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The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Hubbell at 5:00pm on March 19, 2025, in the Village Offices, 773 Main Street, Margaretville, NY. The following members were in attendance.

John C. Hubbell	Mayor
Dave Budin	Trustee
Iris Mead	Trustee
Sarah Hubbell	Trustee

Also in attendance was Beth Bush, Treasurer & Morgan Spaulding, Zoning Board

All unanimous votes are with the mayor not voting unless otherwise noted

Let's have a moment of silence for our former Mayor Bill Stanton his service was 2001-2003 as a trustee and was mayor 2003 – 2009 and then again 2011 – 2013.

The mayor called the meeting to order.

Let's stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approving last month, February 18th, 2025, minutes.
Trustee Hubbell made the motion and Trustee Budin seconded.

NEW BUSINESS: 2025-2026 Budget

- a. Treasurer Bush regarding Budget Tax Cap is 2.25, it's about the same as last year. Changes were put in for a 3% salary increase for everyone. Insurance has a tentative rate of more than \$24,000 budget was put in for \$25,000, which is recommended around 10% increase. Dog control line Verna is paid \$200.00 per month which is \$2,400 included in the budget. Streetlight rates are increasing due to higher-than-normal rates from NYSEG. Treasurer Bush shared hospitalizations were changed to two instead of the four we had last year. Water is about the same.
Revenues I did bring up because the interest rates are good.

Next item is NY Class. If we decide on that, we will make up some extra there, so that was increased. The contract between the village and the Town of Middletown regarding water, Treasurer Bush shared said then I will bill again probably in May so we can get some more by the end of year, to fill that number in. Trustee Budin asked if that has any provision to automatically renew? Mayor Hubbell and Treasurer Bush share that there is a formula that we are using that will automatically increase. Unless we ask for a larger increase. Trustee Budin acknowledged this information.

Treasurer Bush sharing it does that in October. Mayor Hubbell and Treasurer Bush share that this all comes from the attorneys.

Mayor Hubbell would like to discuss the **Public hearing date for the budget to be April 8th at 4:45pm.**

Trustee Mead so moved to accept as presented. Trustee Budin seconded. All in favor.

- b. Treasurer Bush explaining that New York State (NYCLASS) has an independent group of Investors that all of New York State Municipalities such as Villages, Towns, Cities, Fire Departments, Schools can join if they wish to. They pool all their money together offering the benefit of a larger interest rate in the New York Class Investor Group. Mayor Hubbell would like to bring it up at the next meeting to discuss investing for the next fiscal year.
- c. Request for Proposal (RFP'S) Smart Growth Grant (comprehensive plan) We were awarded \$50,000 through Department Environmental Conservation (DEC) for the comprehensive plan. The town was also awarded \$50,000. Combining the two together with total \$100,000 to include Fleischmanns in the comprehensive plan which would help with Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) request for the next round. In hopes that someone will take the contract Request for Proposal (RFP) so that the comprehensive plan can be made. Trustee Mead states that it will be Towns of Middletown, Margaretville, Fleischmanns together. Mayor Hubbell sharing this is not a short process it could be well over a year. Doing it this way there will be three members from the Village of Margaretville, three members from the town of Middletown, and three from the Village of Fleischmanns, as the overseeing board. The issue is finding someone to do the job. For the last ten years New York Rising has been used as a comprehensive plan. Involving Fleischmanns will hopefully help with the next Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), as it affects all of us. Also, anything that is written is a suggestion not mandatory.

Trustee Mead motioned to approve. Trustee Hubbell seconded. All in favor.

- d. Willis Marks bench will be ordered by Rotary-Jen (NBT) and placement to be decided by the family, water facing was discussed and where exactly the best location. Plaque will be taken care of by the Rotary. MTC will contribute. If slab is needed, we will bill the Rotary.
- e. Cemetery-Plots need to be paid for in one year.
Currently, deposits are made for the plot, but final payment is outstanding for four plus years or not being paid off at all.

Mayor Hubbell motioned to approve cemetery plots need to be paid for in one year. Trustee Hubbell seconded. All in favor.

- f. Amphitheater - Mayor Hubbell needs the approval to fill out and sign a flood plain permit, to follow guidelines by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) who will be involved.

Trustee Mead so moved to accept as presented. Trustee Budin seconded. All in favor.

- g. Local Laws update New York State Zone and Coding Laws, needing someone to review and update changes. Trustee Mead inquired Trustee Budin to possibly undergo this task. Mayor Hubbell suggests that the highest priority be addressed first, then move on to less priority.

Mayor Hubbell spoke about there being confusion with personal time vs. bereavement Time. The email will be provided by the mayor for next month.

- h. Mayor Hubbell sharing the **Organizational meeting at 5:00pm on April 8th**

Trustee Hubbell motioned to approve. Trustee Budin seconded. All in favor.

- i. Pavillion Use

- a. Girl Scouts Saturday April 12th
- b. Fairview Public Library June 21st
- c. Cauliflower Festival September 20th
- d. Youth Soccer Mon. & Thur. 5-6PM April 14th- June 2nd

Trustee Hubbell motioned to approve. Trustee Mead seconded. All in favor.

- j. Liquor Licenses for "Rae's Margaretville LLC", 814 Main Street. Formerly the Pub. Currently renting the building hoping to have a restaurant & bar service.

Trustee Hubbell motioned to approve. Trustee Budin seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

Mayor Hubbell has drafted a letter to the residents and is asking for suggestions on changes. Trustee Hubbell suggests adding the use of Emergency Vehicles to be able to access these roads, sharing that this is an issue currently. Mayor Hubbell explains that if the vehicle gets towed the owner would potentially have to travel to Delhi, Stamford, or Tannersville to retrieve their vehicle. If one street, does it then they all would do it. Trustee Hubbell sharing that there would be enough parking, but people would have to walk.

Trustee Mead discussing the 150TH Anniversary Celebration gave each member a copy of a press notice that Diane G. created. On May 8th, which is the signing of the incorporation of Margaretville, I would like to invite the public to come supplying a cake at 4pm, it might be possible to have Diane there to give a short speech. Trustee Mead to look through historical items to be included. If anyone has any ideas for July 26th the street will be closed for the 150th celebration including dancing.

Mayor Hubbell shared that on May 6th the board is invited to Albany, the state legislator is making a resolution for the Village to attend that evening. If anyone wants to attend, we will need to leave here around noon. Please let the mayor know by March 26th.

Zoning Board Member Morgan Spaulding inquiring about any news on the Local Flood Analysis (LFA) and if they have answered any of the questions that soil and water has sent them. Mayor Hubbell responds with nothing yet, but a grant is being worked on for the confluence of the bull

run project. The grant would include the study there of. Suggesting Morgan stop by the office to discuss it in greater detail.

Mayor Hubbell asked for a motion to move to the Executive session. Trustee Hubbell made the motion. Trustee Budin seconded. All in Favor.

Executive Session:

Out of the Executive Session Mayor Hubbell is asking to hire a new deputy clerk, Antonea Bongo, at the rate of \$18.00 per hour for the first three months and increasing to \$19.00 per hour after three months. Two 7.5-hour days to a total of 15 hours per week.

Trustee Hubbell motioned to approve. Trustee Mead seconded. All in favor.

Pay Bills

Bills #239 - #266 Grand total \$19,638.68 were audited and approved by the Village Board for payment. Noreen to call Nolans Propane regarding the tanks.

Adjourn Meeting

Mayor Hubbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mead so moved to accept as presented. Trustee Budin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. All in favor.

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Bid opening for our Emergency Equipment use for 2025. The first one is from Lefevere Excavating, Inc. and the second bid is from Hubbell, Inc.

Approval to use both companies.