

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari, Trustees Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano

Police Chief Chad Kenward, Fire Chief Matthew Jackson, Superintendent of Public Works Jason Watts

Excused: Vice Mayor Owen Toale
Attorney Matthew Brooks

Mayor Sidari called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 2-2023, an amendment to Chapter 194 - SEWERS.

As no interested persons wished to speak, Mayor Sidari closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Sidari introduced Melissa Valley. Ms. Valley presented the Board with a packet of bids to cover the cost of installing a new basketball court at Butts Park. Mayor Sidari said the Board has an idea about how much they would like to commit to the project and asked if there was a way the additional funds could be raised. Ms. Valley said her concern was not starting the project, contractors would start to commit to other projects and she would have to start over obtaining bids for the project. The matter was tabled.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Resolved, A Local Law No. 2-2023, Chapter 194 – SEWERS:

Title: **Amendment to Sewer Law - Penalties for Significant Industrial Users.**

Section 194-54. Penalties for Significant Industrial Users.

Any private corporation classified as a Significant Industrial User (SIU) committing an offense against any provision of this Part 2 shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a violation pursuant to the Penal Law of the State of New York, punishable by a fine of \$2,500 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said he had received correspondence from the Town of Ridgeway, asking for input on a request from the Orleans County Board of Elections. The Board of Elections is requesting that the Town of Ridgeway consider consolidating the polling stations in the Town of Ridgeway into one. The proposal would be to close the station at the Ridgeway Town Hall and move it to the

Ridgeway Fire Department. Mayor Sidari said he felt this would be a hinderance to the Town of Ridgeway Village of Medina residents. Trustee Marciano said as a poll worker, she agreed with the Mayor. It could cause a hinderance to Village of Medina Town of Ridgeway voters having to travel out of the Village to vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Mayor Sidari is authorized to send a letter to Supervisor Napoli advising against poll consolidation.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The following are appointed to the Police Advisory Committee: Karen Boston, Susan Todd, Jean Wetherbee and Hector Fuentes.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said nine firms were approved by the Department of Transportation to submit proposals for the Pedestrian Bridge Project. Request for proposals were submitted to these nine firms, five responded and were interviewed. Barton and Louguidice Engineers is the firm recommended for the project. They have partnered with Wendel Engineers; with Lu Engineering as a subcontractor. Wendel Engineers have already been paid for preliminary work on the project.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The Mayor is authorized to advise New York State Department of Transportation that Barton and Louguidice's Pedestrian Bridge Project proposal has been accepted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Fire Chief Jackson said the AFG Grant Application was submitted on January 31, 2023. The proposed ambulance increases were submitted to the Board for review. The EMS Charts contract will be up for renewal on May 21, 2023. The new contract rate is \$5,678.40 a year for five years or \$5,808.00 a year for three years. He said he had sent an email to the Board regarding the addition to the building as well as the purchase of a new ladder truck and a new ambulance.

Mayor Sidari said he is requesting to hold a public information session showing why an addition to the building is needed. Trustee Marciano said she would like to keep the Clerk's Office addition separate from the Fire Department addition. Trustee Elliott said the Board needs to sit down and hash out both projects. Trustee Sherman said she is in favor of scheduling a meeting where the public is welcome to come and see the condition of the Fire Department and to address the needs of the building.

A motion of Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott, The Village of Medina Board will hold a special meeting and meet at the Fire Department with Fire Chief Jackson on Monday February 27th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss expansion and the need for a new ladder truck.

All ayes
Motion carried.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Superintendent Watts presented his monthly report stating a water main leak had been fixed between Gwinn and Genesee Street, downed limbs had been picked up at Boxwood Cemetery, they had pruned trees, and he had met with Barton and Louguidice Engineers on the water study grant.

Police Chief Kenward said he has had one officer resign to work at an agency in Palmyra, another officer is actively seeking employment at another agency, the Medina School District is requesting a second School Resource Officer, and with the Board knowing his intentions, he would like to hire three additional police officers as the Police Academy would start on March 6, 2023. He said interviews were conducted and he is recommending that Miles Erickson, Felicia Holtz and Brandon Clouser are appointed to the vacant Police Officer positions.

A motion of Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano, Miles Erickson is appointed to the position of Police Officer effective March 3, 2023, Felicia Holtz is appointed to the position of Police Officer effective March 4, 2023, and Brandon Clouser is appointed to the position of Police Officer effective March 5, 2023. These positions will be paid at the new officer pay rate per the contract with a probationary period of seventy-eight weeks.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said Governor Hochul announced that the Village of Medina had been awarded the New York Forward grant in the amount of 4.5 million dollars. Mayor Sidari said the State will provide a representative to meet with the Village and committees will be formed. The State will approve the projects that the Village wishes to move forward on.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman, the meeting is adjourned into executive session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss a collective bargaining agreement.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Sherman, the regular meeting is reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Webster Szanyi LLP is contracted to review both the Fire and Police contracts in reference to the language and legalities of both.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Sherman.
The meeting is adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer