The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 5:00 pm on May 17, 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

Jeffrey Warren Trustee

Also in attendance were Jesse Hilson, Mike Martin, Paul Weil, and James Lepore Jr.

\*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 Budin to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Hubbell asked for any public comment. Paul Weil asked if there was a projected timeline on the storm drain repair on State Route 30 as was discussed at the April meeting. Mayor Hubbell reported that in his last conversation with DOT, he was informed that they were going to remeasure the drain to see if they can work with materials they have or if they had to order new materials. He continues to reach out to them.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NY RISING UPDATES

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

**MFD and DPW Facility Improvements:**

In the process of obtaining quotes for materials from vendors.

**Binnekill Bulkhead Levee Repair and Improvements**

There was a telephone conference this am with engineers to discuss the erosion that happened in April due to high water. A change order for repair is forthcoming, and project completion is anticipated by June 30, 2022.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Warren to approve Contractors Request for Payment No. 5 in the amount of $72,688.06 to Hubbell, Inc. for construction services. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

AMPHTHEATER PROJECT

Final plans are complete but not yet received by the Village. They will be made available for review once received. The project will soon go out to bid.

SCENIC BYWAY

A request to be included as part of the Catskill Scenic Byway is still in the process for the towns of Hurley and Roxbury. Paul Weil, owner of Kria World has agreed to represent the Village on the Collaborative along with Mayor Hubbell. After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Mead to appoint Paul Weil as village representative to the Catskill Collaborative, replacing Iris Mead. The motion passed unanimously.

DEL CO RESOLUTION RE: NYS CLIMATE CONTROL DRAFT SCOPING PLAN

After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Budin to accept and abide by the content of Delaware County Board of Supervisors Resolution #’s 69 and 76 passed on April 13, 2022 regarding the NYS Climate Council’s Draft Scoping Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

**HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Renewal options for the village’s employee health insurance policy expiring August 31, 2022 were handed out for review by the board. No action was taken at this time.

**TAX WARRANT**

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Budin to present the 2022/2023 Tax Warrant to the Tax Collector in the amount of $406,165.08, which includes the amount of $1,276.08 in unpaid water rents. The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER**

GALLI-CURCI THEATER DAY UPDATE

Trustee Mead advised that the Galli-Curci Theater would be 100 years old on August 25, 2022 and will be holding a two-day celebration on August 27 and 28, 2022. There will be an open house on Saturday to a limited audience with a concert reception on Saturday night featuring an opera singer. Sunday will be an open house event for the community.

WATER DAMAGE IN THE VILLAGE

James Lepore, Jr. stated that it seems that water is the biggest problem with many business receiving damages. He asked how much help is there from the Federal government and how long of a wait is there to get things fixed? Mayor Hubbell replied that we received six million dollars in aid for the most recent flooding and we are in our eleventh year of making repairs. Monies received are only allowed for certain elements of repair. Projects that we have been working on are aimed at slowing down the velocity of the water so that less damage occurs.

FISHING DAY

This event will be held on September 24, 2022 in conjunction with the Cauliflower Festival. The Village, the Hubbell Companies and Del-Sports will be sponsoring this event which will coincide with one of the NYS no license fishing days. The Binnekill will be stocked with fish for the event and will include fly casting demonstrations. There is anticipation of getting the Archery Shop to participate as well.

FLOATING HOLIDAY

As the village has recognized Juneteenth as a holiday, a motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Mead to make “Juneteenth” a floating holiday in the month of June for full time village employees to pick a day be used in the month of June, and to make this a policy change with an amendment to the village’s personnel manual. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Hubbell advised the board of the following:

* Street sweeping and hydrant flushing has been done for this year and the part time help has started.
* The Code Enforcement Officer has requested an update to the village’s disaster plan. The update is in progress and should be available for review at the next monthly board meeting.
* As per a meeting with the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, the cleaning of the upper Binnekill Stream project is tentatively scheduled for next spring. Soil and Water is planning a streambank repair and stabilization project on the Bull Run Stream north of the Village for this year.
* The Village and other property owners along the East Branch of the Delaware River have received easement documents from NYSDOT for the bridge on Bridge Street in the Village. Repairs to that bridge are being planned by the State. The easement documents are available for review.
* Landscaping stones have been placed in certain areas around the Park Pavilion to help deter cars from parking under the pavilion.
* There has been no date set for the dedication to Gary Marks by the Rotary. The tree has been planted and the plaque has been received.

PAY BILLS

Voucher #’s 292-321 in the amount of $53,852.66 were audited and approved for payment.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Warren to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.