

**UNAPPROVED**

Regular Board Meeting

September 15, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Present – Mayor John King, Trustees Philip Smith, Vincent Chicone, James Ryan, Steven Lawton

Absent – None

Also Present – Alyssa Hammond, Clerk-Treasurer; Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent, Antonella Purpura, Mary Wood, Bruce Baird, Jeff Confer, Maija Deroche, Gary Caccia

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for the pledge of allegiance.

Antonella Purpura is here on behalf of Sal's Bar & Grill. They are interested in holding a couple of events at the Main Street Park. The village board already gave their approval but she was there to give a quick update on the events. They were able to obtain an extension of their liquor license to cover the sale of alcoholic beverages at the park, they will be setting up hay bales and rope around the perimeter of the park as to control who is coming in and out, they will have an employee working "security" at the entrance checking ID's and putting a wristband on anyone that is over 21 that would be drinking alcohol, they will provide the clerk with the proper insurances, and the event will be a fundraiser with a portion of the proceeds to go toward the Montour Falls Fire Department. All board members agreed that they think that the event is a great idea, and they are in full support of it.

Antonella adds that Sal's Bar & Grill is interested in setting up a booth to serve alcohol during the Fall Harvest Festival on October 1, 2016. The booth would be directly in front of their business. This would require for the board to waive the open container law so that customers can walk down the street with open alcohol containers.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone to waive the open container law for West Main Street, from Owego Street to Genesee Street on October 1, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. AYES: Trustee Lawton, Trustee Chicone, Trustee Ryan, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Bruce Baird is here on behalf of Romeo Village Apartments/Belmont Management. He stated that there is a major drainage issue in the parking lot of the apartment complex. It is not only not draining out properly, but it is coming back in from the street. Superintendent Hillyard stated that he had met with Ken Parish in regards to the issue and that he stated that there wasn't enough grade there, and that is why there is such an issue. Superintendent Hillyard stated that he would work with Mr. Baird to come up with a solution as soon as possible.

Jeff Confer is present on behalf of SCOPED. He would like to update the board on the TAP Grant Application. He presented the board with a map showing the DOT right of ways along Route 14 and Route 224. The village would only be able to put in sidewalks in areas that there is a right of way. The pre application for the TAP grant is due by September 30, 2016. SCOPED will be working with Superintendent Hillyard to define a location that they would like to focus on, and get the pre-application done and submitted. There is a meeting scheduled with the DOT on September 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the SCOPED office. DOT should be able to give the village more of a definite plan of what type of construction they have planned and the timeline for completion.

Maija Deroche was present on behalf of the Montour Library. The Library is seeking an extension to their current contract, to include the exclusive use of the upstairs of the Village Hall for an extended period of time. The Library would like to use the space for cultural and arts events, musicals, trainings, children's groups, etc. They would like a term of somewhere between 5-15 years. They would offer around \$2,000-\$3,000 per year. The Library is growing and they are outgrowing the limited amount of space that they have in their building. Mrs. Deroche added that there are many groups from around the state that are looking for a way to get in down here, and it would be a great way to bring in a whole new group of people to the community. The Library received a 281% increase to their budget this year, and by using the space, they would be putting some of that money right back into the community. The board members asked Mrs. Deroche to come up with a more defined proposal of exactly what they would use the space for, the hours of use, the amount of annual rent they are offering, etc. They agreed to address it again at the next meeting.

Gary Caccia is a tenant at the Montour Marina & Campground; he has donated his time in the past to help the village get internet service installed to Geiger's Marine Services building, along with getting better internet service into the marina office. He has been in communication with the Village Clerk in regards to installing Wi-Fi hotspots in the marina and campground areas. He stated that it is something that the Village could charge the tenants for, and make a quick return on their investment. He is willing

to donate his time to contact the local companies to get quotes on what it would take to get this service installed. He is looking for the board's approval to make contact with the companies, and to authorize the Village Clerk to add him as a contact with the companies. He is not asking for any rights to make changes to current contracts, to sign into new contracts, or anything of the sort. He is only asking for permission to get quotes and arrange a meeting for them to come and take a look at the site and see what would be required.

Trustee Ryan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing Gary Caccia to explore the process of installing Wi-Fi hotspots throughout the Montour Falls Municipal Marina & Campground, further authorizing the Village Clerk to add him as a contact person to obtain quotes in regards to the same. AYES: Trustee Lawton, Trustee Chicone, Trustee Ryan, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor King reported that the hospital is looking for a letter of support from the Mayor and the Board in regards to a grant that they are applying for. The hospital is looking to do a lot of upgrades and changes to the facility.

Trustee Ryan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing Mayor King to sign a letter of support to be submitted with Schuyler Hospital's grant application. AYES: Trustee Lawton, Trustee Chicone, Trustee Ryan, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Board members received a letter from Marina & Campground tenant, Pamela Sheldon, in regards to an incident that happened on August 27, 2016. The letter stated that while they were having a get together with "several other campers and boaters" at their campsite (#271), a man pulled up around 10:45 p.m. in his truck and was beeping the horn, and video-taping her and the other campers and boaters because it was after the 10:00 curfew. After a heated discussion with the man in the truck and a few of the people that were attending the get together, she felt that the man was a threat because of a comment that he made about his right to "defend himself". The man eventually left, and went back to his own campsite. He came back on August 30, 2016 and apologized, but Ms. Sheldon would like the Village Board to keep record of the incident, because she felt that his comment was made as a threat.

The board members agreed that no one should make threats, and no one should feel threatened while staying in the Marina & Campground. They further added that these incidents should immediately be reported to law enforcement. The board members agreed that they would not be taking any action against the other party since there is no proof that the man was a threat, and that by him stating that he has a right to "defend himself" doesn't necessarily make him a threat. They further added that the 10:00 curfew is in place for a reason, and that the situation might have been avoided if the curfew was taken into consideration.

Mayor King wanted to revisit the discussion regarding the Library's use of the upstairs space at the Village Hall. He reminded the board members that the upstairs wasn't used for a long time, and that the Old Havana Courthouse Theater brought it back to being a useable space. His recommendation is that the Village maintain control of the use of the space, and that we could charge per use. He is further recommending that if the Village Board does agree to go into an exclusive contract with the Library for use of the space, then they should consider compensating Mr. Christoffels for the Air Conditioning units that he paid to have installed.

Trustee Chicone stated that the Village could still have control of what takes place, but that the Library would organize, coordinate, and manage the rental/use of the space.

Superintendent Hillyard stated that the village board might need to consider an upgrade of the heating system, further adding that they would need to seriously consider the rate that would be charged for someone to use the space all winter long because of the effects that it will have on the cost of utilities.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the Montour Falls Library to come up with a proposed contract for the Village Board to consider regarding the exclusive use of the upstairs of the Village Hall. AYES: Trustee Lawton, Trustee Chicone, Trustee Ryan, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Superintendent Hillyard reported:

- 114 Washington St. is boarded up and secured. We had to do it ourselves after a few calls from the Sheriff's Department. We will be sending them a bill for that.
- Would like to look into what it would take for the Village to take over some of these dialect properties.
- Suit Kote went through and sealed the cracks that didn't hold last time on West Main Street.

- Should be on the schedule in the next couple of weeks to get the resurfacing and the striping done.

Trustee Lawton offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on General Abstract for \$69,405.54, Water Abstract for \$2,537.83, Sewer Abstract for \$11,984.92. AYES: Trustee Lawton, Trustee Chicone, Trustee Ryan, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Lawton to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hammond, Clerk-Treasurer