

A workshop meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was opened by Mayor Hubbell at 3:00 pm on May 19, 2020 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 were Public Works Superintendent Henry Friedman, Mike Martin and Sheila Grossmann.

The following items from the Agenda were discussed:

- Village Election
- Water Rates, shutoffs, and penalties
- Summer Help
- Pocket Park
- Pavilion and Ballfield Use
- Extending Interest Free Period on Property Tax
- Memorial Dy Parade
- Covid-19 Information
- Aid to Businesses
- Health Officer Training
- Code Enforcement Update
- Community Solar

There was discussion of these items only and no decisions were made.

The workshop meeting was closed at 3:45 pm and the regular Board Meeting was called to order.

Karen McMurray
Village Clerk

The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 3:45 pm on May 19, 2020 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 were Public Works Superintendent Henry Friedman, Mike Martin, Morgan Spaulding and Lauren Davis.

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 Budin and seconded by Trustee Mead to accept the minutes of March 17, 2020 meeting and the April 14, 2020 Public Hearing and Special Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hubbell asked those in attendance for public comment.

Lauren Davis suggested the following for the village as a community leadership function. Mr. Davis has been doing a lot of work at both ends of the village to control knot weed on his property. In between is also a tremendous amount of knotweed. Thinking this should be dealt with on a community basis. Photos were shown of some knotweed that had been knocked down already. Needs to be a community effort. Mr. Davis offered to volunteer funding on a matching basis for an organization that the board would head up.

Several suggestions for eradication were discussed.

When asked by the Mayor how they are handling it themselves, Morgan Spaulding explained their procedure of cutting with a bush hog, plowing it under with a rototiller, then keep knocking it down with the bush hog often enough to stop it from leafing out. This may be a several year process.

Trustee Budin suggested contacting the Catskill Forest Association or Rob Bond as they had been previously been part of a successful eradication project.

The mayor stated that we will look into the issue and thanked Mr. Davis.

OLD BUSINESS

NY RISING UPDATES

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

MFD and DPW Facility Improvements:

Final hookup and testing still needs to be completed. Hoping for a July completion.

Binnekill Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement:

We should be receiving design drawings to review in June

Gateway Study Implementation Plan:

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Scott Brook:

We are still working on finalizing the easement for the right-of-way bridge and the renewal of the Floodplain permit.

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

We are still obtaining signatures and finalizing easements.

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Mead to authorize Superintendent of Public Works Friedman to sign the *Shared Services Agreement between the NYSDOT and the Village of Margaretville* for a one year period beginning May 20, 2020 and ending May 19, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was also made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Mead to authorize Public Works Superintendent Friedman to sign the *Intermunicipal Shared Highway Services Contract*, extending the contract and Resolution #05191502 for a five-year period, adding the State of New York Department of Transportation to the list of participating municipalities. The motion passed unanimously.

WORK PERFORMED IN STATE RIGHT OF WAY

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin to authorize Superintendent of Public Works Friedman to submit a NYSDOT Highway Work Permit Application for Utility Work (PERM 32) for any utility work to be done in the NYSDOT right-of-way. The motion passed unanimously.

STATE ROAD WORK ON ROUTE 30

Mayor Hubbell reported that repaving of New York State Route 30 from the village line to the Halcottsville parking area is scheduled for this year.

NY MAIN STREET FUNDING

Mayor Hubbell reported that some funding was utilized for help during the pandemic for four Main Street businesses through the Upstate Revitalization Initiative's Smalltown Downtown Revitalization Program that was applied for by The MARK Project, Inc. The businesses were Bloom, Trattoria Locale, Binnekill Tavern and the Artists Guild.

TAX WARRANT

A motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Scully to present the 2020-2021 Tax Warrant to the Village Clerk/Tax Collector in the amount of \$386,288.60 which includes unpaid water rents and charges through December 31, 2019 as follows. The motion passed unanimously.

Siletzky, Chris	306.7-10-13	\$137.50
Clare, James	306.7-1-2	\$122.10

EXTENDING INTEREST-FREE PERIOD ON PROPERTY TAX

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Scully to not request an extension of the interest-free period as outlined in state law, should the New York Governor take action to provide an extension on a statewide basis. The motion passed unanimously.

WATER SHUTOFFS AND PENALTIES

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Scully to not pursue the waiver of water late fees or water shut-off for non-payment procedures. The motion passed unanimously.

In order to suspend the local laws pertaining to these procedures, the village would have to declare a local state of emergency.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Mead to authorize the attached budget transfers to bring the Village of Margaretville June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020 Budget into balance. The motion passed unanimously. (ATTACHMENT)

OTHER

ACCOUNT CLERK CIVIL SERVICE TEST POSTPONED

Mayor Hubbell reported that the Civil Service test scheduled on May 9, 2020 for Account Clerk has been postponed until sometime in June as per Delaware County Personnel Office.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Mayor Hubbell reported that a Memorial Day parade is now possible as a vehicle only parade and small ceremonies for up to ten people are now allowed. He will make sure the Legion is aware of this if they want to hold a Memorial Day ceremony.

SUMMER HELP

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Warren to hire two summer help through the County Youth Bureau Program if it is operating; or if not, to hire two summer help with no reimbursement from the County. The motion passed unanimously with Trustee Scully, Mead and Warren voting Aye and Trustee Budin abstaining.

GOTTFRIED BUILDING ROOF GRANT

Mayor Hubbell reported the receipt of \$65,000 in grant funding from DASNY through the State and Municipal Facilities Program with the help of Senator Seward. Engineers still need to sign off, but the project is essentially complete.

PAY BILLS

Voucher #'s 613-638 in the amount of \$43,051.35 were audited and approved for payment.

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen McMurray
Village Clerk