

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 25, 2022,
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari

Trustees: Owen Toale, Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano

Police Chief Kenward, Fire Chief Jackson, Department of Public Works
Superintendent Jason Watts, Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner

Excused: Attorney Matthew Brooks

Mayor Sidari called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of
Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Sidari said that National Night out is planned for August 2, 2022, at the
Medina High School. A subcommittee has been appointed through the Police Advisory Committee and
they were enthusiastically working on the details of the event. A Certificate of Insurance would need to
be submitted to the Medina District Office for the event.

Mayor Sidari said that the Friends of the Medina Dog Park had submitted a
request that was discussed at the workshop meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The request
to change the location of the small dog park section as submitted by the Friends of the Medina Dog Park
is granted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said the YMCA had submitted three requests which were discussed
at the workshop meeting. One request was to have bikes staged at Rotary Park that can be utilized
through an app-based bikeshare system.

Trustee Toale said he did not want any liability on the volunteers or the Village
for having the bikes placed at Rotary Park.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Marciano. The
YMCA is allowed to install a bike rack in Rotary Park with no liability to the Village of Medina.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The YMCA is
allowed to store a trailer in the canal basin to hold kayak excursions.

All ayes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott seconded by Trustee Sherman. The YMCA is authorized to place a 9-hole disc golf course at Gulf Street Park.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said the Orleans Renaissance Group had submitted an addendum to the State Street Park Pavilion Permit Application requesting permission for the consumption of alcohol at Blues Thursdays to be held July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4 and 11, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The State Street Park Pavilion Permit Application is amended allowing permission for the consumption of alcohol on Blues Thursdays held in July and August 2022.

Trustee Maricano	Aye	Trustee Toale	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye	Trustee Elliott	Abstain

Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that the Strategic Planning Visionary Committee had their first meeting, and an additional meeting was scheduled for April 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Marciano. Mary Lewis is appointed to the Tree Board for a three-year term.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that Hannah Forder had taken the Account Clerk Civil Service Exam and had placed in the top position on the list.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Elliott. Hannah Forder is permanently appointed to the position of Account Clerk with a probationary period of 52 weeks.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that the Town of Shelby has agreed to pay for one third of the Notification System, a total cost of \$3,900.00 per year for three years with the Village's portion being \$2,600.00 per year and the Town of Shelby's share being \$1,300.00 per year.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Sherman. Mayor Sidari is authorized to sign the three-year agreement with Hyper-Reach, an Emergency Mass Notification System at a cost of \$3,900.00 per year to be paid out of the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that Generations Bank agreed to a purchase price of \$17,000.00 for the lot adjacent to the Village Clerk's Office. He said he would like the Board to consider purchasing this property for future expansion of the Village Clerk's Office with the prospect of adding on a conference room to hold Village Board meetings.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Toale. The Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement with Generations Bank for the parcel of land, specifically 121 Park Avenue, tax map number 343401 80.45-1-1 for the purchase price of \$17,000.00 to be paid out of the American Recuse Plan Act funds not to exceed \$20,000.00 with closing costs.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that Superintendent Watts was requesting a Memorandum of Agreement to include an increase in clothing allowance from \$825.00 to \$900.00, an increase in cell phone allowance from \$300.00 to \$350.00, to be able to carry over up to two weeks of vacation into the next fiscal year and to be paid for half of any unused personal time.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Mayor is authorized to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Medina and the Superintendent of Public Works for the items requested.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that Barton and Loguidice had submitted a proposal in the amount of \$12,300.00 for the design of a new Fire House with the anticipation of the purchase of a new ladder truck. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sidari said that he requested that the Town of Shelby put in writing their request to discontinue water at Freeman Road for the period of one quarter so that the Board may review the proposal. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sidari stated the Clerk-Treasurer had submitted a listing of vacant property fees that the board should consider waiving as tax searches had been completed, however a search was completed on only the current year owing and not prior years or due to special circumstances.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Toale. The following vacant property registry fees are removed:

343401	69.18-1-20	145 North Street	\$ 750.00
343401	79.11-4-49	526 Erie Street	\$1,250.00

343601	79.60-1-22	800 Gwinn Street	\$ 550.00
343601	80.13-1-71	1011 West Avenue	\$1,357.24
343601	80.13-2-46.1	1215 South Main Street	\$1,369.39
343601	80.13-3-21	1023 Elm Street	\$1,369.39
343601	80.45-3-37	739 Church Street	\$2,369.39
343601	80.45-3-45	711 Church Street	\$1,300.00

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that he had received three Applications for Use of Park Facilities. The Medina Women’s Softball League had requested the use of Butts Park from May 9, 2022 through August 8, 2022, The Segunda Iglesia Fieles Discipulos de Cristo requested the use of Butts Park on July 30, 2022 to hold an Outreach to the Community event and The Village of Medina Tourism Committee is requesting use of the Gazebo at State Street Park on July 10, 2022 to hold a Concert in the Park for the Cycle the Canal Event.

Mayor Sidari said he was contacted about the gazebo and that an individual had offered to remove it to keep it intact. The Board and Superintendent of Public Works both expressed their concerns over the rotted condition of the gazebo. No action was taken.

Mayor Sidari said that the Occupancy Tax Resolution that had been passed on April 11, 2022, and submitted to the State needed to be updated as the Senate Bill number had changed.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The following resolution regarding an Occupancy Tax in the Village of Medina.

WHEREAS, the Village of Medina is actively seeking to better its position as a tourist destination for its own residents, the residents of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts, the Village of Medina has interest in becoming a tourist destination based on numerous aspects, including the Erie Canal, the Village of Medina’s historic downtown corridor and agri-tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Medina finds it necessary to impose an occupancy tax in the Village of Medina in order to proceed forward and continue to improve upon these goals and providing funding therefor; and

WHEREAS, it has been introduced into the New York State Senate, Bill No. S. 3643, by Senator Robert Ort and the New York State Assembly, Bill No. A.9767, by Assemblyman Stephen Hawley in order to authorize the Village of Medina to adopt an occupancy tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Medina respectfully requests that both Houses of the New York State Legislature pass and adopt said legislation to be known as New York State Law Section 1202-z-4, entitled “Occupancy Tax in the Village of Medina” for the above-stated reasons.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari presented the following General Fund Budget Synopsis for the 2022-23 Budget:

Salaries	\$3,117,347.00
Equipment	76,051.00
Reserve for Equipment	30,000.00
Contractual Expense	1,411,321.00
Capital Projects	52,212.00
Employee Benefits	1,398,334.00
Debt Service	243,950.00
Total Appropriations	\$6,329,215.00
Estimated Revenues	\$2,583,075.00
Cash Surplus	450,000.00
Total Revenues and Cash Surplus	\$3,033,075.00
Balance to be Raised by Taxes	\$3,296,140.00
Taxable Valuation	\$173,928,941.00
Estimated Tax Rate	\$18.9511
	0.951%

The Mayor thanked the Department Heads and Board members for their efforts in this budget proposal.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The 2022-2023 Budget is approved.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Toale seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Water and Sewer Fund Budgets for 2022-2023 are approved.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Toale. The minutes of March 28, 2022, April 4, 2022, and April 11, 2022, are approved as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The bills as submitted are authorized for payment.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Police Chief Kenward had distributed his monthly report. He said that Sergeant Navas had completed his probationary period and is now appointed permanently to the position. He said the Police Advisory Committee had met and continues to work on hosting National Night Out. He said they continue to reach out to the community and are receiving positive feedback.

Fire Chief Jackson had distributed his monthly report. He said there was a house fire on E Center Street the early morning of April 22, 2022. He said all crews did a great job keeping damage to a minimum. He thanked Lyons Collision for setting up cars in order to hold two auto extrication training sessions. He said the third county Ambulance Task Force Meeting was held. There were three critical areas the Task Force was focusing on, augment services, contract with existing providers and exploring something similar to Medina.

Code Officer Gardner had distributed his monthly report. He said Mariachi de Oro was working on their expansion. He said the Hart House Hotel had received a grant and was requesting to place an ADA ramp in front of the building as well as other upgrades to the building. This would be going in front of the Planning Board the first week in May.

Superintendent Watts said that trees had been planted in the 300 block of South Avenue and one in front of City Hall. He said New York Rural Water was out to assist in detecting leaks on Genesee and South Avenue. He said the leak on Maple Ridge Road was scheduled to be repaired overnight, beginning on April 25th with the assistance of Niagara County Water District. He said a new sign board had been installed at Pine Street Park. Benches, trash cans and history signs were placed on Main Street.

Mayor Sidari said that he had met with the Iroquois Job Corp and that he was confident that they would be able to paint the Village Clerk's Office, with the Village needing to supply the paint.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Elliott. The meeting is moved into executive session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss the contractual matter relating to a particular person.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The meeting is moved out of executive session at 8:16 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott, seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Village Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to pay Michael Sanders one half of the remaining balance of his accumulated sick time bank for health insurance to be paid in equal payments over the next three years.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Toale. The meeting is adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer