

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WAS HELD ON MARCH 13, 2023 IN
NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK**

1. Mayor Ryan opened the Regular Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Donald J. Ryan
Trustee Andrew N. Alesia
Trustee John Grygiel
Trustee Richard C. Sherman

ABSENT:

Trustee David W. Butler
Codes Enforcement Officer Gary Schreppel

VILLAGE OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fire Chief Tom Bolanowski, Attorney Gustave DeTraglia (arrived at 7:12 pm), Village Clerk Sarah Dobson, Superintendent Thomas Hughes, Lieutenant Michael Kowalski, Councilman David Reynolds (arrived at 7:10 pm), and Treasurer Daniel Dreimiller.

2. **MINUTES:** Upon motion by Trustee Alesia, seconded by Trustee Sherman, the February 13, 2023 Minutes were approved by the Village Board.

3. **FINANCIAL :**

- A. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Dreimiller submitted the March 13, 2023 report (copy attached).

- B. **ABSTRACT:** Upon motion by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Alesia, the following abstract was approved:

GENERAL: \$76,758.40

- C. Treasurer Dreimiller advised that the 4th quarter Sales Tax check was received along with the Town Fire Contract payment.

- D. Treasurer Dreimiller proposed the 2023-2024 budget as follows:

- Property Tax Rate – 2.4% increase
- Increase Sewer Unit charge from \$60 to \$70 per unit.
- Increase wages (elected, appointed, boards, DPW) by 3%
- General Fund Total Estimated Revenues - \$2,243,442.00

A public hearing will be held concurrent with the Regular Board Meeting on April 10, 2023 regarding the budget.

4. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. Lieutenant Kowalski gave a verbal report on the activities for the month.

Traffic Stops	10
Welfare Checks	1
Alarms	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2
Suspicious Activity	3
Animal Control Call	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
<u>Civil Complaint</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Calls Received	21

B. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. Chief Bolanowski presented the following monthly report:

a. Summary Incident Report 2/1 – 2/28/23

Total Incidents	84
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b. Monthly Incident Report 2/1 – 2/28/23

Town	71
Village	12
<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Incidents	84

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Superintendent Hughes advised that he reached out to Payne Surveying regarding the easement on 68 Paris Road and the storm water lines.
2. Superintendent Hughes is talking with Dukes and GHD regarding repairing the sanitary and storm sewer lines. He will advise when he has more info.
3. Auctions International will be coming to take pictures of the leaf sucker and some other small miscellaneous equipment this week or next. They will be posting items for sale.
4. The DPW was in the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade. Due to snow, only the Sweeper was able to be in parade.

5. The DOT contacted Superintendent Hughes regarding starting the watermain work on Genesee Street in mid-April.

6. Superintendent Hughes was going to reach out to MVWA to confirm there is not a conflict between DOT project and MVWA project.

D. CODES DEPARTMENT:

1. Codes Office Gary Schreppel provided a written report for February 2023:

- a) Issued final notice to 9 Sanger for accumulation of trash.
- b) Issued zoning violation to 11 Pearl Street for converting 2-family to 3-family without ZBA approval.
- c) Issued violation to 23 Pearl Street for unsafe porch.
- d) Issued violation to 23 Pearl Street for no protective covering of wood
- e) Issued violation notice for trash behind New Hartford Shopping Center
- f) Construction/Property inspections were conducted at 28 Oxford Road, 23 Pearl Street, 11 Pearl Street, 9 Sanger Ave, 34 Genesee Street, 1 Genesee Street and 73 Oxford Road.

2. Codes Officer Schreppel attended the Supreme Court hearing regarding 73 Oxford Road (Brady property). Attorney DeTraglia updated the Board on the court proceedings. The Judge issued a court order to have the property cleaned up to meet codes in 15 days. If not cleaned after the 15 days, the Village has the right to clean up/remove any and all trash from property and add all charges to the tax bill. Also, a permanent court order was issued to not violate the current court order again. A contempt of court charge can be issued if problem resurfaces in the future.

E. OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Attorney DeTraglia submitted a judgment to Judge Copeland for the unpaid \$4,000 fine that was not paid by 73 Oxford Road. An extension was granted and fine was still not paid.
- 2. Bill Randall submitted permit for Memorial Day Parade. Mayor Ryan signed permit in the event they can make it work with ongoing construction.
- 3. Attorney DeTraglia asked the Village follow up with Millennia regarding unpaid bill that is in collections.

4. Mr. Terpstra is asking the Village pay the tax bill for the parcel of land that was given to the Village. Per Mayor Ryan the Village should pay the tax bill. Deed was recorded 2/2/2023.
 5. Mayor Ryan announced the Village was recognized as a participant in the 2022 Tree City program.
 6. The question as to whether or not to keep the Observer Dispatch subscription was proposed. Based on discussion it was decided the subscription shall remain in order to obtain pertinent legal notices for the Village.
 7. Willard Skinner has asked for a parking space (property of the Village) at the Point School to be added to his property. He is looking to sell and would like to include a parking space with listing. Based on discussion it was decided that it was in the best interest to not provide him a parking space at this time but will continue with (1) spot in back of lot.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion by Trustee Grygiel, seconded by Trustee Sherman, the Village Board approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Dobson
Village Clerk