

**Village of Afton  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY  
January 10, 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 10, 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 Simonds, Trustee Humphrey, Trustee Dedman, Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier, DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta and Code Enforcement Officer, Jeffrey Butler.

- **Visitors:** Brendon Becker, Lamont Engineer and Sandy Conpropst
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.  
**General Fund Vouchers # 193 - 211, Totaling \$5,019.34.**  
**Water Fund Vouchers # 74 – 81, Totaling \$1,205.62.**
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or correction, made by Trustee Dedman. Seconded by Trustee Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.

**Monthly Report:**

- DPW/ Water: Report distributed. Read aloud by DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta.
- Police Department. Reports for November & December 2021 distributed.
- Code Enforcement: Report distributed, read aloud by Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Butler.
- Planning Board: Trustee Humphrey distributed the Planning Board meeting minutes presented by Planning Board Chairman Girard Matthews.
- Finance/Insurance: up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same.
- Parks Committee: Remains the same.
- Historian Report: Report distributed.
- Dog Control Officer: - September 2021 report distributed.
- Afton Central School – No representative.

**Old Business:**

- Trustee Humphrey asked Mayor Nickerson about the email addresses that were discussed, where are we, have they been formed. Mayor Nickerson stated that she had met with Charles Torres, but that we still need to decide which avenue to go, with the web master or with our current supplier. Trustee Dedman stated that he'd like to look into our current plan to see what the allowable usage is. It was stated that our current carrier would be the best option.

**New Business:**

- Discussions with Brendon Becker from Lamont Engineers on the waste water grant funds. Mr. Becker stated that the Village was awarded 5.3 through the Water Quality Improvement Projects Program. The funds received are only half that will be required for the project. Mr. Becker went over the other grant funding programs that are available to help assist, however most applications cannot be submitted until July.
- A motion was made by Trustee Humphrey to approve the appointment of Shirley Butler & Diane Whipple as election inspectors for the Village of Afton, General Election on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- A resolution was made by Trustee Dedman for a permissive referendum authorizing the village of Afton to use the funds from the building reserve funds for the construction of a water tower. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.

**VILLAGE OF AFTON**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF BUILDING RESERVE FUND**

WHEREAS, the Village of Afton Board of Trustees has determined that construction of a water tower, as described in plans and specifications prepared by Lamont Engineering, is necessary and in the best interest of the Village and its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-c, an expenditure from a reserve fund shall be made only upon authorization by the Board for a specific capital improvement or a specific item(s) of equipment; and

WHEREAS, funds for construction of a water tower are available from the Building Reserve Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes use of funds from the Building Reserve Funds in the sum not to exceed 1.1 Million Dollars (\$ 1,100,000.00) to be used for the construction of a water tower; and be it further

RESOLVED that within ten days after the adoption of this Resolution, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall publish a notice in the official newspaper of the Village, which shall set forth the date of the adoption of this Resolution and contain an abstract, it concisely stating the purposes and effect thereof. The notice shall specify that such Resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum; and be it further

RESOLVED that this Resolution will take effect thirty days after its adoption by permissive referendum; or if a petition is duly and timely filed, then after an affirmative vote of a majority of the electors of the Village.

- Trustee Lawrence asked DPW DeBetta to check the water hydrant on Spring Street, next to the church. There appeared to be excess water in the roadway.
- Trustee Simonds asked if there would be more hydrants replaced. DPW DeBetta stated that currently we have 2 more to install. They will be done at the appropriate time of year.
- A motion made by Trustee Lawrence to surplus the 2009 Ford Police Car. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.

**Recognition of Visitors:**

- Visitor Sandy Conpropst who lives on Pixley Drive, informed the Village Board of Trustees that they feel as though they should not be responsible for installing a water line or a shut off valve on the property that they have purchased. She stated that they purchased the property from Mr. Frank Caratelli who bought it from the previous owner, Mr. Shane Conpropst. Mr. Shane Conpropst was advised by an attorney that he should get an easement of the water lines, he did not. Mrs. Conpropst stated that Mr. Caratelli sectioned the property off to sell separately, therefore it should be his responsibility to install the water line and shut off valve. Mayor Nickerson told Mrs. Conpropst that she would speak with the Village Attorney and get back to her on the matter.
- A motion made by Trustee Simonds to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Palmatier  
Clerk / Treasurer