

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 26, 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
Attorney Matthew Brooks

Excused: Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Gardner and Superintendent of Public Works Jason Watts

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

Mayor Sidari asked that Police Chief Draper come forward to swear in newly appointed police officers Felicia Holtz, Miles Erickson, Brandon Clouser and Kyle Daly.

Mayor Sidari opened the first public comment period. No interested persons wished to speak.

Mayor Sidari said that the owner of 724 Church Street, Mr. David Anderson, was present and would like to address the board about the vacant property fees and lawn maintenance fees that were relieved onto the 724 Church Street Village tax bill, tax map number 80.45-3-54. Accompanying Mr. Anderson was Tara Neace from Lance Mark's Office who had represented Mr. Anderson on the sale of the property. Mr. Anderson said that the house on the property had been demolished and it was now a vacant piece of land. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Neace both stated that the Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation also known as NORLIC had provided Mr. Anderson with a contract of sale which included a tax exemption affidavit, which states that the seller, NORLIC, is responsible for any and all taxes, interest, and penalties associated with the property and that this tax exemption affidavit was signed on April 18, 2023. Therefore, they both believed that the relieves should not be included on the 2023-24 Village tax bill. Attorney Brooks suggested a conference call with the attorney from NORLIC who handled the sale to discuss the contract of sale and tax exemption affidavit. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sidari introduced Mr. Jim Hancock who discussed the canal basin kiosk. Mr. Hancock thanked the YMCA for securing the grant for the new kiosk, Takeform for taking on the project and the Tourism Committee for their hard work gathering information for the eight panels that will be on display. He said the Planning Board has approved the kiosk and suggested that the Tourism Committee be responsible for the upgrades and verbiage of the panels. He also said the panels could be re-done if necessary. The Board thanked Mr. Hancock and the members of the Tourism Committee for working on this project.

At the June 12, 2023, meeting the Sandstone Wall of Fame located in City Hall had been discussed and the need for additional space.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Baker. The Sandstone Wall of Fame is authorized to use the south wall in City Hall. The pictures of former Mayors currently housed on this wall would be removed and relocated to the Village Clerk's Office.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said the five sanitary sewer pump stations are in need of repair at an approximate cost of 1.5 million and that the Village could apply for a WIIA grant. This would be the third year the Village pursued the grant.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A NEW YORK STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT (WIIA) GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Medina wishes to apply to the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant for a Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project.

WHEREAS, the grant application requires approval from governing board for submission

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Medina authorizes the submission of a New York State WIIA grant application for a Sanitary System Improvements Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor is hereby authorized to submit the WIIA grant application on behalf of the Village, and to execute any agreements, instruments or other documents in connection with the Village's acceptance of any such grants and/or the funding thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Mayor Sidari is authorized to sign the consultant services proposal received from E&B Squared Consulting LLC in reference to the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said that Dabrina Morse had sent a letter requesting to sell back a grave that was purchased in April of 2023, specifically Troup Section, Lot 180, Northside, closest to Donald Cook. Ms. Morse stated this grave was no longer needed. The purchase price of the grave was \$731.00. She also requested that a marker be placed in the Veteran's section. The cost for the

foundation that was already poured in the Veteran's section was \$275.00. Ms. Morse requested that the difference, \$456.00, is reimbursed back to her.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Baker. Dabrina Morse is authorized to sell back the grave located in the Troup Section, Lot 180, Northside, at the cost of \$731.00 less \$275.00, the cost of the foundation located in the Veteran's Section. A check in the amount of \$456.00 will be reimbursed to Ms. Morse. The deed issued for this plot will need to be returned to the Village.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sidari said the condition of playground equipment located at Gulf Street Park had been discussed at the workshop meeting. Ron Stork addressed the Board asking if the equipment was beyond repair. He said that three World War II Veterans had formed the park and fundraisers had been done to purchase playground equipment. He said there needed to be more events to bring children into Gulf Street Park on that side of the Village. Mayor Sidari said that the Board had not decided on whether the equipment would be declared surplus. He said the insurance company had inspected the equipment and said that maintenance needed to be performed on the equipment. Mr. Stork said that he had talked with people in the neighborhood, and they are willing to volunteer if the equipment needs repair. The matter was tabled.

Mayor Sidari said a volunteer waiver had been distributed to the Board for review. The matter was tabled for further review.

Mayor Sidari asked if the Board was ready to move forward with the purchase of a ladder truck. Fire Chief Jackson said that there would be an additional savings of \$27,784.00 if the chassis and aerial device were paid in advance, bringing the cost of the ladder truck down to \$1,698,995.00.

The following motion was offered by Trustee Marciano, seconded by Trustee Baker.

Mayor Sidari is authorized to sign the purchase agreement from Churchville Fire Equipment, for the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer 100-foot HD Aerial Platform Quint Ladder Truck for the purchase price of \$1,698,995.00 which includes a cost savings of \$18,945.00 for payment of the chassis approximately 90 days prior to apparatus completion and a cost savings of \$8,839.00 for payment of the aerial device approximately 60 days prior to apparatus completion.

A vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elliott and seconded by Trustee Baker. Mayor Sidari is authorized to request the Civil Service Firefighter list to include both Paramedics and EMTs.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Mayor Sidari is authorized to sign the Orleans County Youth Bureau agreement.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Elliott. Mayor Sidari is authorized to sign the external audit service proposal received from Allied CPAs, PC for years ending May 31, 2023, to May 31, 2025.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Sherman. Halli Gray is appointed to the position of Senior Account Clerk at an hourly rate of \$19.50 with a probationary period of eight weeks.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marguerite and seconded by Trustee Baker. The Minutes of May 22, 2023, and June 12, 2023, are approved as submitted.

All ayes
Motion carried.

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

All ayes
Motion carried.

Fire Chief Jackson said that the department gave tours of the firehouse for the Medina Central School District fourth grade classes. He said Adam Fisher had taught CPR to the Albion Police Department. He said Steve and Tim Miller had taught CPR at Brunners and Andrew Cheverie, Paul Urquhart and Austin Mosher taught stop the bleed and fire extinguisher training at Brunners.

Police Chief Draper said orientation had been held for the new recruits. He said building renovations were ongoing and that BOCES students through the BOCES Building Trades intern program have been performing much of the work. He said National Night Out would be held on August 1, 2023. He said a retirement gathering was being scheduled for Chief Kenward on August 2, 2023.

Mayor Sidari opened the second public comment period. Linda Limina asked the status of Towne School. She also said that although the house on South Main Street had been cleaned up, there were several other properties that needed to be addressed as well.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The meeting is adjourned into executive session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Sherman. The regular meeting is reconvened and subsequently adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer