

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
February 14, 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held February 14, 2022 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 DeBetta and Officer in Charge, Stanko.

Absent: Trustee Simonds

Visitors: Donald Ouimet.

- A motion made by Trustee Dedman authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers. Seconded by Trustee Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 212 - 236, Totaling \$13,815.17.
Water Fund Vouchers # 82 – 88, Totaling \$1,732.57.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or correction, made by Trustee Lawrence. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- **DPW/ Water:** Report distributed. Read aloud by DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta. DPW Supervisor informed the Village Board of Trustee that the Department will need a new truck. The red truck has seen its last winter, we're having to repair it more often. Trustee Humphrey stated that he has already spoken with DPW DeBetta about getting price quotes from Robert Green Trucking, who has state bidding. DPW DeBetta will get a price quote for next month's meeting. DWP Supervisor informed the Village Board of Trustees that the village garage is in need of floor drain grates, for safety seasons, Trustee Humphrey agreed. It was decided that department would get what they need to place grates over the drain.
- **Police Department.** Report distributed. Read aloud by Officer in Charge, Stanko. Officer Stanko stated that she has joined the Chenango County Traffic Safety Program, currently this program is hosting a poster advertisement contest for different school aged groups. Officers Stanko has placed flier information on the community bulletin board, and took the information to the school. Officer Stanko will look into the process of placing the 2009 Ford Police Car as surplus.
- **Code Enforcement:** Report distributed. Trustee Lawrence expressed that she had concerned residents approach her about sidewalks on Daily Drive and next to the Baptist Church not being cleared of snow and ice. Mayor Nickerson stated that she'd inform the Code Officer check these locations.

- Planning Board: Trustee Humphrey distributed the Planning Board meeting minutes presented by Planning Board Chairman Girard Matthews after realizing that the minutes that we received were from the previous month. Trustee Humphrey stated that they were no guest at this month's meeting. Mayor Nickerson asked Trustee Humphrey about the progress of the variance for the property owners at 105 Main Street. Trustee Humphrey stated that the Planning Board Chairman and Code Officer should be addressed, regarding a variance. Trustee Humphrey shared with the Village Board of Trustees that he had attended a Fire Commissioners Meeting at the Afton Fire Station. He had been invited by Mr. Thomas Vail, who has asked him to act as the liaison between the Fire Commissioner and the Village Board of Trustees. Trustee Humphrey stated that he informed the Fire Department that the Village will be replacing more fire hydrants within the village. Trustee Humphrey said that ambulance services were discussed at this meeting.
- Finance/Insurance: up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same.
- Parks Committee: Remains the same.
- Historian Report: Report distributed.
- Dog Control Officer: - January 2022 report distributed.
- Afton Central School – No representative. Trustee Lawrence informed the Village Board of Trustees that the School Board has changed their Board Meetings from Thursday nights to Monday nights.

Old Business:

- Police car discussion. – Officer Stanko will be looking into the process as stated above.
- Building camera discussion. – Mayor Nickerson expressed to the Village Board of Trustees that she feels as though a decision should be made to purchase the camera quote that she obtained in December 2021 by Securetech Systems for an estimated cost of \$11,000.00. This had been tabled at the time by Trustee Dedman who had stated that he'd like to look into it a little further. After discussions it was decided that the quote was more than what the village would need. The decision was made that placement of cameras are currently need only at the village clerk's office, 105 Main Street. Trustee Dedman is willing to place a camera system on the village clerks building for safety purposes on his free time, once weather permits.

New Business:

- A motion was made by Trustee Lawrence to approve the increased amount on the Teamsters Health Insurance Policy. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion, passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Lawrence to surplus two non-working office printers. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.

- Mayor Nickerson informed the Village Board of Trustees that the village is looking for an additional Zoning Board Member. If anyone knows of anyone who may be interested.

Recognition of Visitors:

- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:45 pm. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer