

Village of Union Springs Board of Trustees

Draft Minutes for October 17, 2017

In Attendance:

Trustees: Marion Case, Bill Boyd

Mayor: Bud Shattuck

Village Attorney: Chad Hayden

Deputy Clerk: Sharon Russell

Code Enforcement Officer: Howard Tanner

Absent: Trustees Brian Cornell, Dawn Locastro and Clerk Fleming

Pledge to the Flag: Mayor Shattuck began with the Pledge at 6pm.

Hear from the Public: No one from the public was in attendance.

Trustee Case began the meeting with a slide show presentation of the new “Frontenac Park” Playground Expansion. This showed the ground breaking, excavation and the community coming together to build the play ground equipment.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Review of the September 2017 Minutes, additions, corrections, etc. Motion to accept made by Trustee Case and 2nd by Trustee Boyd Passed

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report:

Financial Report for September.	Balance at 8/31/17	\$1,675,317.40
	Revenues:	207,024.44*
	Less Expenses:	<u>139,341.14</u>
	Balance as of 9/30/17	\$1,743,000.70

*Reflects the \$200K McIntosh donation for the Zack Property. (Deposited in the General Fund checking account).

Motion was made to approve the Relevy of the Village Taxes to Cayuga County Properties Totaling \$17,838.01.

Motion made by Trustee Boyd and 2nd by Trustee Case. Passed

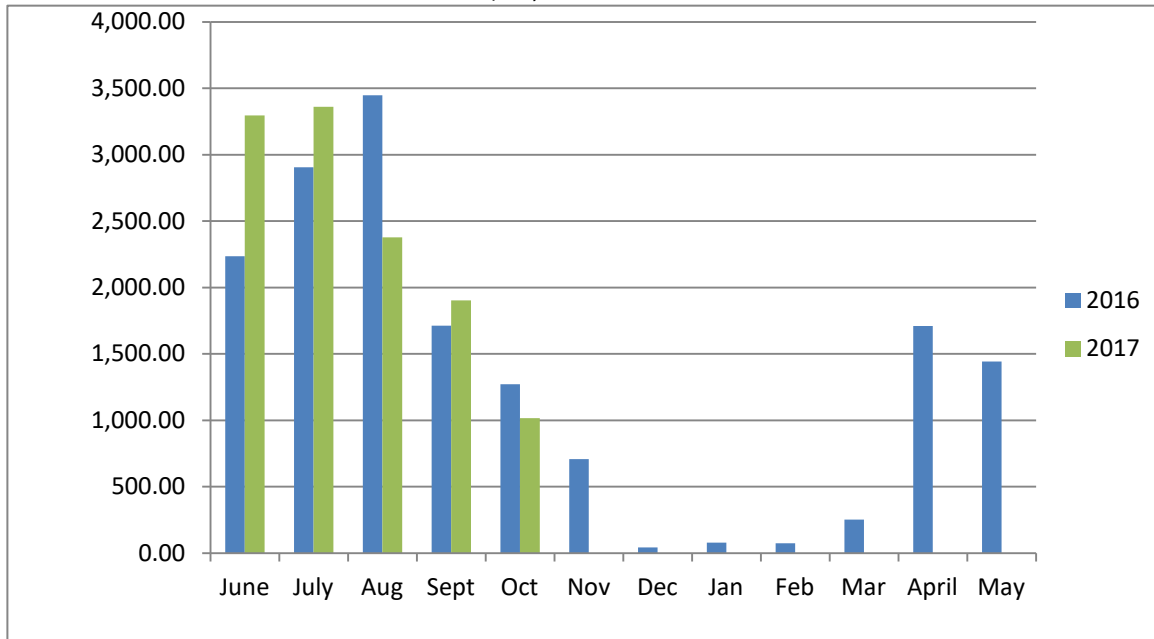
2018 Village Elections: Legal notice for Trustee terms expiring March 20, 2018. Two Trustee positions: Cornell and Locastro. Date of Elections fall on the same day as the Village Board meeting. The board decided to move the Village Board meeting to March 13, 2017.

Budget Modifications:

Motion to approve the Budget Modification was made by Trustee Case and 2nd by Trustee Boyd. Passed

Budget Modifications October 2017	
General Fund	
\$1,848.00	from A1420.4 (Attorney Contractual) to A8989.4 (Other Services Grant Writing)
Water Fund	
\$5,760.00	from F8320.4 (Pumping Station-Contractual) to F8320.2 (Pumping Station Capital Outlay)

Boat Launch Revenues for June-October \$11,671.46



Audit of Bills Abstract #5

General Fund: Vouchers: #226-268 \$72,836.29

Water Fund: #226-265 \$4,717.07

Sewer Fund: #229-264 \$7,630.90

Park Exp. Project # 261-263 \$1,950.47

Trust & Agency: #228-251 \$1,665.65

Motion to accept Abstract #5 made by Trustee Boyd and 2nd by Trustee Case

Code Enforcement Report:

Code Enforcement report for October 2017

Permits:

1721 = Bill Boyd – 28 Hillview Drive(Addition)

1722 = Bill Boyd – 9 Scobey Street (deck)

1723 = Union Springs Academy (roof over school)

Orders To Remedy

Karen Zimmer – 16 Basin Street (mold)

James McDonald – 21 Center Street (bugs)

Certificate of Occupancy

Parking Tickets 1

Updates

- Daylight savings is ending remember to change your smoke detector batteries
- Larry Wolfe

Larry Wolfe discussion: Property owner is due back in court on October 18, 2017.

The property is being offered for sale at the assessed value. Village Attorney Hayden suggested that time limits be set up. At 90 days reassess situation and have property owner make the property available at a lower price. Then 90 day later relook at whole situation and go back into court for a resolution.

Any buyer of the property must be made aware that they will be responsible to clean the property up.

Dept of Public Works:

Discussion was had regarding the Water Main Break at the Corner of Seminary and Anthony St on Saturday, October 14, 2017. The cause of the break was Bolts that had rusted out where the main went from an 8" to 6" pipe. There was a delay as the DPW had to wait for Dig Safe to respond. The village completely ran out of water. The Mayor notified many local businesses about the situation. New Backhoe arrived just in time for this major repair.

Also, discussed were ways to notify the public in the future when emergency situation arise. Reverse 911, mailings etc. Landlords would need to pass information on to their tenants. Possibility of doing a joint mailing with the Town of Springport.

Mayor Shattuck reported that 14 fire hydrants in the village had to be bagged because of age and repairs are needed.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Boyd discussed the possibility of a Lighted Sign by the Gazebo on Cayuga Street. The sign could be utilized to welcome people to the area of Union Springs. With other usages such as "Time & Temperature", notifications of emergencies, upcoming events, etc.

Trustee Case discussed the update on the park playground area. She commended the DPW, local contractors, and organizations and individual that have assisted in the playground area. The Lions Club has provided the village with a plaque that needs to be placed at the playground. It was decided that the bench that was donated to the park by the Tanner family will be placed in the playground area and that a concrete foundation will be under the bench. The Lions Club plaque will be embedded into the concrete with lag bolts to help prevent theft.

The second bench that the Tanner family donated has been installed in the South End of the park by John Tanner.

Discussed how/where to dispose of old playground equipment. Trustee Boyd could arrange for pick up if the equipment was donated to the SDA Church/School. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Notify Insurer of the new playground equipment.

Mayors Report:

LWRP Committee will be meeting on October 18, 2017 at 6:00pm. Plans and cost associated with the plans will be available.

DOT reporting buildings will probably not be torn down before 2019. Archeology studies have yet to be done and will begin in the spring.

Tompkins County Health Consortium rates will increase by 4% next year.

Girls Scouts have built picnic tables and Mayor Shattuck will be writing letters acknowledging them.

Eagle Scouts – Mayor Shattuck has been formally invited to their banquet and may attend, he also will write letters congratulating them.

Cargill – Email received from Bill Hecht:

Here is the material that John Dennis sent regarding the lack of state oversight of Cargill, lack of public review and the placement of material under "trade secret confidential status" that blocks the public from the environmental review process. I would remind the board that Cargill refuses to acknowledge any oversight by NY State of their mining. Mining that is taking place on State land.

There has never been made public a full environmental and geological review of the mine.

But my biggest concern is how the public has been cut off from reviewing important geological and geophysical data. They cut us out back in 2004 and now with the new shaft and mining to the north. The State Environmental Quality Review process has been circumvented by Cargill and cut out both the public and local municipalities from reviewing critical data.

This is a serious problem that needs addressing.

John Dennis is asking the Village of Union Springs to consider joining this Article 78. I see this not as an action to stop CARGILL but an action to make the review of this process of permitting their actions transparent.

I hope that the Village will join in this action.

Sincerely

Bill Hecht

An issue with Cargill/DEC on the lack of a proper SEQR being done in relation to the new shaft proposed. It was discussed and a resolution (#013-2017) was passed to join an existing Article 78.

Water/Sewer Rates suggested a 2-3% (rounded to the nearest dollar) increase every year on the budget cycle instead of large jumps. This will be discussed further when we are in the budget process.

Website-Mayor Shattuck was seeking feedback on a municipal website he has found and would like to have considered as a new website for the village to use. His thoughts are that our present website is not user friendly.

Auction Sales of equipment: Discussion on the sale of surplus equipment on the online auction site Auctions International. Whether to set a reserve bid price was discussed with no final decisions made. It was Resolved to sell the equipment at auction and to accept the bid as final at the end of the auction. Motions were made by Trustee Boyd and 2nd by Trustee Case.

Village of Union Springs

Resolution 2017-11

Resolution to sell at auction: surplus, obsolete, upgraded, replaced, and/or misc. equipment.

Whereas, the Village is upgrading vehicles, equipment and other parts as needed; and

Whereas, the sale of such will contribute to the replacement cost; and

Whereas, the removal will also contribute to a cleaner, safer environment;

therefore be it **Resolved**,

The Village determines that the equipment listed in the attached are surplus to the needs of the village and agrees to sell at online auction all such equipment using Auctions International as the agent of the village.

Motion made by Trustee William Boyd, Jr. to proceed to sell equipment and 2nd by Trustee Marion Case

Boyd Aye

Case Aye

Cornell Absent -0-

Locastro Absent -0-

Shattuck Aye

3 Aye – 2-0’s Motion Passed

Recorded by

Sharon Russell

Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Village of Union Springs

Resolution 2017-12

Resolution to accept the bid as final at the end of auction for surplus, obsolete, upgraded, replaced, and/or misc. equipment.

Whereas, the Village is upgrading vehicles, equipment and other parts as needed; and

Whereas, the sale of such will contribute to the replacement cost; and

Whereas, the removal will also contribute to a cleaner, safer environment;

therefore be it **Resolved**,

The village agrees to accept the bid as final at end of auction of all pieces of equipment listed in the attached using Auctions International as the agent of the village.

Motion made by Trustee William Boyd, Jr. to finalize bid and authorize the sale of equipment and 2nd by Trustee Marion Case

Boyd Aye

Case Aye

Cornell Absent -0-

Locastro Absent -0-

Shattuck Aye

3 Aye – 2-0's Motion Passed

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Village Attorney's Report:

No Action from the governor's office regarding retainer agreement with Nixon/Peabody. Everything is still at a standstill with the Cayuga's. Nothing settled.

Rental Agreements. Will work on the draft of a local law for rentals of residential properties. Things to be considered are if grinder pumps can handle large groups of people, parking of cars, numbers of people and excess garbage.

Palmer Water/Sewer Bill – Attorney Hayden stated that the billing is a water/sewer service charge and not a consumption charge, so he must pay the bill.

Zach Property – Mayor Shattuck has met with Denny Zack and Mr. Zack stated that there are some family legal issues that are being dealt with. Trustee Boyd wants a signed agreement with Mr. Zack. Attorney Hayden will put an offer together.

New Business:

Veteran’s Day – after research of when the Federal Government will recognize the Veteran’s Day holiday for its employees it was decided that the Village would follow the same schedule and give Friday, November 10th off to its employees. The office and DPW will be closed on that date.

.gov website – Attorney Hayden would like us to change from a .com to a .gov website. The fee to register the domain would run approximately \$125 - \$175.

Miscellaneous Correspondence:

CCAV dinner meeting @ Sunset 10/24/17, Rick Blafied, from the Office of the State Comptroller is the speaker.

Any other business to come before the board.

Motion to Adjourn 8:35pm made by Mayor Shattuck and 2nd by Trustee Boyd

Next Meeting: November 21, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Russell

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer