

**PROCEEDINGS OF A CODE / BUDGET MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 4:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor: Alysa Plummer
Trustees: Renee Stetzer
Lili Lanphear
Justin Leitgeb
Dan Keating (arrives 12 minutes into the meeting)
Attorney: Jeffrey Turner
Recording Secretary: Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Plummer, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, call the meeting to order.

Vote: Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

The Board members indicated that they had no conflicts of interest to report.

MEETING ITEMS

The Village Clerk addresses the two new employees and HSA funding. The Clerk requests approval for the remainder of HSA funding through June 2023 for Matthew MacIntyre for a\$875.00 and monthly HSA funding for Brandon Hopkins for 250.00 per month.

Motion by Trustee Leitgeb, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve HSA funds for the new employees.

Vote: Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

The Village Clerk requests approval to issue a check for \$60.00 for the Mayor to attend the CSNYS Winter Symposium.

Motion by Trustee Lanphear, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve the \$60.00 check for the CSNYS Winter Symposium.

Vote: Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

The Superintendent seeks approval to hire engineer Scott Harter for his expertise and professional services regarding the sidewalk replacement on State Street from Schoen Place to the village line.

Trustee Keating arrives.

Motion by Mayor Plummer, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve the Superintendent to hire engineer Scott Harter, without exceeding \$7,000.00, for his services on reviewing the existing property lines relative to widening the sidewalk and what the impact would be on the residents on the north side of the sidewalk.

Vote: Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Keating – abstain, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*

Art Pires – 70 State Street - Will the village first establish the ROW line and share it with all State Street residents in advance of firming up sidewalk construction drawings?

VILLAGE CODE UPDATES

Item 23 - The Inspector addresses the issue of anyone in the village needing a variance for any proposed changes to their property. Further discussions will take place on whether the code should be modified for lot coverages, with Churches, commercial properties and residential properties being separate items.

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Item 24 – The Board discusses tabling this item as the building has been sold.

Item 26 – The Board will discuss this after reviewing a survey from the residents.

Item 28 – Code 210-34.2 – A/9 – The Inspector informs the Board that this code requires site plan review. This is a code that should be for commercial property and not residential. The Board wants to hear what the Planning Board says about this code.

Art Pires – 70 State Street - There are generators for residential properties. Why not require them under site plan review? Are there no yard setback issues? Why have a site plan review for a shed, etc. but not a ground-located generator? Also, screening considerations. Agrees with Trustee Leitgeb's and the Mayor's comments.

The Mayor states that we're all going in the same direction and will look at the other components to address this in the code.

The Inspector will modify the list of code updates to consolidate it with the update requests from PZBA.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Village Clerk discusses the Sewer Fund.

The Ford F-150 truck for the DPW has been cut.

The DPW cleaned up Sutherland Street. They realized Sutherland was in better shape than expected, so the budgeted money for that project will be used elsewhere.

The Board discusses a 15 percent increase (approximately \$20.00) in sewer bills.

The Village Clerk discusses ways to separate the General Budget and the Sewer Budget to allow the Sewer Budget to stand on its own and not have to borrow from the General Budget.

The Attorney says the controller will accept anything you have a reasonable justification for. If you can drill down and get an exact number, there cannot be an argument. The accountant and controller will need to ensure there are justifications in the file for your decisions.

The Village Clerk begins discussions on the General Fund.

The Board decides on the next meeting to continue discussing the tentative budget. March 7, 2023, at 4 pm. The Village Clerk will leave Sewer as is, with a few additions for the next meeting.

Art Pires – 70 State Street - Are or will the proposed Code changes be on the Village website for the public to view?

The Mayor responds that the local law will be made public after the attorney updates the changes.

Motion by Mayor Plummer, and seconded by Trustee Keating, adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Keating – yes, Plummer – yes. *Motion passed.*