

VILLAGE OF FAYETTEVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3-25-2024
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Minutes of the Village of Fayetteville Board of Trustees meeting Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6:00pm.

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Small	Clerk Corsette	Mary Teske
Trustee Kinsella	Dep. Clerk Shepardson	Sara Bollinger
Trustee Matt	Supt. Hall	Casey Cleary-Hammarstedt
Trustee Rice	Attorney Hunt	Richard Griffith
Chief Hildreth	Mike Jones, CEO	Dylan Black

Deputy Mayor Small called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge to the flag was led by Deputy Mayor Small.

MINUTES MARCH 11, 2024

Trustee Matt made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting as amended. Trustee Rice seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

ABSTRACT #16

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to approve Abstract #16 in the amount of \$73,458.60. Trustee Rice seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to accept Justin Corcoran's Application as a Mutual Aid Rider with the Fayetteville Fire Department. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to accept the application from James Vaught as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Fayetteville Fire Department. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to accept the application from Vincenzo Cariofolo as a Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician for the Fayetteville Fire Department and Ambulance Service. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it as carried by unanimous vote.

HOSE AND LADDER TESTING

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to authorize Deputy Mayor Small to sign the agreement with First Due Services to provide the annual Fire Hose and Ladder Testing. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

NEW EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN HIRE

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to hire Ryan Crowell as a Full-Time Paramedic at the contract rate of \$23/hour. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

NEW YORK STATE STIPEND PROGRAM

Chief Hildreth told the board that Jack Shepardson is the first recipient of the NYS Stipend Program and he will receive a check from the state in the amount of \$750.

DPW REPORT

Superintendent Hall presented the following report

Purchases:

- a. Will need to order 300 tons of salt at \$48 per ton per County Contract at end of the season.

Projects:

- a. Senior Center:
 - a. Continuing on Cottage project – looking for plumbers and electricians
- b. Carriage Hill Light
 - a. DPW will remove the broken brick light structure
- c. Little League
 - a. DPW removed old scoreboard poles
 - b. Little League is installing a new scoreboard
- d. Canal Landing Phase 6:
 - a. Railings to be installed over the next few weeks
 - b. Will finish walking path
 - c. Top coat of asphalt to be scheduled
- e. Parks:
 - a. As the spring ramps up we will start parks clean up and prep for Memorial Day Parade
- f. Snow Season:
 - a. As snow melts we will be around to fix plow damage
- g. Construction Debris will be picked up on Monday April 1 2024.

Training:

- a. Bobby and Tyler to attend Highway School in Ithaca from 06/03/2024 – 06/05/2024
 - a. Training is \$125 each
 - b. Hotel for two nights
- b. Defensive Driving training scheduled for spring
- c. Bobby and Tyler to attend MS4 training through the County Storm Water Coalition

Trustee Rice made a motion to authorize Superintendent Hall and Deputy Supt. Massett to attend the Highway School, in Ithaca, from June 3, 2024 to June 5, 2024 at a cost of \$125 each and hotel accommodations for 2 nights. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Trustee Matt made a motion to authorize Supt. Hall to purchase 300 tons of Road Salt, under County Contract, at the end of the season. Trustee Rice seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

TAX CAP OVERRIDE – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on April 22, 2024 at or around 6:00pm to hear Public Comment on the proposed Local Law to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Trustee Rice seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

RESCHEDULE THE APRIL 8, 2024 MEETING

Trustee Rice made a motion to reschedule the April 8, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting to Monday April 1, 2024 at 5pm. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

CANAL LANDING PARK DEDICATION

Deputy Mayor Small read the following paragraph regarding the history of the Canal Landing Park Property.

Canal Landing Park is vibrant park enjoyed by both the Village of Fayetteville Community and visitors. Many people are not aware that the park has been 30 years in the making and spanned 5 mayors. The property was once a NYSDOT Garage Site that was abandoned in the early 1970's and a later determination, by the NYSDEC, that it was a contaminated site that needed remedial activity.

In July of 2004 Mayor Mark Olson submitted an application to the NYS Canal Corporation proposing that they allow the village to acquire the property for purposes of developing a park that would include a Children's Playground, a gazebo, picnic areas and trails. Developers were also interested in the site as well but with the help of the NYSDEC, NYS Parks, NYSDOT, NYS Canal Corporation, SUNY ESF, Stearns and Wheeler along with various grants that were received by both state and federal agencies this park has become a jewel of the village and a true asset. The original plan was expanded by adding 3 pedestrian bridges, one over Limestone Creek and 2 over the Feeder Canal, bathrooms, an exercise course and fishing access. The improvements were made possible through grants that the village applied for and received thereby minimizing any tax dollars spent for improvements. The village was able to offset any share of the grants received by providing "In-Kind" services, such as DPW employees and equipment.

The board discussed the development of Canal Landing Park and the effort it took to make it what it is today.

Trustee Matt agreed that the park is a jewel for the community and widely used by both residents and visitors of Fayetteville.

Trustee Kinsella said that he was on the board when the property was a dump site with all kinds of pollutants and when Mark Olson became Mayor he was able to come in to contact with the right people and get things done.

Deputy Mayor Small said that we have always honored former Mayors with various acknowledgements, for example Mayor Coulter has a park named after him, who he believes was the second longest serving mayor and as Trustee Kinsella stated Mayor Olson put a great deal of effort into securing this property for a park and have it become what it is today and that so many people have enjoyed it and will continue to enjoy it for years to come.

Deputy Mayor Small made a motion that in recognition of the dedication, determination and love for the village as well as being the longest serving mayor of the Village of Fayetteville that we honor Mark A. Olson and rename Canal Landing Park, *Mark A. Olson Park at Canal Landing*. Trustee Kinsella seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

ROUNDTABLE

Deputy Mayor Small reminded everyone that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 30th, 9am at the Fayetteville Senior Center.

Clerk Corsette informed the board that the NYS Office of the State Comptroller released the Village of Fayetteville's Fiscal Stress Designation and Environmental Stress Designation for the Fiscal Year Ending 2023. The current Fiscal Stress Designation is 3.3, No Designation and the Environmental Designation is 0.0, No Designation.

Trustee Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorie C. Corsette
Village Clerk-Treasurer