Village of Constableville

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE

July 1, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Constableville, a Municipality, was held on July 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm, at the Village Library on Main St., Constableville, NY.

Trustees Present: Mark Sullivan, Stephen Ward, Sonia Wendt, Cody McDonald

Others present: Christina Healt, Tug Hill Counsel

Call to Order: Mayor Samantha Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. A quorum of trustees was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Approval of Minutes: Clerk Failing presented to the Board the minutes of the June 3, 2024, monthly meeting. Trustee Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Trustee Ward, all in favor, motion carried.

Financial Review: Clerk Failing presented a comprehensive update of the Village's financial status. The Board reviewed the Financial Reports for June 2024. Trustee Ward made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Trustee McDonald, all in favor, motion carried.

Water Plant Operator's Report:

Tom Smith was present prior to the meeting.

- He submitted invoices for his time for May & June.
- The person he had lined up is not going to work out.
- He gave a run down on the Water Plant Operator reports, he has them caught up except for two months, which have blank spots where the water was either not treated or the machine was not working. He will contact Claude to see what we need to do about it

Clerk Failing reported that she has submitted the Annual Water Quality Report to the DOH in Watertown and has mailed copies to all village residents. (She hand delivered copies to the board members)

Mayor Brown had a Teams meeting on Friday with Steve Hunt, Gregor and Amanda from BCA,

- There is a special pot of Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Funds set aside for communities that are a Pro Housing Community, they believe this will be a one-time program for people that recently became a part of the Pro Housing.
- Gregor pitched the $13 million Water Infrastructure project, Steve Hunt said that the maximum they can give is $3 million with a minimum of $100,000.00, and he didn't seem excited about it going to an infrastructure project.' He said WIIA and Rural Development Funds are dedicated for that, and they are looking more for "pretty place making projects", which could include a Splash Park
- The last time we applied for one, the total cost was $434,000.00. The 50% match was in-kind from Eric Goodhines and Michael Wendt who offered to do excavating work of equal value and she believes Dodge Pratt Northam committed between $50-$100 thousand.
- The deadline is July 31st
- She believes BCA's standard is $1,000 to do the application. She will check with Gregor nd let the board know.

- There are lesser (more manageable) versions of the Water Project that we could do if we don't get enough funding for the $3.4 million project.
- She suggested BCA could do the application for the Water Project and CFT could go for the Splash Park. Clerk Failing commented that she couldn't imagine Goodhines & Wendt doing $200,000.000 worth of work for nothing or that the excavation would even cost that much.

Clerk Failing asked if there had been anything new with the Water Districting, Mayor Brown said she had not heard anything. Christine said that the BCA is scheduled to meet with the town this month. It is estimated the cost will be $8,000 - $10,000 total cost with the Village & Town each paying half.

Clerk Failing reported that the village received the reimbursement check from the County to help with the Aerial mapping and Hydrant testing for the Preliminary Engineering Report for the Water Project.

There was discussion regarding the Flansburg Farms and non-payment of their Water Rents. The attorney has said that there is nothing the Village can do without a water district. Clerk Failing will draft another letter and send it to the board for their review. Once approved, she will send it via Certified Mail with Return receipt to both Tom & Julie Flansburg (owners) and Andrew Flansburg(resident).

It was also discussed that there are still hoses next to the dry hydrant on Crofoot Hill Road, it was suggested to maybe just pick up the hoses, but after further discussion it was decided it would be better to just unhook the hose and lock the hydrant, if possible, instead of taking something that doesn't belong to us. Trustee Sullivan will look into getting a lock for the hydrant.

Sewer Plant Operator's Report:

Sewer Plant Operator Mark Sullivan reported on the following:

- He has been expecting to get drawings from Bob Boliver, for a long time but hasn't seen or heard anything from him. Clerk Failing will check on it.
- He is switching from Converse to Life Science, he can drop samples off in Lowville. Others are also switching as Life Science is making it more and more complicated to get the samples to them.
- Th Fecal Coliform testing is coming back high, but it is because there is no disinfection yet. Mayor Brown asked SPO Sullivan if the testing requirements will change once the Disinfection Plant is up and running, he said he has no idea what to expect. He thinks there will be some sort of training, but he really doesn't know.
- Clerk Failing told Mark he should submit his mileage for the trips to Syracuse and Watertown.

Other Business:

Mayor Brown reported that everyone that sent her a recommendation on a microphone to purchase, the cost was $400-$700. Clerk Failing ordered a wireless microphone from Amazon for $120.00. If it doesn't work out well on the 4th at the bandstand, we will return it.

Clerk Failing received an agreement from the Town of Pinckney in regard to the Joint Zoning Board of Appeals, to be signed by the mayor. There was no cover letter or explanation. We tabled it until the August meeting so Clerk Failing can check with Angie and/or Matt.

Trustee Wendt reported that the Zoning Commission meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:00, the next meeting is 7/16/24 they will review and discuss the changes made at the last meeting.

Trustee Sullivan reported that we don't have to get three quotes for the Chip sealing if we go with Suit Kote because they have the regional bid. He expects the work will be done in August or September.

Entertainment at the Bandstand was discussed. We will skip July; Sonia will check with Andy on possible playing August 14/15 or 21/22 or sometime in September. We will look for someone else for the month he doesn't do.

We discussed other food options, suggestions were NY Pizzeria Food Truck, Rusty Hot Dog Stand or possibly cooking on our own for donations to CFT. Christine said she thought we would need a permit.

Clerk Failing reported that she received the annual letter from Christman Fuel – the options were discussed, Clerk Failing will check to see what we did last year. (Prepaid for 700 Gallons - $2,443.00 last year)

Trustee Ward asked if they were going to take down the front of the pavilion or not. Mayor Brown said that Keith Bates told her they were going to take down the front and 3-4 sections on the playground side, it was discussed that it has been a couple of months since they were asked to. Trustee McDonald suggested that we should have something in writing regarding the dates they can be put up and a deadline date to be taken down.

Trustee Ward also noted that the dirt bikes continue to go up the school hill on one wheel, and the chickens continue to roam around the village streets. There was further discussion, but no one had a solution for the issues.

Christine Healt reviewed announcements.

Vouchers were audited and ordered paid.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm, on motion by Trustee Wendt and seconded by Trustee Sullivan and carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Mary Failing, Village Clerk