

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY JULY 24, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Present: Mayor Michael Sidari

Trustees Marguerite Sherman, Timothy Elliott, Jessica Marciano, and Diana Baker

Fire Chief Matthew Jackson, Police Chief Todd Draper, Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner and Superintendent of Public Works Jason Watts

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 opened the first public comment period. Louis Buckner addressed the Board, stating that he lives on Maple Ridge Road, had spoken with Jason Watts, the Superintendent of Public Works about tapping into the Village's water line. Superintendent Watts said that there is a one-inch line that feeds Sanderson Road and that is possible for Mr. Buckner to tap into that line. He said the owner would pay for the materials and would need to pay for the service to the home. The homeowner would be charged the outside Village rate.

Tara Neace stated she was representing David Anderson, the property owner of 724 Church Street. The Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation (NORLIC) had demolished the home located at 724 Church Street and had sold the property to Mr. David Anderson. Mr. Anderson requested that the vacant property fees and property maintenance fees are removed pursuant to a tax exemption affidavit signed on April 18, 2023, by NORLIC. Attorney Brooks said that the majority of the taxes on this property have been paid and that the land bank and our vacant property registry are essentially doing the same thing. Attorney Brooks also reviewed the statute and suggested that the Board consider removing both the vacant property and property maintenance fees.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Elliott. In conjunction with the statute, that the owner of 724 Church Street, Mr. David Anderson, is held harmless from any and all real property taxes due prior to April 17, 2023, and working with NORLIC in an effort to improve abandoned properties within the Village of Medina, it would be in the interest of the Village of Medina to waive the property maintenance fees in the amount of \$530.00 and the vacant property fees in the amount of \$3,550.00, for a total of \$4,080.00.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that interviews had been held for the open firefighter position.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Sherman. Dylan Schreader to appointed to the position of Firefighter-EMT with a starting salary of \$42,281.97 with a start date of August 7, 2023, with a seventy-eight-week probationary period.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A request was received by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Snyder, requesting that late fees in the amount of \$200.00 be removed from their water bill located at 149 North Street. No action was taken.

Mayor Sidari said that he had received and reviewed the School Resource Officer Agreement from the Medina Central School District. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sidari said that Trustee Marciano had altered the Village Volunteer Application per prior Board discussion and had sent two separate applications to the Board for review.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The Volunteer Application, noted as application number one, is approved.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Mayor Sidari is authorized to sign the professional audit agreement as submitted by Allied CPA's, PCs.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Baker. The Minutes of June 26, 2023, and July 10, 2023, are approved as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

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

All ayes
Motion carried.

The Board discussed the request by Mr. Buckner, allowing Mr. Buckner to tap into the Village water line on Maple Ridge Road. The Board requested that Attorney Brooks prepare an agreement stating the costs applicable to the homeowner. The matter was tabled.

Superintendent Watts said the pad for the kiosk had been poured. He said they were working on trimming trees, blacktop patching and would be repairing water leaks in the next few weeks.

Fire Chief Jackson said Firefighter Cheverie was accepted into the MCC Paramedic program. He said children from the parks program had taken a trip to the fire house to wash trucks. Instructors would be at the Orleans County Fair to teach several sessions of hands only CPR. He said himself, Captain Higgins and Captain Young had attended the DHS/FEMA training on Crisis Management for School Based Incidents for key decision makers.

Code Enforcement Officer Gardner said he was working on violations, inspections and building permits. He said a public hearing was scheduled for 300-400 Ohio Street.

Police Chief Draper said that National Night Out was scheduled for August 1, 2023, and would welcome the board members to attend. He said he had attended a sixteen-hour training at the Medina Central School District. He said the new recruits were in the process of completing field training. He said graduation would be held on August 25, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Trustee Marciano said National Night Out is a county wide event and invited all to attend on August 1, 2023.

Trustee Sherman requested an executive session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

Trustee Elliott asked for an update on 613-615 Main Street as the fire happened in April.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The meeting is moved into executive session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Baker. The meeting is reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

On Motion of Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Baker, the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to pay Officer Gregory Fraser his share of the FICA wages from the fourth quarter of 2021 in the amount of \$1,166.30. Upon Officer Fraser signing a letter that will be submitted to Internal Revenue Service, stating that Officer Fraser has not claimed or will not claim a refund or credit of the amount of Social Security and Medicare taxes paid by Officer Gregory Fraser for the salary received while on 207-C for the first, second and third quarter of 2022, Officer Gregory Fraser will receive his share of the FICA wages from the year 2022 in the amount of \$3,165.14. By receiving these amounts in advance, any interest received by the Internal Revenue Service will not be paid to Officer Fraser.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

**All ayes
Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer**