

The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 5:00 pm on August 16, 2022 in the Village Offices, 773 Main Street, Margaretville, New York. The following members were in attendance:

John Hubbell	Mayor
Dave Budin	Trustee
Jeffrey Warren	Trustee
Iris Mead	Trustee

Also in attendance were Jesse Hilson, Mike Martin and Gabriel Misner.

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 Budin and seconded by Trustee Warren to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesse Hilson stated that he had attended a meeting at the Town of Middletown and there was discussion about the change in administration at the Mark Project and the concern that a housing project of theirs may fall between the cracks. He asked Mayor Hubbell how he felt about Margaretville's projects in this situation. Mayor Hubbell reported that he felt they were solid enough. He has spoken to the current Director often, and they have a list of ongoing projects that an Interim Director will be working on until a new Executive Director is in place.

When asked about the status of a contract between the Village and the Mark Project as was discussed at the last meeting, Mayor Hubbell stated that we had received a copy of the contract and it would be discussed later in the meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UPDATE

CEO Plante was scheduled to addend this meeting but did not. Mayor Hubbell had previously spoken to him and informed the board of their discussion.

There is only one short term rental in violation at this time. CEO Plante is trying to serve a letter to the violator but has not been able to as of yet.

Fire inspections are up to date for this year with the exception of 3 businesses

There are several unregistered vehicles on private property on Church Street.

Mayor Hubbell will be speaking to the local Justice to make sure that once these violations are served, they will be upheld in the court. If not, the village will have to find other means to bring the violations up to code.

MARK PROJECT-RESTORE NY/AMPITHEATER/MAIN STREET GRANT

A copy of the Mark Project's standard agreement, which had already been reviewed by the Village Attorney was submitted to the board for review.

Trustee Mead asked what this agreement would cover. Mayor Hubbell stated that we are working on a Restore New York grant, a Main Street Revitalization grant, and two others including phase 2 of the Amphitheater grant. Three of those grants do not count in administration fees, which is what the agreement would address.

The Mayor had previously discussed a contract amount of \$5000.00 as well as a per grant fee contract with the Executive Director. The Mayor will be attending a meeting with members of the Mark Project in the next few weeks to discuss details and a dollar amount.

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Warren to approve the wording of the agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a dollar amount for a standard agreement or a per grant fee agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

NY RISING UPDATES

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

MFD and DPW Facility Improvements:

Material for the wall in the Firehouse has been delivered.
Shrubs will be delivered on August 22, 2022.

Binnekill Bulkhead Levee Repair and Improvements

Nothing has changed on the status of this project.

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of \$488.08 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for invoice #173646 dated 07/19/2022 for construction administration 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 Warren and seconded by Trustee Budin to approve payment in the amount of \$1,254.72 to SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. for invoice #174010 dated 07/26/2022 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.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Policy renewal was discussed. Simply Blue Plus Silver 17 was being considered as an alternative to the current renewal due to comparable coverage at a lower premium. Any savings that the village realizes by opting this policy can be passed to the employee as a deductible reimbursement above what the village is currently reimbursing.

Eyeglass and dental coverages are also being considered. Additional information is needed before taking action on eyeglass and dental. After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Warren to approve SimplyBlue Plus Silver 17 for the policy

period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022 and to add \$1,000.00 to the deductible amount reimbursed to each employee. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT POLICY

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Mead to accept changes to the village's current Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment to include a telephone number that New York employees can call to receive free legal counseling for any complaint of sexual harassment in the workplace. The motion passed unanimously.

FALSE ALARM REDUCTION ACT

A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Mead to authorize the Mayor to submit the letter as submitted to the Delaware County Board of Supervisors in support of their proposal of Local Law 15 of the year 2022 entitled False Alarm Reduction Act. The motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION FOR PAVILION USE

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Mead to approve the following applications. The motion passed unanimously.

Girl Scout Troop 60302 for their Year End Luau on August 27, 2022 as long as any Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time of the event including occupancy limits are adhered to.

Delaware County Democratic Committee for a Meet the Candidates public event on September 10, 2022 as long as any Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time of the event including occupancy limits are adhered to.

UPDATED DISASTER PLAN

Mayor Hubbell informed the board that the updated Disaster Plan for the Village of Margaretville is complete and available for review and will be distributed to department heads. A motion was made by Trustee Budin and seconded by Trustee Mead to accept the Disaster Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

CATSKILL MOUNTAIN CYCLING CHALLENGE

This year's cycling challenge will be held September 4, 2022 and has one route through the village.

GALLI-CURCI ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Trustee Mead reported that details are being firmed up for the event being held on August 27 and 28, 2022, with a reception for ticket holders, an operatic performance, an open house with history exhibit and a memory wall.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

K. Sickler Murphy has completed the disposition of obsolete records and inventory of short term and permanent records. They are scheduled to be here on August 17, 2022 to deliver the Needs Assessment and Plan, a Policy and Procedures Manual and provide staff training on the same.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Mead to enter into Executive Session at 5:42 pm to discuss matters leading to the potential employment of a particular person. Gabriel Misner also attended the session.

Executive Session ended at 5:59 pm with the following action being taken:
The board decision stands at this point in time.

Trustee Mead told the board, for the record and to make them aware that there are strange things happening in the Village, that someone at the Methodist Church had noticed that in the library was a bible with 2 cigarettes laying on top of it and in the vestibule on the podium was a paper bag that had handwriting on it about the whites and the blacks and the need to keep them apart among other things. No violence was mentioned. At the time that this was noticed, the ramp entrance and the front door were locked, but the Senior Meals entrance was open. Odd things have been noticed in the Catholic Church as well.

PAY BILLS

Voucher #'s 44-75 in the amount of \$51,061.51 were audited and approved for payment.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Mead and seconded by Trustee Budin to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. The motion passed unanimously.