

Village of Allegany Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Trustee Nazemetz was the only Board Member not present at the start of the meeting. The Village Attorney, Janine Fodor, was present.

The minutes of 8/4/14 were approved by Trustee Cummins, seconded by Trustee Gleason, with a change in time on one page. Aye-all. Nay-none.

The abstracts were approved by Trustee Cummins, seconded by Trustee Gleason after explanations were offered regarding the water and gutter broom costs. Aye-all. Nay-none.

Public Session

Abby Cohen attended this meeting to update the board on funding for Bonagany. The Trustees made suggestions for ways to increase the revenue for the event. Trustee Cummins motioned to increase the village donation from the General Fund to Bonagany by \$500.00., seconded by Trustee Gleason. Aye-all. Nay-none.

Discussion also noted that a letter is needed to close Main Street for Bonagany from 7 AM to 7 pm on September 27th. A motion was also presented by Trustee Gleason, seconded by Trustee Davis that our funds for issuing permits would be waived and the street closed for Bonagany. Aye-all. Nay-none.

Robert Tucker attended the meeting to speak about the summer hours he believed that he was to work this year. He asked if there was work for him and if not, he was going to look elsewhere for employment. DPW Supervisor Papasergi stated that he had work for him and he could work an additional 8 to 10 hours per week.

Tom Stetz registered a complaint about the junk that had accumulated on Harriet Street (at Mrs. Thropp's address). An order of remedy will be issued to get the items off her property and the resident has 15 days to clean up the area. DPW Supervisor Papasergi explained that if the village picks up the junk, the resident is billed for the service on their taxes.

The Old Church place on Second Street was also mentioned as a messy area. There was discussion on whether an appearance ticket can be issued to a person to clean up their home area. There was a discussion of a man who may have moved to another house. A private citizen may be able to bring a civil suit.

New Business

The clerk was given board approval to file an online complaint with the United States Postal Service regarding problems with mail that appears to be lost or not reaching the correct destination.

A motion was approved by Trustee Cummins, seconded by Trustee Davis to pay for the Clerk to attend the Basic Accounting for Municipalities Training in Manlius on October 7 – 9. Aye-all. Nay-none.

Trustee Gleason approved and Trustee Cummins seconded approval for the Clerk to attend training sponsored by Southern Tier West for four Fridays. The training cost is \$100 and the topic is avoiding audit triggers. Aye-all. Nay-none.

The Clerk agreed to obtain more information regarding an energy supply vendor who wanted to canvas the area. The Board agreed that vendors must apply for a permit with restricted hours of operation within the village.

Trustee Gleason made a motion, seconded by Trustee Davis, to sell our village refuse stickers with payment in advance to the 7-Eleven Store. The store had requested a supply of the stickers based on residents' requests and agreed to pay in advance for the stickers. Aye-all. Nay-none.

A court audit has to be completed by the Board members.

Trustee Nazemetz arrived at 7:15 PM.

A discussion was held regarding the opportunity to place a message on the answering machine in the event of a difficult situation in the village, such as a water shut-off or leak. The message would apply when the village should know about the problem and there is not ample opportunity to advise the residents in advance.

DPW – Superintendent Papasergi

Trucks are in and fitted with new dump beds. The old truck is higher than the new truck and there is a concern for ice buildup at the truck doors during the winter.

The valves at Devereux and Jefferson would be replaced starting tomorrow.

Patching has been done but Upland, Nolan and White Oak streets will not be done due to the change of valves and hydrants in those areas. Valve problems were experienced last week and water was off for some time at Clarence, Sherwood, Jefferson, Devereux, and Pierce. The work there is complete with the big valve at the corner of Maple Avenue. Trustee Gleason asked about implementing a valve exercising plan with our equipment. He asked about doing as section per year.

Lance Jobe is 90% done with the Certificates of Occupancy for the year.

Some lights have to be checked and changed and Robert Tucker can help with that work since it is a 2 man job.

Trees are to be reviewed on a Saturday with volunteers after Labor Day and before Bonagany. The Credit Union removed their shrubs.

Police report – Chief Papasergi

The Mayor is to get a price from the County regarding an extra police officer and car by Wednesday. The extra help would be on a contract basis. The Chief reported that 2 officers are out and one is now working. One needs a doctor's slip to be able to return to work. Currently there is one officer who will never return to work, one full-time officer off from work and one part-time officer not working. There is only one full-time person on staff and all the rest are part-time. Trustee Cummins stated that he finds it unacceptable that we are not covering our village properly when students are coming back to school at St. Bonaventure. He wants to add part-time officers and this is the fourth meeting that this issue has been addressed. Trustee Cummins requested a resolution to advertise for 2 part-time officers. There was not second to his resolution.

The police bikes were fixed to be able to use them for patrol.

The school wants a contract like the town currently has to pay is when needed. Chief Papasergi will look into this. There was mention that the school could contract with another entity or location.

Correspondence

1. Employee calendar
2. Pipeline awareness
3. Fall training school for City and Village officials – Trustee Cummins mentioned that there may be NYCOM Webinars on Wednesdays that could be used
4. Cattaraugus County Municipal Officials Association Meeting - Trustees are to let the Clerk know if they plan to attend
5. Verizon Virtual Communication Express – the Clerk will request a quote
6. City of Olean annual payment for treatment of sewage – The Clerk will work with the Town Clerk, Caroline Hemphill, to see what the costs will be. A joint meeting with the Olean Mayor and the Board may be in order to discuss possible increases the city has mentioned in the Olean Times Herald recently
7. Cattaraugus County Surplus Auction
8. Liquor License Renewal – the licenses are to placed on file by the Clerk and more are expected
9. Certificate of Appreciation from Southern Tier West
10. Grants – the Clerk is to look into possible grants offered at this time

Trustee Davis requested that the Board go into Executive session, seconded by Trustee Gleason.

Lance Jobe had requested time at Executive Session and decided he did not need an Executive Session to talk about his job. He requested information and forms to be able to do his job without the use of the computer system. He desired to do all of his own paperwork with DPW Superintendent Papasergi continuing to be his supervisor. Lance wants to utilize the South 7th Street location to meet residents who need permits or Certificates of Occupancy. The Clerk's office will collect the money involved with the permits and CO's. Lance is to give the residents the paperwork so that the Clerk knows how much money to charge the residents. Lance will keep all of the paperwork at his work site and send the information needed to the Clerk's office. The Board can go on Code Inspections with Lance if they would like. Attorney Fodor asked questions about the process. The Clerk expressed concern for what may be an inconvenience to the public to have to go to two offices. The Clerk will give the cell phone number for Mr. Jobe to those who need to get in contact with him. Mr. Jobe is to provide a detailed report to the Board at the next meeting to determine if the system is working.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Cummins to go into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Gleason at 8:37 PM. Aye-all. Nay-none.

Executive Session ended at 9:15 PM.

A motion as made by Trustee Cummins to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Davis. Aye-all. Nay-none.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorrie B. Fisher

Village of Allegany Clerk/Treasurer