The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 5:00 pm on February 15, 2022 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 Hubbell Trustee

Jeffrey Warren Trustee

Also in attendance were Carol O’Beirne, Phil O’Beirne, Margaretville Troop 80 Boy Scouts Max Pascarella, Joseph Steketee, and Jonathan Steketee, and Troop 80 Leaders Terri Lehn and Todd Pascarella.

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

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hubbell asked the Boy Scouts in the audience to lead the pledge.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Budin to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Public Hearing and regular meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol O’Beirne was in attendance to talk about a new program that the Water Discovery Center is embarking on called H2O. It will be held during the school day with sixth graders from Margaretville, Roxbury and Andes participating. The program will be teaching about water and how our communities are affected by it in addition to educating about stream management. Delaware County Soil and Water will be involved as well as other presenters. The Water Discovery Center hopes to make this an annual event.

Mayor Hubbell welcomed the Boy Scouts and their leaders to the meeting. Scouts from Troop 80 were in attendance to work on their citizenship and communication badges.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NY RISING UPDATES

Mayor Hubbell reported on the New York Rising projects, noting that there are no changes expected to the status of any of the projects except the MFD and DPW Facility Improvement Project:

**MFD and DPW Facility Improvements:**

We are still in the process of getting out to bid to complete this project. GOSR and the engineers are still working out the details of project completion.

**Binnekill Bulkhead, Levee Repair and Improvement:**

Work on this project is done for the winter. It will be checked in the spring for growth of grass and shrubs.

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of $1,243.72 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for invoice #164406 dated 11/19/2021 for construction administration and direct 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 Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of $4,966.02 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for invoice #166998 dated 01/25/2022 for construction administration, construction expenses and direct 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 Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of $18,997.13 to Hubbell, Inc. for Contractor’s Application for Payment #4 (Final) dated 01/06/2022 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:**

This project has been completed and is in the process of closing out.

**Bull Run Channel Streambank Restoration and Retaining Wall Repair**

Work on this project is done for the winter. It will be checked in the spring for growth of grass and shrubs.

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of $279,311.19 to Hubbell, Inc. for Contractor’s Application for Payment #4 dated 02/02/2022 as recommended by M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying on the Bull Run Debris Removal and Retaining Wall Repair project upon the approval of the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

TOWING CONTRACT

Mayor Hubbell reported that Local Law 1 of 2022, A Local Law Establishing Parking Restrictions Within the Village of Margaretville has been filed and is now in effect. The Village Attorney is currently working on an Agreement between the Village and American Lending Company for vehicle removal as per the Local Law.

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Hubbell to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with American Lending once completed by the Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

**PAVILION USE APPLICATION**

A motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve the application submitted by the Catskill Water Discovery Center for an educational workshop for students on June 15, 2022 (Rain date June 16, 2022) 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 Hubbell to approve the application submitted by the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Cauliflower Festival on September 24, 2022 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 Warren to approve the application submitted by the Margaretville Fire Department for the Annual Fireman’s Carnival/Field Days from June 26, 2022 through July 4, 2022 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.

**BUDGET**

Mayor Hubbell advised the board that the department heads had already met to talk about the budget for the upcoming year. The Board agreed to hold a regularly scheduled workshop meeting on March 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Village Offices for board members to further review the 2022-2023 village budget.

**DPW TRUCK**

After further review of vehicle specifications under consideration to replace the 2011 Ford currently in use by the DPW, a motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Mead to approve the purchase of a Chevrolet one-ton truck as per quote from Robert Green Truck Division on Statewide Contract #ONGOV-106-19 dated 02/01/2022 in the amount of $73,559.95 and to use up to $50,000.00 from our reserve fund if needed to supplement CHIPS funds for the purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

**ELECTION INSPECTORS**

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Budin to appoint Kim Borfitz and Diana Cope as Election Inspectors and Phil O’Beirne as Alternate Inspector for the 2022 Village Election to be held March 15, 2022 with compensation of $90.00 for the day. The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER**

MARCH MEETING DATE

Due to the date of the Village Election, the March meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be moved from March 15, 2022 to March 16, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Village Offices, 773 Main Street, Margaretville.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Hubbell advised the board of the following:

* The village will be receiving the donation of a bench to be placed somewhere in the village in the spring. More information will be obtained at a later date.
* The village now has a website which is up and running: villageofmargaretville.com.
* To aid in disaster preparation at the Methodist Church a list of people to help man the church is needed, the church now has a television, and the Fire Hall will continue to store the cots.
* The MARK Project has asked for a survey of the grounds for the Amphitheater Project if the engineering firm cannot work with the information we currently have. This project is moving forward.
* A fair amount of work needs to be done at the Village Cemetery on Cemetery Road. A deed has been located, which is being reviewed by the Village Attorney. The cemetery was transferred to the village in 1966 along with a “reserve” fund. Research is needed to determine that we can use those funds to make repairs, etc. Any work done would have to be contracted out. Diane Galusha will be contacted to see if she is aware of any grants for maintaining municipal cemeteries. Adding a fee to future sales of cemetery plots could be considered to help maintain the cemetery.
* There have been operating issues with the chlorination pump at the Fair Street Wellhouse. DPW has tried to repair but the pump needs to be replaced.

PART TIME HELP

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Mead to authorize the Mayor to locate two individuals for part-time employment with the village in the DPW department. The motion passed unanimously.

PARK TREE PLANTING

Trustee Mead informed the board that the Rotary would like to purchase and plant a tree in the Village Park to honor Gary Marks. There was no objection by the board.

**PAY BILLS**

Voucher #’s 205-242 in the amount of $25,065.82 were audited and approved for payment.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Budin to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen McMurray

Deputy Village Clerk