

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
10/04/2021 4:00 PM

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 pm by Mayor G. Pearl.

Present: Trustees: J. Cummins, R. Barton, J. Kolkowski, D. Papasergi; Clerk Treasurer K. Roth, Superintendent F. Snyder; Chief of Police C. Baker, Deputy Clerk A. Silluzio, Greg Straub-Town of Allegany, Eric Wohlers-Catt Co Health Department

RESOLUTION #2021-105-ACCEPT MINUTES

On motion made by Trustee J. Kolkowski, second by Trustee J. Cummins resolved to approve the minutes from September 20, 2021. Aye-all, Nay-none

PUBLIC SESSION

Resident Steve Saunders addressed a letter to the Village Board of Trustees to be read during public session. The letter has been inserted here:

Solutions to solve the problem of damaging the pillars and/or fencing at 216 White Oak Drive:

- (1) Village of Allegany Board pass a resolution that the sidewalk at 216 White Oak Drive be exempt from having to be cleared of snow during the winter of 2021-2022 on a trial basis to see how it goes. Walkers have the opportunity to walk on the sidewalk on the other side of the street.
- (2) New drivers, as well as previous drivers, of the snow removal equipment be given a course on the proper way to operate the snow removal equipment with both the V-plow and the snowblower attached. i.e. **Explain to the drivers that In order for any vehicle to plow or blow snow the vehicle must be pushing harder than it would to attain the same speed it would if the machine were not facing resistance of snow and ice. In other words the accelerator of the machine must be pushed down further to compensate for the resistance of the snow and ice it is either pushing or throwing. Once the resistance of the snow or ice is removed, then with the accelerator still at the same level it was will cause the vehicle to rapidly accelerate. In addition, when the tires of the machine catch on the clean pavement the friction between the tires and the clean pavement will make the machine go even faster making it difficult to control the machine and possibly cause an accident.** So it should be explained to the drivers of the snow removal machine that if they can see a clean sidewalk ahead...**slow down**... because once they break through the snow and ice there will no longer be a resistance force and the machine will lurch ahead...the tires of the machine will now have the friction of the clean pavement which will cause the machine to gain speed...unless the operator has taken their foot off the accelerator prior to coming to the clean pavement.

Make sure the drivers of the snow removal equipment always **drive the equipment at a slower pace** when going past 216 White Oak Drive so the pillars and/or fencing do not get damaged by the snow removal equipment.

The Village of Allegany has investigated the allegations of the damage to his pillars. There is no evidence that the village employees damaged the pillars. The Village of Allegany DPW are trained on each piece of equipment they use. A review of training is and will be done each year.

Resident Dennis Peterson addressed the board with his concerns that garbage has been on his property from a nearby house. Also broken glass has been an issue. Code enforcement was told about the garbage problem and the police department is aware of the problem and will be patrolling. Chief C. Baker advised Mr. Peterson to get no parking signs posted on his property and then he can have vehicles towed if they are parked on his property.

Eric Wohlers from the Cattaraugus County Health Department addressed the board to give information on the benefits of providing fluoride in the water system. He supplied several documents supporting the benefits. He also provided a letter from Dr. Kevin Watkins of the Cattaraugus County Health Department which stated the benefits as well.

The board asked a few questions regarding the safety of fluoride, dosage and if any other communities did not have fluoride. All questions were addressed.

At this time the board has decided not to move forward with any changes in the fluoride. The public hearing that was scheduled for October 25 is cancelled.

POLICE REPORT

Chief of Police C. Baker provided the monthly stat sheet for September 2021. He stated that they are still doing the foot patrols. There were 3 arrests over the weekend for damaging the scarecrows that were put up.

DPW REPORT

Superintendent F. Snyder updated the Board of Trustees on the status of the Department of Public Works. Water loop was completed at Upland Terrace. Fall yard waste pick up has started.

Clerk Treasurer K. Roth sent a letter to NYSDOT requesting a Blinker Sign Pedestrian Crosswalk System to be installed at each of the two locations of the current crosswalks on Route 417 near 95 East Main Street in front of St. Bonaventure Church.

RESOLUTION #2021-106-CANCEL PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 25, 2021 AT 6:00PM

On motion made by Trustee J. Kolkowski, second by Trustee D. Papasergi resolved to approve the cancellation of the public hearing scheduled for October 25, 2021 at 6:00pm. Aye-all, Nay-none

RESOLUTION #2021-107-RESIGNATION OF MANDI DOUTHIT

On motion made by Trustee J. Cummins, second by Trustee R. Barton resolved to approve with regret the resignation of Mandi Douthit as part-time police officer effective September 30th, 2021. Aye-all, Nay-none.

RESOLUTION #2021-108-APPOINT BRANDON GROTH TO PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

On motion made by Trustee D. Papasergi, second by Trustee R. Barton resolved to approve the appointment of Brandon Groth to part-time police officer effective October 5th, 2021. Aye-all, Nay-none.

RESOLUTION #2021-109-ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion made by Trustee D. Papasergi, second by Trustee J. Kolkowski resolved to approve to enter into executive session at 5:23 to discuss contract negotiations. Aye-all, Nay-none

RESOLUTION #2021-110-CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion made by Trustee R. Barton, second by Trustee J. Cummins resolved to approve to close executive session. Aye-all, Nay-none

RESOLUTION #2021-111-ADJOURN MEETING

On motion made by Trustee J. Cummins, second by Trustee J. Kolkowski resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm. Aye-all, Nay-none

Respectfully submitted.

Kimberly Roth/Clerk Treasurer

ALLEGANY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY STAT SHEET

September 2021

Property Checks - 37

Town Complaints – 16

Traffic Tickets – 9

AP Tickets – 7

Investigations - 18

Alarms – 2

MVA's – 2

Calls for Service – 14