

**VILLAGE OF FAYETTEVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2-26-2024
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Minutes of the Village of Fayetteville Board of Trustees meeting Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:00pm.

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Small	Chief Hildreth	Dep. Clerk Shepardson
Trustee Kinsella	DPW Supt. Hall	Sara Bollinger
Trustee Matt	Attorney Spencer	Jason Klaiber
Trustee Rice	Codes Officer Mike Jones	

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

Pledge to the flag was led by Deputy Mayor Small.

MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Trustee Rice made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

ABSTRACT #14

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to approve Abstract #14 in the amount of \$201,977.41. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

DPW REPORT

Mike Small presented the following report by Superintendent Hall:

Purchases:

- a. Tires for trash truck - \$3230 – Commercial Tire
Trustee Rice made a motion to authorize purchase new tires for the existing truck not to exceed \$3230. This truck will be still in service as a backup after the new trash truck is here. Trustee Kinsella seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Projects:

- a. Senior Center:
 - a. Continuing on Cottage project
- b. Food Compost bins were delivered and first pick up will be this Friday March 1.
- c. Continuing to clean catch basins as weather permits.

Trash Truck Update:

- Truck will be completed May 1st and delivered mid-May
- Informational meeting was held last Thursday at the Village Hall

Superintendent Hall said they have not had luck filling the Mechanic Position and if no applicants by the next meeting, he would like to open up possibility to hire a Laborer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to accept the application submitted by Anesa Shahid for the EMS side of the Fayetteville Fire Department. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – TRAINING

Chief Hildreth requested approval for two upcoming training events. One event is in New Jersey, International Eastern Conference, for a cost not to exceed \$500; the other event is F.I.R.E. Conference in Dallas for two to attend would cost \$5,000. Trustee Kinsella made a motion to approve these events not to exceed the above stated costs. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

FIRE DEPARTMENT- No Videos Signage

Chief Hildreth said there is a growing issue with videotaping taking place in the back of the ambulance while transporting patients. He has spoken with the attorney and the insurance company regarding having signage in the back of the ambulance stating “No Videos Allowed.” There was no issue with doing so. Chief Hildreth requested the board’s approval to put up said signs inside the ambulances.

The board understood the importance of this especially in regards to HIPPA. Signs would provide leverage when person(s) are asked to cease.

Trustee made a motion to approve No Videos Allowed signage inside the ambulances. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote. Chief Hildreth will have the signs done tomorrow.

A.I.M. FUNDING RESOLUTION

A request was presented to all within NYS to pass a resolution in support of raising the amount granted to municipalities through the AIM Funding by New York State. The Aid Incentive for Municipalities (AIM) amount has not changed in 15 years and yet schools have consistently received increases. The governor has not decreased the amount of aid to municipalities but the governor is not increasing it either. Therefore there is a request of unity to be demonstrated by the municipalities, and there are about 530 villages in NYS, to have all pass such as resolution in hopes of increasing AIM funding.

Deputy Mayor Mike Small read the following proposed resolution:

***Whereas**, the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program plays a critical role in funding essential municipal services for cities and villages across New York State; and*

***Whereas**, city and village officials share the same priorities as our state leaders which is to make New York safer and more affordable; and*

Whereas, New York's local governments, who are on the frontlines of controlling property tax affordability and ensuring public safety, are integral to achieving those goals; and

Whereas, the State has not increased AIM funding in 15 years and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased by nearly 45% during that same period; and

Whereas, this neglect from the State has led to rising municipal tax burdens and harmful disinvestment in essential municipal services and staff; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the services their residents need; and

Whereas, the challenges of rising inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid, only accentuate the need for an increase in AIM funding; and

Whereas, the Governor's 2024-25 Executive Budget proposes to keep AIM funding flat; and

Whereas, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Fayetteville urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2024-25 adopted State Budget.

Trustee Matt made a motion to approve the above AIM resolution. Trustee Kinsella seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

A copy of this resolution will be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Mannion, Assemblyman Stirpe and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

CODES ENFORCEMENT REVIEW

Codes Enforcement Officer Michael Jones provided the following 2023 Codes Enforcement Annual Summary:

Building Permits Issued - 61
Building Permit Fees Collected - \$14,485.00
Valuation of Projects - \$2,009,453.65
Certificate of Occupancy CO / Completion CC Issued – 69
Open Building Permits from 1-1-23 through 12-31-23 – 36
Complaints – 63 / Open – 4
Complaint actions noted - 227
Stop Work Orders Issued - 4
Building Inspections 141/ Fire Insp 91
Planning Board Applications/ Special Use Permits/ Sub-Divisions

Reviews and Fees – 5 Projects - \$1250.00
ZBA Applications Reviews and Fees – 3 Reviews - \$500.00

CEO Jones said that this year was similar to the year before it. The Stop Work Orders issued were not for same properties as year before.

CNYRIC ANNUAL AGREEMENT

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to approve the renewal for IT services through CNYRIC at a cost of \$6,108. Deputy Mayor Small noted that this is an increase of \$600 from last year and that the board can approve with the understanding the agreement can be discontinued with 30 days' notice if there is a wish to change. Trustee Rice seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

SIGN REQUEST BY TOASTMASTERS

Deputy Mayor Small said there is a request by Toastmasters, one of the groups that meet bi-monthly at the village hall, to have permission to place a sandwich board sign out front of the village hall on the nights of their meetings.

Trustee Rice said if the board says yes to one group then they would need to yes to others, it is all or none.

Trustee Matt suggested that the board think about the request. He asked if there were other ways to advertise their meetings as we wouldn't wish to be "marketing" for any group.

There was also the question if a sign permit would be required or would it be exempt.

The board needs to consider how community events should be handled in regards to the online calendar.

The matter was tabled at this time.

ROUNDTABLE

Trustee Matt thanked the DPW for help with the compost pilot. He said that he is still getting people signing up for the pilot program and happily speaking with interested parties. He has a verbal agreement with Kinsella Quarries; he helped the Quarry register with NYS DEC to become a permitted collection site for composting. The village has zero cost working with Kinsella's and will also be reducing their OCRRA fees by composting. Kinsella Quarries could sell the compost but they have no plans to do so. Currently the only composting site nearby is located in Amboy and it would be too expensive for the Village to ship there.

Trustee Rice said the interior of the Senior Center Cottage has been cleared out and work is now on the plumbing, and also getting quotes for electrical work. She said the scope of the project is for use of the first floor only; the 2nd floor is beyond our scope and means at this time.

Trustee Rice asked how the community garden beds on the senior center grounds are currently being managed since it is not done through the senior center. She was informed that it has been done through the village clerk office, but there is no formal application process yet. Some

of the raised beds had been filled and or built by Boy Scouts and need work. There is a need to check on demand and usage of current beds before investing more into adding any additional beds. Some garden beds may not have been used due to less sun on them than others. Trustee Matt said he would work with Trustee Rice on this. Trustee Rice said a structured program is needed for better management.

Trustee Rice said the Parks Commission had two purchase requests: a Parks Commission Banner to use at events for visibility of the commission at cost of \$75; and a full-sized laminated map of village and its parks to work with during their meetings at a cost of about \$90. There is monies in their budget.

Trustee Rice informed everyone that the members of the Parks Commission are currently doing "reconnaissance" of the village's parks and their possible connectivity to each other.

Trustee Rice spoke with the other members of the Ethics Committee and they all agreed that the current village codes are good and adequately cover issues. Going forward, Deputy Small said that guidelines and reminders can be shared with board/commission members.

Deputy Mayor Small said the Mayor's Turkey Dinner at the Senior Center is this Sunday, March 3rd and will be a drive-through. All supplies for the dinner have been donated.

Deputy Mayor Small said applications for the Main Street Grant were received and submitted to the County. A maximum of \$500,000 has been allotted to the Village of Fayetteville. There were 11 applications that fill that allotment - up to 75% covered by the grant and a minimum of 25% to be matched by the applicants. It was not known if the applicant is required by the County to maintain for a period of time.

Trustee Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Trustee Rice seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Shepardson, Deputy Clerk