

The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 5:02 pm on August 17, 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, Jesse Hilson, Todd Pascarella and Code Enforcement Officer Christopher Plante.

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 Mead and seconded by Trustee Scully to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hubbell asked the public in attendance for any comments. There were none.

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATES

Trustee Mead asked Code Enforcement Officer Plante to provide the board with an update on Short Term Rental Applications and CEO Plante reported that there are 8 applications total with 5 complete, 1 with violation letter pending and 2 with minor to do items which should be completed shortly.

When asked about how the village goes about making sure that short term rental units have been permitted, CEO Plante reported that we rely on rental owners contacting the office to determine if permitting is needed. Periodic searches can also be performed to identify rental units, but it is a labor-intensive process. Delaware County has formed a task force for that purpose.

When asked if the CEO's office has received any complaints from neighbors close to any rental units, CEO Plante reported that he has not, but the Mayor reported having received a few noise complaints, and following the process in place, they were rectified quickly.

When asked how many hours he works for the village, CEO Plante reported that it varies, but he is on call 24/7. His business card has his cell phone number on it as well as the office number.

OLD BUSINESS

NY RISING UPDATES

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

MFD and DPW Facility Improvements:

Still waiting to obtain 3 quotes for the required fencing around the generator.

Binnekill Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement:

Moving along well. Intake is in and the bulkhead wall is lined. Landowner is waiting for a Floodplain Permit to be issued to allow the gravel that needs to be removed due to this project be utilized at another area on the property that was damaged in the flooding at Christmas.

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of \$18,860.53 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for invoice #159545 dated 07/22/2021 for construction administration, construction inspection and reimbursable expenses on the Binnekill Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement project upon the approval of the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Scully and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of \$113,418.17 to Hubbell, Inc. for Contractor's Application for Payment #1 dated 07/31/2021 as recommended by SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for the Binnekill Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement project upon the approval of the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. The motion passed unanimously.

Gateway Study Implementation Plan:

No change to the status of this project.

Scotts Brook:

The concrete and culvert are in. Culvert walls are going up and contractor will start backfilling the walls and performing compaction testing.

A motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Warren to approve payment in the amount of \$58,164.30 to Hubbell, Inc. for Contractor's Application for Payment #1 dated 07/31/2021 as recommended by Keystone Associates for the Scott Brook Culvert Repair project upon the approval of the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. The motion passed unanimously.

Bull Run Channel Streambank Restoration and Retaining Wall Repair

Project is moving forward. The DEC permit has been extended until November 15, 2021 for work in the stream.

OLD BUSINESS

LEGALIZATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS IN NEW YORK

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Warren to hold a community input session on September 7, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Village Offices, 773 Main Street, Margaretville. The motion passed unanimously.

FEDERAL HOLIDAY

A draft of a resolution acknowledging Juneteenth as a Federal holiday was submitted to board members to review and revise if needed. A final document will be submitted for consideration at the September board meeting. Mayor Hubbell noted that we are not mandated in any way to do this, but it will need to be acknowledged in the event it becomes a holiday at the Village level.

ARPA FUNDS

Documentation was handed out for board review which identified what ARPA funds can be used for, can not be used for and may possibly be used for.

The Mayor is looking into the qualifications of using the funding for:

- Replenishing the NY Main Street grant, as some of that funding was used to help businesses during the pandemic.
- Funding the initial survey and study of the water system to allow the village to get into the next level of CDBG funding with plans ready to go.
- Phone system and conference room upgrades to allow meetings, etc. to accommodate more users.

VILLAGE OFFICE UPDATES

At this time, the Village is moving forward with the procurement of a telephone system to accommodate transferring calls within different departments, including the DPW and the ability to handle conference calling with remote microphones.

DEP STEAMSIDE ACQUISITION PROGRAM

The DEP Land Acquisition Program has added a new component entitled the Streamside Acquisition Program. This aspect of the program is focused on riparian buffers, as well as other criteria, and could have substantial impact on villages and hamlets, as it waives the minimal parcel size that would be open to acquisition by NYCDEP. This program would be an opt-in program for municipalities.

Trustee Budin informed the board that he is willing to go to the next meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors on September 22, 2021 to gain further information on this program.

PAVILION USE APPLICATION

A motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Warren to approve the application submitted by Ellen Beausoleil for the use of the Margaretville Park and Pavilion on October 8 and 9, 2021 for a rehearsal dinner 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.

OTHER

STREET PAVING IN THE VILLAGE

Mayor Hubbell discussed work that needs to be done on Fair Street which includes stoning and storm drainage work. There has been an estimate received from Cobleskill Stone Products in the amount of \$22,500.00 for stoning, but there is no date available yet for that work to be performed. This expenditure will be reimbursed through the CHIPS program.

Trustee Mead reported a request from a resident to do something about the overflowing trash can in the Amphitheater Park. The Mayor reported that he has also received complaints and more cans have been ordered. In the interim, cans will be redistributed to alleviate this issue.

Todd Pascarella asked if the Village has had any problems or concerns due to the recent increased influx of people in the village:

The biggest challenge is parking. The Mayor has been looking for other areas of the village to try to make more parking space.

Also an ongoing issue is not having enough affordable places for working people to live.

PAY BILLS

Voucher #'s 49-69 in the amount of \$8,442.80 were audited and approved for payment.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Mayor Hubbell to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen McMurray
Deputy Village Clerk