

**Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
July 12, 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held July 12, 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 Simonds, Trustee Humphrey, Trustee Dedman, Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier, DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta and Code Enforcement Officer, Jeffrey Butler.

Absent: Trustee Lawrence.

Visitors: Donald Ouimet, Brendon Becker, Lamont Engineers, April Leggett.

- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers, Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 36 - 56, Totaling \$32,864.56.
Water Fund Vouchers # 11 – 23, Totaling \$21,985.70.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or correction, made by Trustee Humphrey. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Open Public Hearing at 7:05 pm to inform the public of the village of Afton's Application for NYS Homes and Community Renewal Funding under the Community Development Block Grant – Public Infrastructure.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water: Report distributed. Read aloud by DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta.
- Police Department. Reports distributed.
- Code Enforcement: Report distributed, read aloud by Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Butler.
- Planning Board: No meeting held, due to Holiday.
- Finance/Insurance: Mayor Nickerson informed the Village Board of Trustees that she has met with Mr. VanGorder, the Village of Afton Insurance Representative last month. We have received our updated policies for this fiscal year. Mr. VanGorder will try to attend a board meeting, as he was unable to attend tonight.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same.

- Parks Committee: Trustee Simonds informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Parks Committee will be holding a yard sale during the sidewalk day in August. If anyone is interested in donating any used or unwanted items. The playground equipment has been installed at Leggett Park.
- Historian Report: Report distributed.
- Dog Control Officer: - Report distributed.
- Afton Central School – No representative.

Old Business:

New Business:

- DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta presented the Village Board of Trustees with an estimate for a purchase of a new truck. He explained that the red truck is 10 years old and is need of many repairs, it would better suited to replace it while it is still running. DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta stated to help offset the cost of the new truck, the current truck could be placed through Auction International. Mayor Nickerson asked DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta to gather more information on the estimated time of delivery to determine if funding is available in this current budget.
- Mayor Nickerson asked Code Enforcement Office, Jeffrey Butler if when he's sending out lawn care letters, if he's letting home owners know that they will be billed for lawn care services provided by the DPW each time that the Department has to mow their lawns. As this is a \$150.00 fee each time a mowing occurs. Mr. Butler stated, that yes he is.
- Trustee Humphrey informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Planning Board Members have met with a gentleman who would be undertaking the possible solar field project on Caswell Street. He asked Planning Board Member, April Leggett to explain. Ms. Leggett stated that the energy will go directly to the grid. The company will lease the land from the land owner. The current discussions are that a 15 acre area will be unitized for a 20 year life span. A decommissioning is in play as to the disposal of the equipment once the lease has expired. Trustee Humphrey stated that being that this may be close to the roadway, there were discussions of a buffering, either evergreen trees or a 7 foot fencing around the structure. The location is on wetlands and would need approval by the Army Corps of Engineers and well as the DEC.
- A motion by Trustee Simonds to move \$10,825.00, from Capital Reserves Water Improvement Savings Fund for the payment to W2 Operator Training Group, LLC., as follows:
(8320.40 – Well Source Supply Contractual Expense – for \$10,825.00).
Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.
- Mayor Nickerson asked if there are any public comments.
- Mr. Brendon Becker from Lamont Engineers explained to those in attendance the different types of grant applications that the village would be applying for. He stated that

the Community Block Development Grant – (CDBG) would supply funding for the water tank project and water system repairs. Along with possible sidewalk repairs on the Main Street District. The Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New York State Main Street Program is available to business owners who are interested in improving the overall appearances of their buildings. Each business owner would be responsible to contribute 10% of the funds needed to make the repairs to their buildings, all other costs would be absorbed by the grant funds. Mr. Becker stated that 20% of the funds that may be received could be used towards a street scape on the Main Street District. Mr. Becker explained that someone should reach out to the business owners to see who may be interested in participating in the grant funding opportunities. Visitor April Leggett stated that she would be willing to make contact with the business owners, but would like more information before doing so.

- Mr. Brendon Becker, Project Engineer from Lamont Engineers expressed to the Village Board of Trustees that they need to consider a non-for profit administrator to administer the funds that may be received from the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to close Public Hearing at 7:42 pm, to inform the public of the village of Afton’s Application for NYS Homes and Community Renewal Funding under the Community Development Block Grant – Public Infrastructure. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to apply for the NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the Community Development Block Grant – Public Infrastructure, in the desired amount of \$1,000,000.00, for the improvements on the Village infrastructure and water system. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor motion passed.

Resolution by the Village of Afton Board of Trustees approving and endorsing Village of Afton in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the Community Development Block Grant - Public Infrastructure

WHEREAS, the Village of Afton desires to apply for \$1,000,000.00 in financial assistance through the 2021 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the Community Development Block Grant - Public Infrastructure

; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to the Village to complete improvements on Village infrastructure and the Village of Afton Water System; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Village of Afton approves and endorses the 2021 Community Development Block Grant - Public Infrastructure

for assistance prepared and to be submitted by Village of Afton

Passed by the following vote of all Board of Trustee Members voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative Board of Trustees Members:

CERTIFICATION

I, Ann Palmatier, do hereby certify that I am the Village Clerk of the Village of Afton and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Afton at a meeting thereof held at the Jack D. Bolster Community Center, 105 Main Street, Afton, New York on the 12th day of July, 2021. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Trustee Deanna Lawrence Absent
Trustee Michele Simonds Aye
Mayor: Janice Nickerson Aye
Trustee Robert Humphrey, Jr. Aye
Trustee Patrick Dedman Aye

- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to apply for NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the NYS Main Street Program, for financial assistance through the 2021 consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the NYS Main Street Program, not to exceed \$350,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution by the Village of Afton Board of Trustees approving and endorsing Village of Afton in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the NYS Main Street Program

WHEREAS, the Village of Afton desires to apply for \$350,000.000 in financial assistance through the 2021 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the NYS Main Street Program

; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown “main street” buildings on Main Street between Pleasant Ave. and Maple Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Village of Afton

approves and endorses the 2021 NYS Main Street Program for assistance prepared and to be submitted by Village of Afton

Passed by the following vote of all Board of Trustee Members voting in favor thereof:

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Trustee Patrick Dedman Aye

- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to allow Brendon Becker, Project Engineer from Lamont Engineers to update and submit the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (EFC) and the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP), on behalf of the Village of Afton, NY. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.

Recognition of Visitors:

- Mayor Nickerson asked if there was anyone in attendance that has any other questions. There were none at this time.
- Visitor April Leggett asked if the Park Committee have decided to build a pavilion or to get a seconded piece of playground equipment for the Leggett Park. Ms. Leggett was informed that she would need to contact a committee member as no one on the Village Board had attended the last Parks Meeting.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:52 pm. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed
- A motion made by Trustee Simonds to exit executive session at 8:17 pm. Seconded by Trustee Dedman. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Dedman to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:18 pm. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer