

The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 5:01 pm on March 23, 2021 in the Village Offices, 773 Main Street, Margaretville, New York. The following members were in attendance:

John Hubbell	Mayor
Dave Budin	Trustee
Iris Mead	Trustee
Sarah Scully	Trustee
Jeffrey Warren	Trustee

Also in attendance was Mike Martin and Henry Friedman.

\*All unanimous votes are unanimous without the Mayor voting unless otherwise noted\*

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Budin to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2021 and March 8, 2021 meetings as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Hubbell asked the public in attendance for any comment. There was none.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NY RISING UPDATES**

Mayor Hubbell reported the following on the New York Rising projects:

#### **MFD and DPW Facility Improvements:**

Nothing has changed with the status on this project.

#### **Binnekil Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement:**

Notice to Bid will be advertised on March 26, 2021; Pre-bid on April 6, 2021; bid opening on April 16, 2021.

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of \$12,888.30 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for invoice #'s 151803, 152785 and 153866 dated 12/22/2020, 01/22/21, and 02/19/2021 for coordination, design and expenses on the Binnekil Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement project. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of \$8,310.85 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for invoice #155506 dated 03/22/2021 for meetings, coordination, permitting, design, bid assistance and expenses on the Binnekil Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement project. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Gateway Study Implementation Plan:**

This project is out for permitting process. Engineers are fielding questions from landowners.

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of \$40,333.02 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C for invoice #'s 151804, 152786 and 153867 dated 12/22/2020, 01/22/2021 and 02/19/2021 for coordination, design, permitting and expenses on the Gateway Study Implementation Plan project. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of \$5,842.40 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C for invoice #155508 dated 03/22/2021 for meetings, coordination, permitting, final design and expenses on the Gateway Study Implementation Plan project. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Scott Brook:**

The second Notice to Bid process was advertised on March 19, 2021 with pre-bid on April 2, 2021 and Bid opening on April 9, 2021.

### **Bull Run Channel Streambank Restoration, Retaining Wall Repair & Bridge Replacement**

Nothing has changed with the status on this project.

### **PHASE 4 UPDATE**

Mayor Hubbell reported that things are beginning to loosen up statewide. We are still restricted to small family gatherings at the pavilion at this time, but hopefully that will change by June or July.

### **APPLICATION FOR PAVILION USE**

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Mead to approve the application submitted by Gail Lennstrom for a Birthday party celebration to be held on June 19, 2021, as long as any Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time of the event including occupancy limits are adhered to. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Mead to approve the application submitted by the Margaretville Fire Department for the Margaretville Fire Dept Field Days/Carnival to be held June 27, 2021 through July 5, 2021, as long as any Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time of the event including occupancy limits are adhered to. The motion passed unanimously.

### **BRUSH POLICY 2021**

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve the Village of Margaretville Brush Pickup Policy 2021 with the dates of pickup being Mondays April 5, 2021 through June 7, 2021 and September 13, 2021 through December 6, 2021. Additional dates of July 12, 2021 and August 16, 2021 were also approved. The motion passed unanimously.

## **FINALIZE TENTATIVE BUDGET**

After discussion, the Village of Margaretville Tentative 2021-2022 Budget was finalized and approved as presented with a total increase of \$10,742.00 or a 2.78% increase.

## **OTHER**

### **VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

After review of submitted documentation submitted, a motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Scully to appoint the law firm Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, Attorneys and Counselors as Village Attorney effective April 1, 2021 through April 6, 2021, when they will be appointed at the Organizational meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OFFICE SPACE**

Mayor Hubbell advised the board that he had been approached about possibly renting the office in the Gottfried Professional Building being vacated by the previous Village Attorney to be used for meetings/closings on an as needed basis. There was some discussion, and this will be revisited at the April 2021 meeting.

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Mead to approve the purchase of five 5' white line fancy forked snowflake street pole decorations at an amount not exceeding \$2,500.00 from Display Sales. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Mayor Hubbell reported that Code Enforcement Officer Chris Plante is working on various complaints received concerning yard debris on Main Street, automobile debris on Fair Street, and the compliance of short-term rentals.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Scully to enter Executive Session at 5:27 pm to discuss the work history of current employees. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 5:53 pm and the regular meeting resumed. The following action was taken:

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Mead to accept the proposal submitted by Village Clerk Karen McMurray as submitted.

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Scully to accept the proposal submitted by DPW Superintendent Henry Friedman with some of the details still to be determined. The motion passed unanimously.

**PAY BILLS**

Voucher #'s 232-266 in the amount of \$16,523.60 were audited and approved for payment.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Mead to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen McMurray  
Village Clerk