

**VILLAGE OF FAYETTEVILLE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**3-11-2024**

**DRAFT**

Minutes of the Village of Fayetteville Board of Trustees meeting Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00pm.

**PRESENT:**

Deputy Mayor Small  
Trustee Kinsella  
Trustee Matt  
Trustee Rice

Clerk Corsette  
Dep. Clerk Shepardson  
Supt. Hall  
Attorney Spencer

Mary Teske  
Sara Bollinger  
Marguerite Ross

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

Pledge to the flag was led by Deputy Mayor Small.

**MINUTES FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

Trustee Matt made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2024 meeting as amended. Trustee Rice seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

**ABSTRACT #15**

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to approve Abstract #15 in the amount of \$248,232.10. Trustee Rice seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

**DPW REPORT**

Superintendent Hall presented the following report-

Purchases:

- a. Leaf bagger for grandstand purchased last year for pond clearing - \$3,442.77

Projects:

- a. Senior Center:
  - a. Continuing on Cottage project
  - b. Shields were installed on two island lights to reduce light across Rt 5
- b. Beard Park:
  - a. Retaining wall is falling in and needs to be addresses
    - i. Need to cut maple tree on Franklin St side of pong to repair that wall
    - ii. Install drainage in the lily beds to prevent this from happening again
    - iii. New mulch and paper in the lily beds
  - b. Fix conduit on breaker box on Franklin St side of park
- c. Signs on S Manlius St – from NYSDOT recommendation
- d. Will begin plow damage as it gets nicer

Speed Sign – Month of February results attached – new spot?

- a. 11204 total cars
- b. Average speed of 27 MPH
- c. Highest traffic time 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

New PolarTrac sidewalk plow and mower was delivered.

Trustee Rice discussed the lighting at the Fayetteville Senior Center. Neighbors have asked that the village do something to reduce the light shed coming from the center at night.

Supt. Hall said that they installed 2 light deflector shields to help reduce the light shed and they have looked into possibly replacing the LED Lights but we would need to purchase a retro-fit kit which would be more expense.

Supt. Hall informed the board that the retaining wall at Beard Park is starting to fall and he would like to start fixing the wall so it is ready before Memorial Day.

The board discussed the signage that is located at each village entrance. The signs direct people to see the Village Clerk for Solicitors Permits and also there are signs for the Lions Club and Free Masons.

Trustee Rice thinks information is important and asked if we could add it to the Village Website or another location for the public to view.

The board asked if the village is legally required to post these signs.

Attorney Spencer does not believe there is a legal requirement but will look into the matter and respond at the next meeting.

The board discussed the speed detector device that was placed on Brooklea Drive from January 29, 2024 through March 3, 2024.

Trustee Rice does not want to entertain reducing the speed limit on Brooklea Drive based on the data that was collected.

Trustee Matt agreed that based on the data collected he does not believe we should reduce the speed limit on Brooklea Drive. Trustee Matt said that he would talk to the Town of Manlius Police about the data.

Trustee Rice suggested that we should post the results and they would alter the perception that people are speeding.

### **DPW PURCHASES**

Trustee Rice made a motion to authorize Supt. Hall to purchase a Leaf Bagger for the Grand Stand Mower, under NYS Contract, for a cost of \$3,442.77. Trustee Kinsella seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Supt. Hall informed the board that the new Polar Tract and Sidewalk Plow was delivered last week and he plans on holding off putting it in service until the end of winter. Once the new machine is in service he will surplus the old unit and send it to auction or advertise it for sale.

### **TREE REMOVAL**

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to authorize Supt. Hall to hire Bartlett Tree Experts to remove a dead Sugar Maple on Elm Street for a cost of \$2,520. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Trustee Rice made a motion to authorize Supt. Hall to hire Bartlett Tree to remove a Norway Maple Tree in front of 400 Walnut Street for a cost of \$1,820. Trustee Kinsella seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT – CHIEFS CONFERENCE**

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to authorize Chief Hildreth to attend a NYS Fire Chief's Conference in Peekskill, NY on March 20, 2024 and stay overnight with an allowable expense for food and lodging not to exceed \$400. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

### **BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

Clerk Corsette distributed the Tentative 2024-25 Village Budget.

The board scheduled Budget Workshops to be held on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8am and Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

### **ROUNDTABLE**

Trustee Matt reported that he has been working on the Food Scrap Program and it is going very well and has had a very positive response.

Trustee Rice said that the Parks Commission has been very active improving there part of the Village Website. The intention of the Parks Commission is to get an Interactive Map on the Website, once it is ready to go live Trustee Rice will inform the board.

Deputy Mayor Small reminded everyone that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Fayetteville Senior Center at 9am. The Recreation Department is working on the prizes and the DPW will be there to set up for the event. Refreshments will be taken care of by the Village Trustees.

Deputy Mayor Small thanked everyone for their help and support with the Mayor's Turkey Dinner. The event raised \$5,500 for the Fayetteville Senior Center.

Deputy Mayor Small read a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation recognizing and congratulating the village for being a Tree City, USA and a member for 23 years.

### **DEBRUQUE GREENHOUSE QUOTE**

Deputy Mayor Small received a quote from DeBruque Greenhouse for the planting and maintenance of the Village Flower Pots. The quote to plant the pots with all Petunias or a mix of Petunias and Begonias is \$15,477 and the quote for the maintenance of the pots varies depending on which flowers we choose to plant. A mix of Petunias and Begonias would be \$11,319 and all Petunias would be \$15,477.

Trustee Rice made a motion to accept the quote from DeBruque Greenhouse for planting a mix of Petunias and Begonias in the amount of \$15,477 and to maintain the plants for the season in the amount of \$11,319. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

### **DAVIS ULMER SPRINKLER REPAIR QUOTE**

Trustee Rice made a motion to accept the quote from Davis Ulmer in the amount of \$2,857 for repairs to the Village Hall and Fire Department Sprinkler System. Trustee Matt seconded the quote and it was carried by unanimous vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marguerite Ross submitted a letter to each board member and then read the letter for those in attendance.

The letter requested the board to answer the following questions during the meeting.

1. How can you justify your failure to uphold the law and fulfill your duty to appoint someone to the vacancy in the office of mayor which has existed since January 1?
2. How can you justify allowing Mike Small to exercise the powers reserved for the mayor without appointing him to the office?
3. How can you justify allowing Mike Small to hold onto the office of trustee at the same time he exercised the powers reserved for the mayor?
4. How can you justify depriving us citizens the right to elect the trustee who will replace Mike Small if he is elected mayor on March 19th?

Ms. Ross's letter concluded by stating that she had written 3 times in December and January to inform the board of their obligations to fill the office of mayor immediately and not to allow Mike Small or anyone else to exercise the powers of that office without being appointed to it and that they had failed to respond and address the matter publicly.

Deputy Mayor Small told Ms. Ross that all of her questions were answered by the Village Attorney at a previous meeting and it was also discussed at that same meeting.

Ms. Ross said that here questions were not answered.

Deputy Mayor Small said that Ms. Ross is bringing up questions that were asked before and they were address by our village attorney to give you the answers in regards to any legality that the board should be aware of.

Ms. Ross said that he did not answer the questions or refute any of her statements.

Deputy Mayor Small said that the village attorney did respond and he did not agree with her opinion of the answer that she wanted to hear and he said he was sorry but that is what happened.

Ms. Ross reiterated comments made in the letter she submitted and read.

Mary Teske told the board that there are 3-4 dead evergreen trees on the Fayetteville Senior Center Property and asked if the village would take them down. Mrs. Teske noted that there are 2 concrete barriers and orange fence at Canal Landing Park along a section of the creek and asked if that could be removed since the work has been done to fix the erosion, there is also a large pile of dirt along Feeder Street that she wondered if that could be cleaned up as well.

Trustee Kinsella made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm. Trustee Matt seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie Corsette, Village Clerk