

REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Board Members Present: Mayor David Hazelton
Trustee J. Dale Abram
Trustee Bryan Woleben arrived 7:33 p.m.
Trustee Dale Van Vlack, Jr.

Board Member Absent: Trustee Gary Planty – vacation
Sam Drayo, Jr, Village Attorney–inclement weather

Present: Sonia Luszczak, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Joe Majkowski, Electric Lineman
Ryan Hazelton, Wastewater Treatment Plant
Jim Rizzo, Jr., Fire Chief
Harold Smith
Kurt Smith
Ann Belcher, Observer

Mayor Hazelton opened the regular meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments: Harold Smith would like to clear up something that he has been reading in the paper regarding the rent charge for sewer. He would like to get it cleared up. The Mayor explained that the rent was probably the wrong word to use, but the rent charge was set up back in 1983 when they first set up the sewer law it was divided into three separate sections. The unit charge which is \$100.00 per year, \$25.00 per quarter, per 1,000 gallons of water used \$4.03 and the other part is what we refer to the rent charge is the assessment of your home or property of \$1.40 per thousand per year, which is broken out per quarter of .35 cents per thousand. Harold Smith does not have a sewer and does pay this charge even though he does not use the sewer. He believes that it is a tax, with which the Mayor agreed, stating that Paul Russell, the Engineer at the time, developed the billing. The reasoning, for example is a business like Country Fair who has a high assessment but uses very little water we would get very little revenue to pay for the sewer plant. By having the rent charge, everyone would pay the same charge per assessment. There was some discussion on the new water line and the road right of way and that the new line would be placed near his property. Mr. Smith would like to review the plans. The Mayor told him that he could come any time to review and discuss further his concerns.

Department Reports:

Sonia Luszczak, Village Clerk/Treasurer no report.

Jim Rizzo, Jr. Fire Chief – Rescue 201 is back at the hall and in service. Jim took the truck for a drive and it runs smoothly. Received the background checks for four (4) new recruits for the fire department to be added to the insurance roll.

Electric Department Head, Joe Majkowski reported he had been approached by Art Miller from Brocton Central School regarding help with posts for the new scoreboard at the school sometime late March or April. After discussion with the Board, they all agreed it was part of shared services and agreed that Joe could help.

Ryan Hazelton – Sewer Plant – Wanted to thank Joe Majkowski, Frank Cole and J. Dale Abram and the Mayor for all their help at the Sewer plant, over the past weekend. There was frozen valves that needed attention. The issue was resolved with their help and could not thank them enough for all that they completed.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Bryan Woleben asked the Board to review a listing of items that should be completed at the meeting room at the fire hall. There was discussion regarding some of the plans and this would help with getting quotes to get them completed.

Trustee Dale VanVlack no report.

Trustee J. Dale Abram wanted to thank all of the Village Employees on behalf of the Village Board, the guys have gone above and beyond during this weather that we have been experiencing as it can put a strain on everybody. As always, the Village crew steps up to help when needed. God Bless all of you to the Village Streets, Sewer Department, Water Department and Fire Department for all you do for the Village. The Mayor thanked them all as well for a great job.

Mayor Report:

Mayor Hazelton stated that the Regional Water meeting is being held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. at the North County Incubator, 214 Central Avenue, Dunkirk, NY. It is open to the public and he would suggest that anyone that had questions or concerns to please attend to ask those questions. The Mayor gave to the Board the most recent map of the regional water system and discussed three areas that were changed and the explanations for the changes. It will be a savings with the changes from 21 million to 12 million.

The Mayor would like to begin discussion on accepting credit card payment for our utility payments. It would create more cash flow sooner. He spoke to Fredonia, who does not accept them but Westfield does and has been doing so for 6 to 8 months and are receiving more and more payments. It would be a charge of 2.75% of the total bill or no greater than \$3.00 which is what they are being charged by the carrier. This is merely something to think about for the future.

New Business:

There was a motion made by Trustee Bryan Woleben add the following members to the insurance rolls for the Fire Department, second by Trustee Dale VanVlack. Michael Riforgiato, Todd Graves, Christopher Kelley and Todd Songer. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Resolution 10-15 Approval for payment to NYWEA for Ryan Hazelton' Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification

RESOLUTION 10-15

**APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT TO NYWEA FOR RYAN HAZELTON'S
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, Ryan Hazelton has completed training courses for Basic Operations, Basic Laboratory and Activated Sludge,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED authorization for payment is approved for the certification exam to NYWEA in the amount of \$150.00 so that Ryan will be able to take the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators certification.

Resolution introduced by Trustee J. Dale Abram, second by Trustee Dale VanVlack with vote as follows:

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

Dated: February 18, 2015

Sonia Luszcak
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Resolution 11-15 Removal of 10 East Main Street from Chautauqua County Tax Sale

RESOLUTION 11-15

REMOVAL OF 10 EAST MAIN STREET FROM CHAUTAUQUA
COUNTY TAX SALE

WHEREAS, premises at 10 East Main Street, Brocton (SBL 104.17-2-45) is presently being advertised by the County for a tax sale, and

WHEREAS the present owner has granted permission to the Village to inspect, enter and demolition the premises, and

WHEREAS the Village does not have funds available at this time to demolition the building but is seeking funds to do so, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor send the County a letter requesting that the County of Chautauqua postpone any tax sale of the premises until the Village has funds to demolition the premises and can move forward to complete demolition.

Resolution introduced by Trustee Dale VanVlack, second by Trustee Bryan Woleben with vote as follows:

3 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

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Village Clerk/Treasurer

Old Business:

The website still under works.

The Mayor reported that the General Code is being worked on.

A motion was made by Trustee J. Dale Abram, second by Trustee Bryan Woleben to authorize payment of signed approved vouchers. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Dale VanVlack, second by Trustee J. Dale Abram to approve February 4th minutes as presented in written form. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bryan Woleben, second by Trustee Dale VanVlack to approve the written reports as presented. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bryan Woleben, seconded by Trustee Dale VanVlack to go into executive session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss employee personnel issues and possible new employee. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

The Mayor asked the Board to please think about the meeting scheduled for April 1st, 2015 may have to be cancelled due to conflict of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor being out of town. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor Hazelton asked the board for a motion to go into executive session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. A motion was made by Trustee J. Dale Abram and second by Trustee Dale VanVlack. Vote was unanimous, motion carried. A motion to return to regular session from executive session was made by Trustee Bryan Woleben, second by Trustee J. Dale Abram with no action taken. Vote was unanimous, motion carried. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m by Trustee Bryan Woleben and second by Trustee Dale VanVlack. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sonia Luszcak
Village Clerk/Treasurer