

Mayor Michael Monnat called the regular meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mayor Michael Monnat, Trustees David Schneider, Dawn Ashline, Bruce Widrick and Matt Nortz. Also present were Treasurer Charlene Moser, Clerk Kay Sabo, and Public Works Maintenance Worker Chris Nortz. Guests present include Glen Gagnier, David Bradford from ANCA, Joe Lyndaker and Ed Mothersell.

Public Comment:

Ed Mothersell announced that he would like to renovate the apartments in his building on Main Street (Rte. 812) to be handicap accessible. He inquired about a loan of \$70,000 through our CDBG fund. Currently we have approximately \$32,000 available in the CDBG fund. The board referred him to Cheryl Shenkle-O'Neill of Snowbelt Housing for possible funding. He left the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Joe Lyndaker has been renting land by the sewer plant. He has been accessing it through Village property, without problems, but he would like to make access legal by purchasing a right-of-way to enter the fields. After his request, Mr. Lyndaker left the meeting. The board continued with a discussion. After discussion a **motion** was made by Trustee Widrick, seconded by Trustee Ashline and carried, to have a legal document drawn up at Mr. Lyndaker's expense. This would include wording that the contract is to be renewed yearly with the option for either party to opt out at any time throughout the year. Mayor Monnat will be contacting Joe Lyndaker with this proposal.

David Bradford from ANCA explained incentive programs through National Grid. It helps that bench marking has already been done for us on most areas. The first program is Small Commercial. An inventory would be taken of our lights, and hours of use. If it was decided to follow through with the Small Commercial after their inventory, the cost is discounted 5% if paid up front. Another option for payment is that it be added to our electric bill each month for 12 months. The second program is Custom, which is more flexible. He also mentioned contacting Paul Pierce at Smart Watt. They would tell us cost and savings free of charge. David's organization is also willing to help us with National Grid. The Board of Trustees agreed unanimously to move forward with this. Dave will be contacting Mayor Monnat. Glen and Dave left the meeting at 6:45 pm, and the meeting continued.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and after discussion, a **motion** was made by Trustee Ashline seconded by Trustee Schneider and carried to approve the report as read.

Charlene reminded the board there is \$925 in the Zachary Zehr Memorial Fund. It was agreed to get a quote from Tim Baker to seal and stripe tennis courts, as well as the price for a plaque to be made acknowledging the donation from the Zehr fund.

The Board has accomplished their audit on the fiscal books presented by the treasurer, and found them to be in order.

Charlene questioned if the new water meters being replaced should be digital. Chris will check into prices for this.

Search and Rescue contract may be coming up for renewal. Becky Knight should be contacted. Mayor Monnat offered to contact Becky.

Motion made by Trustee Nortz seconded by Trustee Ashline and carried that

General Fund Abstract	#3	48 – 55	\$ 2,104.28
General Fund Abstract	#3A	56 – 77	\$ 7,312.95
Water Fund Abstract	#3	23 -- 29	\$ 2,646.13
Water Fund Abstract	#3A	30 – 36	\$ 4,559.79
Sewer Fund Abstract	#3	11 – 14	\$ 769.97
Sewer Fund Abstract	#3A	15 -- 21	\$ 4,134.36

be forwarded to the Treasurer for payment. **Motion** passed.

Clerk Report:

A copy of the new Frontier contract was given to the board to review. The board was pleased with new price of \$119.96 plus tax. Mayor Monnat signed contract, and it will be forwarded to Stacy Mason of Frontier.

The minutes for July 12, 2017 meeting were approved on **motion** by Trustee Widrick, seconded by Trustee Ashline. All were in favor.

Chris Nortz report:

- The inspection at the sewer plant was done, and everything was satisfactory.
- Stone was placed around the ball park roadside, and Lyndon Lehman spread the stone and graded for free.
- Repairs were made to the grandstand.
- Flushing fire hydrants will begin at 6:00 pm in the near future.
- NAPA's quote for running boards for the new pickup is \$420. - \$500. A **motion** was made by Trustee Widrick and seconded by Trustee Nortz to go ahead and purchase.

Mayor Monnat report:

- Mayor Monnat signed the paperwork to have Fourth Coast proceed with the solar study. At the July meeting it was agreed to pay National Grid \$750 to perform a solar study, but it was learned that National Grid will be doing this at no charge.
- Complaints have been brought to Mayor Monnat about the parking in front of Vinny's Pizzeria. Mayor Monnat contacted Craig Ortlieb, NYSDOT to have "no parking" markings placed at the site. Also, there are some complaints of Buckingham Hardware's driveway being blocked by parked cars.
- Jeff Mayer from the softball league complained about a light out on the scoreboard. He will be coming to September meeting to discuss.
- A leak at the Walseman farm has been fixed.
- Steve Monnat of the Croghan Fire Dept. asked the Mayor about purchasing flexible flags for the fire hydrants for approximately \$300.
- Discussion about properties around the village that need to be mowed; Ralph Thenes, Tabolt's farm, and Mollica's (next to Bruce's) at the rate of \$35/hour.
- Mike will be contacting Carol Schneeberger to obtain any historical information she may have.

Trustee's Report:

Trustee Nortz reported that Loving Lewis County will not be doing any work on the Basselin House because it is now in bankruptcy.

The board is hearing lots of compliments on how nice the park and sewer pits are being kept.

The board asked when Chris will be taking classes for water testing. Chris will be looking into that.

Trustee Ashline is getting pricing for signage on the new village pickup truck through Rymar Vinyl.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a **motion** by Trustee Ashline, seconded Trustee Widrick and carried.

Respectfully submitted

Kay Sabo
Village Clerk