPW. Trustee Sterling noted he sat in on the interviews of two men and noted the need for additional help in the Public Works

Department. Trustee Sinclair stated he also sat through the interviews and would like to do analysis of the budget to be able to hire the second position in the future. On a motion by Trustee Sinclair and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed. Vote:

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
DPW Laborer Positions

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby approved the hiring of one DPW Laborer at this time and a second contingent on finding a source of funds in the budget to offset the increased expenditures. Wage \$14.00/hr.

Certification of Police Chief list

On a motion by Trustee Sterling and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed. Vote: Sterling-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
Police Chief List certification

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby approves the certification of the promotional Police Chief Civil Service list.

Retention of Labor Attorney

On a motion by Trustee Sterling and seconded by Trustee Murphy, the following was passed. Vote: Sterling-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
Labor Attorney

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby approves the retention of Coughlin & Gerhart as a Labor Attorney to represent the Village in collective bargaining unit identified by CSEA for the Public Works Department.

Action items added to the agenda

Trustee Hattery brought up the modified Town/Village IMA for the proposed Water Line on Lake Road. On a motion by Trustee Sterling and seconded by Trustee Sinclair, the following was passed. Vote: Sterling-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
Town/Village Lake Road Waterline IMA

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby approves the Mayor or designee to sign the revised Town/Village Inter municipal agreement for the Lake Road water line

Discussion/Items to notate

The Montgomery Park MOU with the Town was noted as still not being back from the Town. The Supervisor was authorized to sign it, pending Town Attorney approval. All agreed to operate as it is in place. Any changes to the agreement would need to come back to the Village for approval, as the copy proposed was signed already by the Village.

Superintendent Sabin discussed the colors of the court surface proposed at Montgomery Park, all agreed to the recommendations by Nagle. Street Trees were also noted as needing to be trimmed.

Sidewalk project was noted as bids being opened and were awarded, construction still hoping for Fall.

Trustee Sterling asked if follow up with Code Enforcement has been done, regarding the need for more detailed report of time spent in the Village and consistency with handling of applications and projects. This still needs to take place, Trustee Sterling will look into.

Greystone Drive parcel/possible request to purchase. Adam Holic approached the Board with two survey options, for the land at the end of Greystone Drive adjoining his property. Informal discussions took place and copies of the two options were given to the Board. The difference in the options were the size of the proposed area, one being a larger piece (larger dollar value proposal) with the property line being along/behind existing trees. All agreed to the intent for a public meeting before formal decisions are made.

Trustee Murphy mentioned the draft "op ed" piece distributed to the Board to possibly submit to the Ithaca Journal and possibly post on the Village website, in response and to educate/give history on the Water Project. All were generally in support.

Discussion item added: Tompkins County Shared Services Project- Trustee Murphy mentioned attending a meeting and put information in the Board's boxes (none provided for the record) and said there was a number of things being considered. He stated the Board did not have to approve it, that it was the Mayors and Town Supervisors who approve and noted the general timeline. He also stated if the Board doesn't vote on it, they are not involved, but if they do want to, then changes and comments can be made. The LED street lighting portion was mentioned and language from the City of Ithaca was included in the information Mr. Murphy shared with the Board. Purchasing the NYSEG owned lights was briefly discussed and then changing over to the LED bulbs. He offered to get more information for anyone who was interested, and mentioned that the village can "sign in to these things, but is not committed and the advantage is working with a group of people who are helping. "

Trustee Hattery stated he would be willing to sign on/look (to the LED light study) as long as it is not committing ourselves.

Trustee Murphy concluded that the Mayor would need this all discussed with her and the decision would need to be made between now and the next meeting. He stated again that it could not be just a Board Member, someone specific would need to be authorized if not the Mayor or Deputy Mayor. At the next meeting, either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor would need to indicate the Village's interest or not, and then the rest of the meetings probably any member could attend. He stated that he asked if the Board has to vote on it and was told no, the Mayor is the one listed, through when it comes down to spending money, then it has to come to the full Board.

Additional action item added at the end of the meeting

Trustee Murphy mentioned a sign or banner to advertise the upcoming Music in the Park, he gave the Board members copies (none provided for the record). He made a motion that the Board authorize the expense for the proposed advertisement. Motion was seconded by Trustee Sterling and passed. Vote: Sterling-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye

RESOLUTION No. 2017  
Expense for advertising banner

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby approves up to \$75.00 for the cost of the Music in the Park sign.

Adjourn

Trustee Hattery mentioned that the Board would need to iron out the details of the assessed values for the proposed easements, no one else had to stay, and that no additional action was going to be taken. Recording Clerk Homer asked for the Adjourn, not to reconvene information to be provided for the record, when the Board was done.

The following day, Trustee Hattery provided an additional resolution that was acted on, as follows. On a motion by Trustee Sinclair and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed. Vote: Sterling-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017

Dollar values for proposed Lake Road water project easements

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby authorizes the Full appraisal values, as presented in the North East Appraisal report, for the easements needed on Lake and West Lake Roads.

On a motion by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Sterling, the following was passed. Vote: Sterling-Aye, Sinclair-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Hattery-Aye.

RESOLUTION No. 2017

Adjourn

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dryden, hereby adjourns the meeting, at 10:20 p.m., not to re-convene.