

Village of Waterloo

Board Meeting Minutes

12/14/2020

A **regular meeting** of the Waterloo Village Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7pm at the Village Office located at 41 W. Main Street, Waterloo, NY. This meeting was held in accordance with Executive Order 202, as updated, of the Public Officials Law.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Suffredini.

Roll Call: Present were, Trustee Suffredini, Trustee Butlak, and Trustee Boise. Absent were Mayor O'Connor and Trustee Marquart (Deputy Mayor). Therefore, Trustee Suffredini chaired the meeting.

Petitioners: None

Consent Agenda: Motion by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Boise to approve the Minutes from the 11/9/2020 Regular Board Meeting, Police Report for 11/20, Justice Department Report for 11/20, Zoning and Code Enforcement Reports for 11/20, DPW (Street) Report for 11/20, Fire Department Report for 11/20, Water Treatment Plant Report for 11/20, Waste Water Treatment Plant Report for 11/20 (DMR for 10/20), Recreation Report for 11/20, and Dog Warden Report for 11/20, and the 11/9/2020 abstracts through 11/30/2020. Further, that the following bills be paid:

1. General Fund abstract #7 for 12/14/2020	\$ 147,953.61
2. Water Fund abstract #7 for 12/14/2020	\$ 26,575.41
3. Sewer Fund abstract #7 for 12/14/2020	\$ 17,087.82
4. Comprehensive Plan abstract for 12/14/2020	\$ 0.00
5. Thoma abstract for 12/14/2020	\$ 800.00
6. Façade Program abstract for 12/14/2020	\$ 0.00
7. PRV Upgrade abstract for 12/14/2020	\$ 0.00
8. WTP Improvements abstract for 12/14/2020	\$ 6,472.41
9. Water & Street Improvements abstract for 12/14/2020	\$ 0.00
10. Deferred Loan Program abstract for 12/14/2020	\$ 13,796.87

All voted aye, carried.

Trustee Suffredini commented on the Cornell Design Connect Team project for an art center design for 38 Washington Street (former Moore's Furniture Store). He stated that the Cornell Architectural Team had completed a draft conceptual design for the art center for the Village to review and to make comments. This design would be enhanced with expanded platform use of the existing fire escapes for canal area viewing. A kiln area for ceramics would also be added to this design. A final design will now be completed and presented to the Village after the first of January, 2021.

Trustee Suffredini stated that the Village Steering Committee for the CAP Study met with the LaBella Consultant Team to kick-off the circulation, accessibility, and parking grant study for the Village, which will provide recommendations for safe multi-modal transportation and connectivity through-out the Village, with concentration on the downtown and canal area. Trustee Boise and Trustee Suffredini commented, as members of the Village Steering Committee, that the scope of work for this study was very timely, given all the downtown revitalization activities currently in progress.

Trustee Suffredini updated the Village Board on the Locust Street Bridge reconstruction project stating that NYS-DOT was holding a conference call with the consultants working on the Reimagine the Canal

Initiative for the Canal Corp. on Wednesday, 12/16/2020. The purpose of this call was to discuss the status of the bridge reconstruction process and design preference for pedestrian versus vehicular traffic.

Motion by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Boise to approve the Independent Accountant's Report for the Village financial and accounting records for the fiscal year ended 5/31/2020, stating that these prepared financial statements present fairly the financial position for the Village of Waterloo. All in attendance voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Boise to approve the proposal in the amount of \$3,900 from Thoma Development to apply for a New York Main Street Anchor Grant for the Village of Waterloo. All in attendance voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Boise to approve the proposed deferred payment loan to Natural Solutions Acupuncture Services in the amount of \$3,900 to assist with the continuation of the 2016 MAP Program requiring a new business location within the Village of Waterloo. All in attendance voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Boise to adopt the resolution for unpaid 2020-2021 Village property taxes pursuant to Subdivision 2 of Section 1436 of the Real Property Tax Law of NYS. All in attendance voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Boise to approve the inter-municipal fire protection agreement with the Town of Fayette in the amount of \$34,000 for the calendar year 2021. All in attendance voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Boise, seconded by Trustee Butlak to approve the proposed Village ordinance to place a handicapped parking space in front of 19 W. Main Street (Green Apple Restaurant). All in attendance voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Boise, seconded by Trustee Butlak to approve the completion of the land transfer of .30 acres on E. River Road (WWTP) to Lorene Shaw. All in attendance voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Boise, seconded by Trustee Butlak to add the New York Main Street resolution to the agenda. All in attendance voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Boise to adopt the proposed New York Main Street resolution allowing the Village to apply for up to \$500,000 in financial assistance through the 2021 New York Main Street Program.

Trustee Butlak stated that a new meter would be installed at the Laundry Depot as first step in monitoring the water usage since a leak was repaired. The owner, Chuck Hinkel, had met with the Village to discuss his concerns with the water and sewer billing amounts. He had appealed that these costs were significant to his operating costs and ask for consideration to any possible rate reduction.

Trustee Boise and Trustee Suffredini stated that the conversations with the Town of Waterloo and Town of Fayette on a possible joint fire district would resume after the 1st of the year.

Trustee Boise stated that an ice skating rink has been installed at the former Waterloo Little League Field area, next the Waterloo Community Center. He said that it would begin operations as soon as the weather turned cold enough for the rink water to freeze. The Village is working on additional lighting for the ice skating rink.

Motion by Trustee Boise, seconded by Trustee Butlak to adjourn the meeting. All in attendance voted aye, carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Donald D. Northrup
Village Clerk