

The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 5:00 pm on October 20, 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
Jeffrey Warren	Trustee

Also in attendance was Morgan Spaulding, Mike Martin and Jesse Hilson.

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 September 16, 2020 and October 6, 2020 meeting 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:

The generator is fully installed. The MFD is connected, but there are issues with the connections with the DPW and the Church at this time.

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Mead to approve payment in the amount of \$13,470.42 to RAM-TECH Engineers, P.C. for invoice #'s 2020084 and 2020096 dated 08/25/2020 and 09/15/2020 respectively for professional engineering services on the MFD and DPW Facility Improvement project upon approval by GOSR. The motion passed unanimously.

Binnekill Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement:

DEC has been in contact with MMI concerning permitting, so it is in the review process.

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Mead to approve payment in the amount of \$5,207.30 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for invoice #69411 dated 09/29/2020 for professional services on the Binnekill Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement project upon approval by GOSR. The motion passed unanimously.

Gateway Study Implementation Plan:

Drawings should be received by the end of October.

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Mead to approve payment in the amount of \$2,767.65 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C for invoice #69412 dated 09/29/2020 for professional services on the Gateway Study Implementation Plan project upon approval of GOSR. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Brook:

The culvert under Main Street at the lower end of the stream will be eliminated from the project. We are waiting on signed easement documents to be returned.

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

We are waiting on signed easement documents to be returned.

PHASE 4 UPDATE

Ski Centers and movie theaters will be able to open soon with restrictions.

PROPOSALS FOR SHARP COLOR DIGITAL IMAGER

After discussion and review of documentation concerning the lease of a color copier to replace the current desktop printer, a motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Budin to lease one of the color copiers that were reviewed for a three year period, the exact unit, based on compatibility to be determined by the Clerk's office and the Mayor. The motion passed unanimously.

MORATORIUM ON TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL UTILITY SERVICES

The board was notified of the passage of a law on June 17, 2020 that amended the Public Service Law to prevent public utilities or municipalities from terminating certain utility services (in the village's case, water) to residential customers for failing to pay service charges or overdue fees during the COVID-19 emergency. This would also extend for 180 days past the date that the emergency expires for those customers who have notified the village of a change in their financial circumstances due to the emergency. The village will be notifying residential water customers of their rights under this amended law and will continue to seek guidance from the New York Conference of Mayors on this matter.

PUBLIC EMPLOYER HEALTH EMERGENCY PLAN

A draft of the document entitled *Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for Village of Margaretville* was distributed to the board for their review and approval. This matter will be revisited at the next monthly meeting. An approved document must be in place by April 1, 2020 and is for use by public employers in New York State to meet the requirements of legislation signed into law by the Governor on September 7, 2020.

APPLICATION FOR USE OF PARK AND PAVILION

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve the use of the park and pavilion on November 14, 2020 by Margaretville Central School to prepare meals for distribution to local veterans through their car windows. An application, proof of insurance and a

flow plan/social distancing plan for the volunteers will be required. The board decided to waive the refundable deposit fee requirement in this instance. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

ANNUAL UPDATE DOCUMENT AVAILABLE

The Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending May 31, 2020 for the Village of Margaretville that was filed with the Office of the State Comptroller on October 2, 2020 was made available to board members for their review.

ZONING DISTRICT

Mayor Hubbell informed the board that based on dialogue between the ZBA and the Planning Board, the Village Board may be asked to consider a change of zoning district from industrial to residential in the village.

CEMETERY

Mayor Hubbell advised the board of a drainage issue in the main cemetery where at times of heavy rain, overflow washes down over several stones. This has been a problem for a while, with the DPW manually checking and clearing the area on a regular basis. The Mayor is in receipt of correspondence from the Delaware County Planning Department concerning ideas for alleviating this issue without just moving the overflow to another area of the cemetery,

HALLOWEEN

Based on a number of inquiries, after discussion, the board decided that they would leaving the decision to trick-or-treat up to parents and homeowners and to not place any additional restrictions on Halloween this year.

OVERNIGHT PARKING REQUEST

Mayor Hubbell discussed correspondence received from Kathy Finnegan requesting to park a portable refrigerator trailer on the street overnight in front of Home Goods of Margaretville to store fresh turkeys that they plan on selling for Thanksgiving. There was Concern of noise the area being in a handicap spot, and on the corner. Mayor Hubbell responded to the request, relaying the concerns and offered the use of the village parking lot instead.

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMUNITY PANTRY

The Village received a thank you from the Community Pantry for their donation from the enrollment bonus from Delaware River Solar.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

The Village received the annual 2019-20 from the Historical Society of the Town of Middletown.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Mead to enter Executive Session at 5:50 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s). The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 6:03 pm with the following action being taken:

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Budin to increase the annual salary of Code Enforcement Officer Christopher Plante by five percent, raising it by \$663.00 to \$13,923.00 beginning June 1, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Budin to increase the rate per hour of the Deputy Village Clerk Diana Fronckowiak by 2.5 percent, raising it by thirty four cents per hour to \$13.86 hourly and make her eligible for health insurance beginning June 1, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Mead to increase the annual stipend for the Village of Margaretville Health Officer to \$250.00 per year. The motion passed unanimously.

PAY BILLS

Voucher #'s 97-123 in the amount of \$11,247.66 were audited and approved for payment.

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Warren to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen McMurray
Village Clerk