Village of Constableville

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 7, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Constableville, a Municipality, was held on October 7, 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
Angie Kimball, Tug Hill Counsel
Mary Wilton, Water Plant Operator (In training)

Call to Order: Mayor Samantha Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 September 11, 2024, monthly meeting. Trustee Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Trustee McDonald, 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 September 2024. Trustee Ward made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Trustee Wendt, all in favor, motion carried.

Water Plant Operator's Report:

Water Plant Operator Mary Wilton reported on the following:

- The light in clear well #3 (closest to the road) is out. The clear well will need to be drained so that Dave Ward can get in and fix it. He suggested moving the light over the access door. She would like to pressure wash and clean the clear well when it is empty. Trustee Sullivan said there are three (3) clear wells so as long as the other two (2) are online we should be able to. He said there is a drain that goes out to the ditch. She will talk to the Dept. of Health about it.
- The middle light in sand bed #2 is flashing, Chris is waiting for Dave Ward to replace the light bulb before he finishes cleaning it.
- After talking with Tom Smith and asking him how long the chlorine stays active in the water, she was curious about the water at the furthest house from the plant, in early October she stopped at the Hoskins/Deleon residence (Joe Santamore Farmhouse – 6016 John Street) and offered a chlorine test but she turned it down. She thought she should do this to protect herself, to make sure there was readable chlorine at that residence. She then stopped and tested Chris Panik's and it registered but it was pretty low. Mary W. said it is rare and infrequent that she will have to knock on any more doors, at least for another 3 years when the Lead & Copper test is due again, and it is the same people for that test every time, so they expect it.

Trustee Wendt asked Mary W. Aren't you required to take a test at a different place every day? She said no, she tests at the water plant every day and does random tests every four (4) days at her house. Tom was doing them at the cemetery, she is doing them at her house. There is also a report she sends to Claude at DOH that gives the chlorine level every four (4) hours, all of that data is on the computer.

- The lead service line inventory is completed, there are four (4) that did not reply/she was unable to get. Brenda Kelly refused for her house and Donald Frank's, the Frontier building and Andy Wendt's, (because it has been covered with a wall). According to Tom Smith those that did not comply will be tagged for water line replacement. She is meeting with Steve Freeman tomorrow at 3:30 to wrap it up for submission. Clerk Failing said she would join them.
- The In-flow meter is not working properly, Tom kind of repaired it but you can hear it in the pipe. Tom got a quote to replace the sensor at $2,660.00, she would personally put it on the back burner. Trustee Sullivan said he used to get a repair kit from RL Stone but he is not sure if they are in business anymore. He said that there was a box of parts for it somewhere.
- She could have gotten into the class in Watertown, but she had too many previously scheduled obligations, so she has registered for the class in Morrisville, the cost is $600.00 vs. $1,000.00 for the one in Watertown, it needs to be paid two (2) months prior.

Clerk Failing reported that Mary W. ordered two (2) test kits and tablets that we will need to reimburse her. She didn't realize the Village had an account, so Clerk Failing called USA Bluebook and asked them to take the sales tax off the order and to add Mary W. as a buyer on the account.

Clerk Failing reported that she received a bill from Boonville Municipal for tapping the main line for the Sullivan Farm.

Trustee Sullivan reported that he spoke with Casey from BCA, they would like to get Rural Water here again and send up the drone again in mid-October. Casey also mentioned that he would like to try to drain the reservoir again. Trustee Sullivan has concerns about doing this. Trustee McDonald asked about pumping it out instead of draining it, Trustee Sullivan said that is how Bernie Ward did it when he cleaned it last time. They had trouble then too. They had the springs blocked off and they were concerned about running out of water.

Sewer Plant Operator's Report:

Sewer Plant Operator Mark Sullivan had nothing new to report regarding the sewer disinfection project. Everything is running good at the plant. He has one more Coliform sample to do this year.

Clerk Failing reported that she and Mayor Brown received an email from Bob Boliver (BCA) that he had not heard anything back after submitting the plan.

Trustee Wendt had to leave the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Other Business:

Mayor Brown reported that she gave the Hockey agreement to Keith Bates. She has not heard back from him.

Mayor Brown stated that due to her poor community time for October she is looking for something festive for this winter and she is looking for entertainment funds for next summer for entertainment at the bandstand. Residents have told her how much they like the band nights.

Clerk Failing reported on the following:

- She published the notice for the Zoning Commission Public Hearing on October 15, 2024, at 6:00 at the library.
- We received a letter from the Department of Transportation, our CHIPS amount is up to $73,092.41.
- She received quotes from three of the Tree Service companies that she contacted.

    - Eager Beaver Tree Service: $1,200.00 for the list we gave him & $1,800.00 for the list plus approximately eight (8) other limbs he suggests we do as long as we are doing it.

- To the Top Tree Service: $4,860.00
- Randy Ehlers: $1,500.00 to lift the limbs away from the streets and sidewalks.
- Boek (formally Two Chaps) stated that he is overbooked and too busy to do it this year.

After some board discussion Trustee Sullivan made a motion to hire Eager Beaver Tree Service to do the job, Trustee McDonald seconded the motion, all in favor.

Angie handed out copies of an Intermunicipal Agreement for the Zoning Board of Appeals, she asked that we check the information regarding the Village. The following are the next steps in the Zoning Local Law process:

- 10/15/24 - Zoning Commission Public Hearing
- Commission presents it to the Village Board at the November meeting
- Village Board reviews and make changes if applicable
- Send to the County Planning Dept. for review, they have 30 days
- Village Board holds Public Hearing
- Village Board approves Zoning Local Law
- Zoning Board of Appeals will take effect in January

We will need one (1) representative, he/she cannot be a member of the Village Board. The representative will travel to the place of the appeal (Turin, Pinckney, Harrisburg, Montague or Constableville). The Village is responsible for paying for the cost of publishing a notice, if the appeal is in our Village, the ZBA member (if it is decided to pay him/her) and the mileage to and from the place of the appeal.

Angie also handed out a packet for the Board to review, regarding a Comprehensive Plan (Land Use Document) specific to Constableville which outlines general goals of the village. There is also a draft resolution included for the village to adopt. Mayor Brown stated that when applying for Grant funding we have been piggybacking off the Town of West Turin's Plan.

Christine Healt reviewed announcements.

Brittany Salmon entered the meeting at 7:15 pm. She stated that Joseph & Kristine Kraeger's dog is loose all the time, it attacked her dog on August 21, the Kraeger's paid the vet bill, but the issue is ongoing, her kids are afraid to go outside to play. She has called to report it several times. The last time the troopers told the Dog Control Officer, Aaron Ettinger, that he needs to be writing tickets. The Dog Control Officer is also an employee of the Town of West Turin, so he thinks it is a conflict because Doug is his boss.

Angie asked if the Village has a Local Law regarding Dog Control. Clerk Failing said yes and stated that she will send a copy to her and to all of the board members. She said that if the Dog Control Officer is hired by the Town he doesn't' have to enforce the Village Law. She said he should however enforce, if it is Dangerous Dog Situation – because that is a State Law.

After further discussion it was decided that Clerk Failing will send the Kraeger's a letter and a copy of the Local Law.

Vouchers were audited and ordered paid.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm, on motion by Trustee McDonald and seconded by Trustee Ward and carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Mary Failing, Village Clerk