

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

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

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

Attorney Matthew Brooks

Excused: Trustee Owen Toale

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

Mayor Sidari introduced Timothy Bivens and Joshua Conley from Barton and Loguidice who presented drawings on a proposed addition to the existing Fire Station and an addition to the Village Clerk's Office to include a new Community Room. Chief Jackson said that the ladder truck, which is several years old, needs replacement. If a new ladder truck is purchased, there would need to be a place to encompass this piece of equipment. The Mayor said that an addition to the Clerk's Office would include a meeting room which would be ADA compliant.

Mr. Bivens stated this design is preliminary and the outside of the building could be whatever the board chose it to be, noting that the building is part of the historic district. Trustee Sherman asked if an elevator could be added to City Hall to better utilize the building. Trustee Elliott and Trustee Marciano both asked if there was a way to cut down on the cost of the new building. Mayor Sidari said this is a preliminary draft and asked the Board to digest what was discussed for future discussion.

Mayor Sidari said the Niagara County Water District is presenting resolution NCWD-102-22 which would raise both the inside and outside water rates. The out of district cost would be increasing by twenty cents January 1, 2023, to \$2.00 per one thousand gallons, then increased to \$2.20 on January 1, 2025, and \$2.40 as of January 1, 2027.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Richard Moss is recommended as the Orleans County Planning Board Alternate.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that since Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday this year, he is recommending that the Village Clerk's Office closes on Friday December 23, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The Village Clerk's Office will be closing on December 23, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in observance of the Christmas Eve Holiday.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said the contract with CGI, who had constructed the video presentation that is on the Village Website has expired. Mayor Sidari said he would like to renew the contract without updating the video. He said there is not a cost associated with the contract renewal. Ms. Gabrielle Barone said that people do look at the video, the Village of Medina is receiving a lot of attention.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The Mayor is authorized to sign the contract with CGI.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that a request was received for the water account located at 312 Catherine Street. The account is currently in arrears and the customer is requesting additional time to pay the bill.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The water customer at 312 Catherine Street is allowed six months to make payments on the outstanding water bill, however any current amounts will need to be paid.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The Minutes of November 28, 2022, are approved as submitted.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

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

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that Kathy Blackburn is requesting that Gloria Brent be appointed to the Boxwood Cemetery Commission as an alternate.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Gloria Brent is appointed to the Boxwood Cemetery Commission as an alternate.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Gardner did not have anything to report.

Police Chief Kenward wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Superintendent Watts said the bucket truck had been repaired and his department was continuing to cut trees. He said a leaky valve was found at the transmission main on Maple Ridge Road. He said he would be meeting with Niagara County Water District and may need to schedule a shut down in that area to repair the leak. He said the Ridgeway Water District meter at East Center Street was repaired. He said the meter for the Furnace Parkway District would be repaired this week. He said the new trackless, snowblower, mower was received, and his department had received training on using the equipment. He said the wreaths for the Wreaths Across America ceremony had been delivered.

Fire Chief Jackson congratulated Director of Emergency Management Dale Banker on his recent retirement. He said Justin Niederhofer was hired to fill his position. He said that there had been critical EMS calls lately, both trauma and medical. He said his crews had performed at the highest level, having good patient outcomes. He acknowledged Training Officer Adam Fisher. He said Adam was selected as one of the NYS instructors to spend a few days at the training grounds in New York City to teach the FDNY's instructors this new class and the standards and expectations that go along with it. Fire Chief Jackson said that he had two thermal imaging cameras that were not working. One was purchased in 2006, the other in 2016. He said the cost to purchase two new cameras was \$5,998.00. He said he had \$5,048.00 remaining in allocated ARPA funds and requested that he be able to use these unused funds toward the purchase of two thermal imaging cameras.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Fire Chief Jackson is authorized to purchase two new thermal imaging cameras at the cost of \$5,998.00.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Attorney Matthew Brooks said that he had submitted proposed local 1-2023 to the Clerk's Office for publication.

The Mayor opened the second public comment period. Morgan Claxton approached the Board and said that his mother's water account had been shut off for non-payment. He was requesting that the \$75.00 reconnect fee be waived. He acknowledged looking for the water bill but was not able to find it.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The \$75.00 reconnect fee for 611 W. Center Street will be waived and Morgan Claxton would be treated as if he were a new water customer.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Sean Ramsey said that he was also contracted with CGI but did not receive a video. Mayor Sidari said he would give Mr. Ramsey their contact information.

Mayor Sidari said this would be the last meeting for December and wished everyone a Happy Holiday. He also said that Towne School is currently under contract to be sold.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The meeting is moved into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular individual.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The regular meeting is reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Sherman. Brett Goheen is appointed to the position of Meter Reader per the position's duties statement with a probationary period of twenty-six weeks.

Trustee Sherman	Aye	Trustee Elliott	Opposed
Trustee Marciano	Aye	Mayor Sidari	Aye

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. The water rate sliding scale as presented by Mayor Sidari is approved.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Sherman. ARPA funds in the amount of \$7,200.00 will be submitted to the Skatepark Project for the partial return of environmental impact funds that were awarded.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jada A. Burgess  
Clerk-Treasurer

