

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2023

Board Members Present: Mayor Craig Miller
Trustee Bryan Woleben
Trustee Drew Ransom
Trustee Mark Belcher

Board Member Absent: Trustee Kari Doino

Present: Scott Jagoda, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Peter Clark, Attorney
Ken Becker, Streets
Braden Carmen, Observer
Rich Lewis, Sewer Dept.
Gloria McCormick, Dog Control Officer
John Penhollow, County Legislator
Charles Krauth, Ahira Hall Library
Julie Putter, Ahira Hall Library
Dave Hazelton 6:15

Mayor Miller opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments: Julie Putter discussed the Ahira Library future plans and invited the board to the upcoming community conversations panel with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department on 3/21/23.

Gloria McCormick discussed dog control situations and limitations to the job. She is not able to chase down loose dogs, go onto private property, unable to police dogs without knowing the owner. She will be doing an enumeration and rabies clinic in the future.

County Legislator John Penhollow discussed the Huntley building on Peerless St. and will set up a meeting with the Mayor to meet with Todd Thomas of the County law department to further discuss solutions.

Department Reports:

Scott Jagoda, Village Clerk/Treasurer – The mayor introduced a resignation letter from Leah Morse as office clerk with a motion to accept with regrets by Trustee Bryan Woleben seconded by Trustee Mark Belcher, voting was unanimous, motion carried. Leah will stay on to help with the transition of a new employee.

Fire Department – Jim Rizzo, Jr. Fire Chief – Mayor Miller introduced the monthly fire department report for February 2023, there were 23 calls for the month.

A motion was made by Trustee Bryan Woleben seconded by Trustee Mark Belcher to accept an estimate of maintenance on 1992 KME Pumper truck not to exceed \$40,000.00 to Gorman Emergency Vehicles pending they are the only company able to perform the work and subject to appropriate funds from 9501.9 capital fund – fire equipment to 3410.43 Vehicle Maintenance to make funds available to pay for truck repairs, voting was unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Belcher seconded by Trustee Drew Ransom to approve the purchase of new tires for the ambulance from Cooley Tire for \$3,776.06 at state bid pricing, voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Village Attorney Peter D. Clark – Peter met with Wendy Spinuzza and will work with her to fix issues ongoing in the village that require court hearings.

A motion was made by Trustee Bryan Woleben seconded by Trustee Mark Belcher to allow Hudson River Energy Group at the cost of \$18,000.00 to do an electric rate case study to apply for an electric rate increase, voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Ken Becker, Streets Dept. – Ken discussed ongoing projects and a motion was made by Trustee Bryan Woleben seconded by Trustee Mark Belcher to approve the purchase of \$635.00 of lumber to build new picnic tables for Ryckman Park, voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Wendy Spinuzza, Code Enforcement Officer – Mayor Miller introduced the code enforcement officers report for February, there were 2 permits issued and 10 violations.

Rich Lewis - Wastewater Treatment Plant – Rich noted he is still looking at pricing for a new truck.

Rich discussed the possibility of taking over the sewer billing from CBI, this was tabled for further discussion.

Electric Department – Joe Majkowski, Electric Lineman – The mayor introduced the monthly electric report.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Bryan Woleben – No report.

Trustee Kari Doino – No report.

Trustee Drew Ransom – Drew will continue to work with Kari on the summer recreation program and possibly combine with the library.

Trustee Mark Belcher – No report.

Mayor Report: - A motion was made by Trustee Bryan Woleben seconded by Trustee Mark Belcher to provide the Ahira Hall Library \$500.00 towards their summer concert series, voting was unanimous, motion carried.

New Business:

RESOLUTION 02-2023

RECTIFY CLERICAL ERROR

WHEREAS, Scott Jagoda, the Village Clerk for the Village of Brocton, has been being paid on a basis of 75 hours per pay period; and

WHEREAS, the actual salary for the prior Village Clerk and for Scott Jagoda should have been based on a salary of 80; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby recognizes that the difference in earnings based upon the appropriate salary schedule would be an additional \$11,493.08 through February 23, 2023 pay period, it is

THEREFORE, it is moved by Trustee Bryan Woleben, and seconded by Trustee Mark Belcher, that the Village of Brocton pay the sum of \$11,493.08 to Scott Jagoda to rectify clerical error.

__3__ ayes

__0__ nays

__1__ absent

Date: March 15, 2023

Scott Jagoda
Village Clerk/Treasurer

RESOLUTION 03-2023

APPROVE NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER

WHEREAS, Chief Jim Rizzo Jr. has requested to accept Matthew Morse pending a background check as a member of the Brocton volunteer fire department,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, authorization is approved to acknowledge and accept Matthew Morse as a volunteer firefighter.

Resolution was introduced by Trustee Mark Belcher, second by Trustee Bryan Woleben with vote as follows:

__3__ ayes __0__ nays __1__ absent

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Village Clerk/Treasurer

RESOLUTION 04-2023

BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has reviewed the recommendations from its auditors/accountants, Bahgat/Laurito-Bahgat, regarding budget transfers which are set forth in their letter dated March 12, 2023 and find said recommendations to be in order,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED; the following budget transfers as set forth in said letter are hereby approved;

GENERAL FUND

\$637	From A1360.4 Tax Overpayments & Refunds to A1950.4 Taxes on Municipal Property
\$2,000	From A1360.4 Tax Overpayments & Refunds to A1420.4 Law Contractual
\$436	From A1360.4 Tax Overpayments & Refunds to A3510.4 Control of Dogs Contractual

Resolution was introduced by Trustee Drew Ransom, second by Trustee Bryan Woleben with vote as follows:

__3__ ayes __0__ nays __1__ absent

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Old Business:

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Belcher, seconded by Trustee Drew Ransom to authorize payment of signed and approved vouchers. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bryan Woleben, seconded by Trustee Drew Ransom to approve February 15th regular meeting minutes as presented in written form. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mark Belcher, seconded by Trustee Bryan Woleben to approve the written reports as presented. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

With no further business brought before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:15p.m. by Trustee Bryan Woleben seconded by Mark Belcher. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Scott Jagoda
Village Clerk/Treasurer