

The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 5:00 pm on July 21, 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 (arrived 5:10pm)
Sarah Scully	Trustee
Jeffrey Warren	Trustee

Also in attendance were Cindy Menges, Andy Cahill Teresa Goodchild, 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 Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin to accept the minutes of June 16, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DELAWARE RIVER SOLAR

Cindy Menges and Andy Cahill representing Delaware River Solar were in attendance to discuss a community solar program. They handed out basic information sheets about the program and some that were specific to the village accounts. Eligibility is based on peak usage of 25kw. The village would be eligible for a ten percent discount on six out of seven accounts and the estimated savings to the village would be approximately \$1,600.00 per year as per current usage. Annual carbon offset would be 368,000 pounds per year. Discount would appear as credits on the NYSEG electric bills in the form of dollar discounts; Delaware River Solar would then bill the village for those discounts at ninety percent. Based on

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Scully to move forward and accept the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hubbell asked those in attendance for public comment.

Teresa Goodchild was in attendance to discuss a water leak at her residence at 687 Main Street. A private contractor determined that the leak was under village jurisdiction, and the village DPW made the repair, which included the sidewalk. Ms. Goodchild is not happy with the repair and would like the Village to remove some of the dirt so that the yard is back at the same level as the sidewalk.

Mayor Hubbell will speak to Superintendent of Public Works Friedman about getting the situation rectified.

Ms. Goodchild also questioned the status of the burned-out building across the street from her house. Mayor Hubbell explained that there are a couple of options that are being explored with New York Rising that are still up in the air. As with all projects, those options will take time,

and from the village's standpoint, it is better to wait to see what can happen through a NY Rising project.

The Mayor will have Code Enforcement talk to the owners of the building again to see if anything can be done to make it less of an eyesore.

OLD BUSINESS

NY RISING UPDATES

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

MFD and DPW Facility Improvements:

Blizzard Electric has been working. All wiring has been run but needs to be hooked up and tested.

Binnekill Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement:

Still in the process of getting permits. As the scope of work for the project extends outside of the Village easement, we are working with the landowner who is willing to sign a temporary easement so as not to change the entire plan to facilitate the completion of this project.

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Scully to approve payment in the amount of \$4,412.90 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for invoice #97124 dated 07/06/2020 for professional services on the Binnekill Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement project. The motion passed unanimously.

Gateway Study Implementation Plan:

Nothing new since last meeting. Plans are expected to be received soon.

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Scully to approve payment in the amount of \$7,222.25 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for invoice #97125 dated 07/06/2020 for professional services on the Gateway Study Implementation Plan project. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Brook:

We are still working on finalizing easements including the right-of-way for the temporary bridge.

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

We are still working on the last two right of way easements for Petersen and Clare and the one holdout that we are going to work around.

PHASE 4 UPDATE

Mayor Hubbell reported that the Park and Pavilion has had some use, and things went well. All are willing to follow the rules and regulations for the current phase. We have had a couple other requests for smaller gatherings. The Mayor feels that we should be able allow the use of the field to those that submit a plan that follows the current requirements. There were no objections.

HEALTH INSURANCE

After review of the renewal options for employee health insurance, a motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Scully to renew Excellus Group Health Insurance Simply

Blue Plus Silver 2 as per quote effective 07/01/2020-09/30/2020 for the policy year 09/01/2020-08/31/2020. The motion passed unanimously.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Superintendent of Public Works Superintendent Henry Friedman submitted a draft of a letter to submit to owners of village cemetery plots whose plantings have become overgrown. A motion to approve the letter as submitted was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Budin. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hubbell also asked the board to think about establishing a onetime fee to go into a separate fund to help maintain the cemetery. Trustee Warren will research this practice.

HIGHWAY WORK PERMIT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Scully to authorize the Mayor to sign form PERM 1 entitled *Undertaking for the Benefit of the New York State Department of Transportation in Connection with work affecting State Highways*. The motion passed unanimously.

DISABILITY INSURANCE

There was no action taken concerning this matter.

GOTTFRIED BUILDING ROOF

A motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Scully to authorize payment in the amount of \$6,914.25 to J&B Installations, Inc. for Application and Certification for Payment #03/Final for the Replacement of Gottfried Building Roof Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Close out documentation has been received for this project as well as grant monies in the amount of \$65,000.00 from DASNY.

PAVILION USE REQUEST

A motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Warren to approve the application for the use of the Village of Margaretville Park and Pavilion submitted by the Catskill Recreation Center on Thursdays from July 30, 2020 to September 24, 2020 for advanced and beginner Tai-Chi classes. Their request to waive the deposit fee was also approved. The motion passed unanimously.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Scully to accept the resignation of David Livingstone as Deputy Village Clerk effective July 2, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

CAMPING IN THE VILLAGE

Mayor Hubbell reported the discovery of a camper in the village park over the fourth of July weekend. After he spoke to them, they moved with no issue. The Mayor instructed Superintendent of Public Works Henry Friedman to put up signs re: no camping allowed. He is also going to ask the Planning Board to review the current Camper/Trailer Local Law which is a bit confusing. There were no objections.

TREES ON MAIN STREET

Mayor Hubbell notified the Board that an individual has offered to purchase trees for anyone interested, to be planted along Main Street. He has researched specifically those with root systems that do not cause problems with sidewalks, streets, etc. Those interested should contact Mayor Hubbell.

MAPS

The Clerk's office is in the process of doing an inventory and organization of the various maps that the village is in possession of, which, as per our retention schedule must be kept forever. Quotes were submitted to the board for map drawer cabinets for storage. After review, it was requested that the Clerk do some more research to possibly find a used or refurbished unit to cut down on the cost.

PARKING

After discussion, a second public meeting to decide about the parking situation that has been ongoing in the village will be held on August 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the Margaretville Fire Department on the third floor. At that time a course of action will be determined.

BIKE RACKS

Mayor Hubbell is still working on the purchase and placement of additional bike racks in the village.

CYBER SECURITY

A consultant from Level Up Tech Support performed a site visit in the village office to evaluate the computer system and recommend any changes to make the system more secure. He will be submitting quotes for the board's review.

NEW BUSINESSES

Trustee Mead requested that a welcome letter be sent to the new coffee bar in the village that opened in the space vacated by Catskill Confections. Contact information will have to be obtained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Scully to enter Executive Session at 6:24 pm to discuss the work history of an employee.

Executive Session ended at 6:29 pm with no action being taken.

PAY BILLS

Voucher #'s 23-46 in the amount of \$41,781.71 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 6:45 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen McMurray
Village Clerk