

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

Absent – None

Also Present – Alyssa Hammond, Clerk-Treasurer; Mike Stamp, Kelly Povero, Andrew Yessman, Jake Burns, Lisa Kessler, Katie Serrine, Eric Hollenbeck

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

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone approving the minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting as presented. AYES: Trustee Lawton, Trustee Chicone, Trustee Ryan, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Jake Burns and Andrew Yessman were present on behalf of the Montour Falls Fire Department. They are presenting the board with a request to purchase a special operations vehicle. During the August 14, 2018 flooding the Fire Department received mutual aid from several surrounding departments to assist with the evacuation of the Marina residents. They believe that this new vehicle will be used for similar situations in the future. The vehicle is around \$10,000 and would be purchased from the NYS surplus items. Trustee Ryan stated that municipalities and fire departments are eligible to obtain New York State surplus items for free and suggested that they pursue that. Mr. Burns and Mr. Yessman agreed to pursue obtaining the vehicle at no cost and would check back in with the board at a future meeting.

Lisa Kessler is present on behalf of the Flower Divas. She is asking for the Village to cut down the tree directly in front of their shop. She said it is very overgrown and is hitting the building, and it totally blocks the view of the falls from that part of the street. Superintendent Hillyard agreed to look at it.

Eric Hollenbeck is here to talk to the board about the Shamrock and Run. He would like to hold it in Montour Falls again this year on St. Patricks Day, March 17, 2019. He would like to keep the same route as last year, which would require some temporary street closures. The board members agreed to allow Mr. Hollenbeck to host the event and stated that they would finalize the street closures and more specifics at a later date.

Mike Stamp was present on behalf of E.C. Cooper, the Village's insurance agent. He stated that the Village is required to obtain NYS Cancer Coverage for volunteer firemen. The coverage is required for all interior firefighters and is applicable for 5 years after they leave the fire service. The coverage is \$137.00 per firefighter per year. The board members agreed that since the coverage is mandatory, that they would like to move forward with it. Mr. Stamp agreed to get in contact with the Fire Chief to get some information from him and get the coverage in place. Mr. Stamp also stated that the Village's insurance company would like to see the Village adopt a sexual harassment policy, an employee handbook, money handling policy, and a cyber liability policy. The board members agreed to come up with policies and address them at the next board meeting.

Kelly Povero is present on behalf of the Montour Falls Library. She shared some statistics with the board regarding the events that the library has hosted over the last year and the attendance at those events. She said that attendance is up compared to previous years, and that they hope to continue to grow. She also asked the Village Board to consider extending the current lease agreement for the building out to 2030. The grant that she applied for requires this extension.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to extend the current lease agreement with the Montour Falls Library to 2030. AYES: Trustee Lawton, Trustee Chicone, Trustee Ryan, Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Ryan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the payment of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant October 2018 Invoices in the amount of \$752,412.97. AYES: Trustee Ryan, Trustee Lawton, Mayor King. NOES: Trustee Smith. Resolution carried.

Mayor King reported:

- Scott Welliver has an idea of what he plans to do with the old Shepard Niles property, but he is not prepared to officially announce it yet. It should be official in the near future.
- Will be out of town October 26th through November 7th, and then again November 13th through December 2nd.
- The She-Qua-Ga Falls Bridge repair is expected to begin in April 2019.
- Will be attending the Council of Governments Meeting on Wednesday, October 24th.

Superintendent Hillyard reported:

- Attended a meeting with FEMA regarding the flooding back in August and the requirements to submit a request for reimbursement. Will be working with Clerk Hammond to get that information submitted.
- Moved a camper out at the marina to allow for tree removal.

Trustee Lawton stated that as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, he attended the meeting of October 17th. Present at the meeting were a couple of residents of the village that expressed concerns over chickens and roosters in the Village. The residents stated that there is a property in Turner Park that has a rooster, that has been crowing all throughout the day and it is becoming a nuisance. Superintendent Hillyard stated that he is aware of the situation and has spoken to the owner of the rooster. There is currently no law against the ownership of chickens or roosters in the Village, so there isn't much that can be done by way of forcing the owners to get rid of them. Superintendent Hillyard stated that he would continue to monitor the situation and try to help come up with a solution.

Trustee Lawton offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the payment of bills on General Abstract \$100,497.33, Water Abstract \$5,083.93, Sewer Abstract \$7,019.36, Trust & Agency Abstract \$1,258.80. AYES: Trustee Lawton, Trustee Smith, Trustee Chicone, Trustee Ryan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hammond, Clerk-Treasurer