

**Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
December 13, 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 13, 2021 in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, by Mayor Janice Nickerson.

Present: Mayor Nickerson, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Humphrey, Trustee Dedman, Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier, DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta and Code Enforcement Officer, Jeffrey Butler.

Absent: Trustee Simonds

- **Visitors:** Donald Ouimet, Timothy McNamara and Greg Cromer.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers. Seconded by Trustee Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 163 - 192, Totaling \$46,664.48.
Water Fund Vouchers # 61 – 73, Totaling \$4,935.08.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or correction, made by Trustee Humphrey. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- **DPW/ Water:** Report distributed. Read aloud by DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta.
- **Police Department.** No report.
- **Code Enforcement:** Report distributed, read aloud by Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Butler.
- **Planning Board:** Trustee Humphrey informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Planning Board held their regular scheduled meeting. He stated that there has been no new information from NEXUS Renewable Inc. on the site plan review on the proposed solar project at 151 Caswell Street. The OnGees restaurant has closed, they do have another location in Binghamton. New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) has some training seminars for Planning Board Members, if anyone who would like to view them with Chairman, Gerry Matthews.
- **Finance/Insurance:** Remains the same.
- **Christmas Parade Committee:** Mayor Nickerson stated that the parade was a success.
- **Parks Committee:** Mayor Nickerson informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Afton Parks Association has decided not to host a Valentine's Day Dance. Currently the

association is planning their chili cook off for March, we'll see how things look as the event draws near.

- Historian Report: Report distributed.
- Dog Control Officer: - September 2021 report distributed.
- Afton Central School – Mr. Timothy McNamara informed the Village Board of Trustees that the vestibule will be opening this coming week. The winter sports are under way and games can be viewed through the school's web page. The school is working with the Chenango County Sheriff Department, who are helping with the hiring of a new resource officer, as Mr. Guerriere will be retiring. We are about to move into phase two, which would include the updating of air conditioning units and bathroom facilities.

Old Business:

- Mayor Nickerson asked for a motion to use up to \$10,000.00 of the American Rescue Fund Act funds to finish work at Leggett Park and Davey's Field. The funds would be used to place a sidewalk slab, a bigger slide and a pavilion at Leggett Park. New spectator bleachers would be placed at Davey's Field. The remaining balance and any future balances would be used towards the water tank project.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to use \$10,000.00 of the American Rescue Fund Act funds to finish work at Leggett Park and Davey's Field. The funds would be used to place a sidewalk slab, a bigger slide and a pavilion at Leggett Park. New spectator bleachers would be placed at Davey's Field. The remaining balance and any future balances will be used towards the water tank project. Seconded by Trustee Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to award the tank contract for the water tank project to DN Tank at a cost of \$990,700.00. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.
- Discussions on the purchase of placement of cameras throughout the village was tabled.
- A motion made by Trustee Lawrence to sign the affidavit for unpaid taxes to be returned to the County for collection. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Lawrence to appoint the Susquehanna Room at the Jack D. Bolster Community Center, located at 105 Main Street, Afton as the polling place for the Village Election on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from noon to 9 pm. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor motion passed.
- Trustee Lawrence informed the Village Board of Trustees that she has spoken with the Town Supervisor, John Lawrence, as well as a Board Member of the Cemetery Association at Glenwood. She stated that the Cemetery Association is struggling with daily operations. She has suggested to the Village Board that perhaps the village should consider helping them at budget time.

Recognition of Visitors:

- Visitor John Greg Cromer presented the Village Board of Trustees with an aerial photograph of the Village of Afton, NY. Mr. Cromer takes these photos of surrounding towns and villages and presents them for sale. Mr. Cromer gave a detailed price quote for different sized framing.
- Mayor Nickerson asked for a motion to purchase the aerial photograph to be placed in the Susquehanna Room.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to purchase the aerial photograph from Mr. Cromer at \$195.00. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to pay for the aerial photograph from the general fund savings account. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Lawrence to enter into executive session at 7: 35 pm for personnel and other village related business. Seconded by Trustee Dedman.
- A motion made by Trustee Dedman to exit out of executive session at 8:25 pm. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion made by Trustee Dedman to give the Village Clerk Treasurer, Ann Palmatier 2 weeks paid vacation based on a part time 24 hour work week, effective January 1 , 2022. To be used per year, not to be carried over. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion made by Trustees Dedman to give the Village Clerk Treasurer, Ann Palmatier an additional 24 hour work week paid vacation time effective at 15 years of employment. Commencing on January 1 of the following year after her anniversary employment date in October. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:35 pm. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer