

The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 5:00 pm on September 20, 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
Sarah Hubbell	Trustee (arrived 5:04)

Also in attendance were Peg Ellsworth, Steve Finch, Jesse Hilson, Mike Martin Barbra Alyn, Richard Bussa and Robert Cote.

\*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 Warren to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Hubbell asked those in attendance for public comment, there was none.

### **MARK PROJECT-RESTORE NY/AMPITHEATER/MAIN STREET GRANT**

Steve Finch introduced himself as the president of the board of directors. He provided the board with the following updates from the Mark Project, Inc.

He introduced Peg Ellsworth as the Interim Executive Director. They were in attendance to provide updates on grant programs, and as a follow up to conversations that had begun with the previous Interim Director about establishing a way for Mark to provide grant services for the Village and to receive reimbursement for.

### **Restore New York:**

First round is open now, but deadline dates have passed. There is another round being launched after the close of the current program. The process is to identify a project and write a Letter of Intent to apply. This program has a two-million-dollar award amount for a municipality of this size and is geared toward vacant, derelict, and residual government owned buildings. A Public Hearing notice must be published for three consecutive days/weeks and the hearing held prior to application submission. This program is a reimbursement grant and will fund up to ninety percent of the project. The Village could apply on behalf of the owners of the property or properties involved. There is a five-hundred-dollar fee to apply.

### **New York Forward**

The application deadline is in a few days, but another round will be available next year. New York Main Street grants will cover facades will fund up to five hundred thousand dollars and seventy five percent of project cost. New York Forward grants will cover facades, streetscapes and sidewalks are up to five million dollars.

The Consolidated Funding Application, which is what the New York Main Street program goes through is due in July of next year. New York Forward and Downtown Revitalization initiatives are launched in July as well. To do a comprehensive downtown revitalization project, you could apply through both programs.

When asked about funding for the amphitheater project, Peg told Mayor Hubbell that she will revisit the Amphitheater project to see where the funding stands and get back in touch with him.

Steve Finch advised the board that The Mark Project is reviewing their municipal contracts in terms of how the projects are administered. They are working on a fee schedule in terms of a fee per grant basis, where there would be no blanket contract in place, as well as implementing a sliding scale based on the complexity of the grant. A general grant writing contract would not necessary, but a project specific contract would be. The Mark Project will get information to the Village Board once that is in place.

Barbra Alyn asked if village sidewalks were something that could be funded through these programs. Ms. Ellsworth told her that sidewalk grants could be applied for by the municipality under the New York Forward program next summer.

## **NY RISING UPDATES**

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

### **MFD and DPW Facility Improvements:**

Shrubs are in place. False wall still needs to be completed.

### **Binnekill Bulkhead Levee Repair and Improvements**

Slowly moving through the closing out of the project.

### **Bull Run**

Slowly moving through the closing out of the project.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDIT**

The board reviewed proposals from two firms in consideration to perform an independent audit as required by Audit Requirements for Federal Awards for recipients expending \$750,000.00 or more in their fiscal year in federal awards. The village meets these parameters due to the New York Rising projects.

Proposals to provide independent audit services were reviewed from Mostert, Manzanero & Scott, LLP in the amount of \$12,700.00, and RBT CPA's, LLP in the amount of \$6,000.00.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Warren to approve the proposal from the firm of RBT CPA's LLP in the amount of \$6,000.00 for a program-specific audit for the Village of Margaretville. The motion passed unanimously.

### **SMOKING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

NYS Public Health Law places restrictions on smoking and vaping of tobacco and cannabis in a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces. As of October 13, 2022, the law will prohibit smoking of tobacco and cannabis in “any public park” and gives local municipalities the authority to expand on provisions in the law.

After discussion, it was decided to hold a public hearing to consider a Local Law to aid in the enforceability in the village and to include all municipally owned and maintained properties. It was decided to hold a public hearing on October 18, 2022 at 4:45pm to hear all persons interested regarding a proposed Local Law prohibiting smoking tobacco and cannabis on Village property.

### **VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT**

Article 39 Section 1643 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law in the State of New York has been amended in relation to allowing villages to amend their speed limits to twenty-five miles per hour.

After discussion, it was decided to table any further action on this matter until spring.

### **PAVILION USE APPLICATION**

There were no objections by board members regarding the use of the Village of Margaretville Park and Pavilion by the Cub Scouts on October 13, 2022 for a bonfire recruitment as long as any Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time of the event including occupancy limits are adhered to. A fire truck will be on site.

### **OTHER**

#### **NOTARY PUBLIC**

Mayor Hubbell informed the board that Clerk Diana Fronckowiak is in the process of becoming a notary public.

#### **BRUSH MOWER**

After review of pricing for a 16.5hp bush mower with 44 inch cutting width in the amount of \$3,399.99 and a 22hp bush mower with 52 inch cutting width in the amount of \$4,599.99, a motion was made by Trustee Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Mead to approve the purchase of the 22hp DR Power Pro tow behind brush mower with 52 inch cutting width in the amount of \$4,599.99 from Northern Tool & equipment. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **EYEGLASS/DENTAL**

A motion was made by Trustee Warren and seconded by Trustee Hubbell to add dental and eyeglass coverage for currently insured employees as follows:

Dental Blue Options #DBOE-4-26/26: monthly premium \$33.41 single, \$101.16 family

Simply Vision Bronze #E1-(VAD): monthly premium \$4.00 employee, \$12.00 employee + family

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **FILMING IN THE VILLAGE**

A request from Mia Jarrett, Paradise to shoot a short art film at the pavilion received via email was reviewed by the board. After discussion, it was requested that Ms. Jarrett provide more accurate information about the dates and times they would like to film.

Barbra Alyn asked what is being done about garbage on the sidewalk on Main Street. Business owners in the village are working hard trying to get people to come to the village. When they do, they walk Main Street and see the mess.

Mayor Hubbell responded that it is being addressed, with state and county agencies having been involved as well. He is doing all he can. Zoning and Local Laws need to be revisited.

Mike Martin commented that the Town of Davenport has a good comprehensive law in place covering many issues as well as this. Trustee Mead will contact the Town of Davenport Supervisor for a copy of their law.

Trustee Mead reported that the Galli Curci event held recently was a great success. Many people attended throughout the weekend. Grant money received was well used. The building will also be utilized on weekends during September and October for various events.

Robert Cote wanted to know if the village was going to do the same as last year concerning parking during the winter, as it worked very well. Mayor Hubbell explained that is a Local Law in the Village now that is in effect from November 1 thru April 1 each year. It will be publicized beginning in October.

#### **PAY BILLS**

Voucher #'s 76-106 in the amount of \$44,748.20 were audited and approved for payment.

#### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Trustee Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Warren to adjourn the meeting at 6:16pm. The motion passed unanimously.