

VILLAGE OF CATTARAUGUS
14 Main Street, Cattaraugus, NY 14719

Regular Board Meeting
January 11, 2021

PRESIDING: Wirt Smith, *Mayor*

PRESENT: *Trustees:* Jason Crawford, Anthony Nagel, George Borrowdale, Douglas Johnson; Jon Wolfe, *DPW Superintendent;* Tom Patterson, *DPW Deputy Superintendent;* Eugene Doucette, *Treasurer;* Dan Waasdorp, *Police;* Frank Watson, *Code Enforcement;* Betsy Wolfe-Widrig, *Deputy Clerk;* Tamara Stallard-Mormile, *Recording Secretary*

VISITORS: Andy Barr, *Wayne Stein Fire Department,* David Rupp, *New Albion Highway Superintendent*

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Rupp is here to discuss the actions of a board member regarding the town as a “concerned citizen”. He doesn’t like the Facebook posts and FOIL requests. Mr. Crawford spoke up and explained to Mr. Rupp that he is acting as a Town of New Albion constituent, not as a Village Board member. Mr. Johnson reminded everyone that this is a Village Board meeting, not a Town meeting, and please stay on track. Mr. Rupp also wanted to discuss the security camera in the Clerk’s office because he feels like the Town Clerk should have been included in conversations about the cameras. Mayor Smith reminded him that the camera belongs to the village and the village pays for the service. Also, there are important things kept in the office that need to be protected. The camera is not there to spy on any of the clerks.

Wayne Stein is here to discuss a bill he had sent from Eagle Radio to the village to pay. He claims that someone in Village Hall turned off the siren. When discussed at the October meeting, everyone who works for the village was genuinely surprised that it had been shut off. Nobody who works for the village had any idea where the siren is located. The village is not responsible for the bill.

Fran Overmoyer is here to discuss Village Hall. There are some structural issues with the back wall. It needs to be fixed, but he is concerned about disrupting the integrity of the surrounding buildings. There’s a drainage issue because the 4inch pipe was changed to a 2inch pipe, which has caused some backing up issues. It will be costly to fix it all.

REPORTS:

1. Code: There’s not a lot going on. Permits are low at this time of year. He handed in his year end report.
2. Police: Nothing much going on. There are upgrades going on at the county level, he has to see if his computer can handle the updates. If not, he may need a new computer. Court is supposed to be paying the police for bailiff duty, but there have been no payments. We need to fix this and figure out how this will get done. We need to know if the Village cop will be able to continue bailiff duty with the town moving out of the Village. We will contact the Village lawyer.
3. Treasurer: Mr. Doucette gave out a packet to the entire board and reminded the board that it’s budget season. A budget meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd at 6pm. The clerks will contact Mike Ortiz regarding the insurance.
4. DPW: The price to pump the sewer will go up soon. We can’t use the land applicator anymore, it has to start going to Gowanda. The new water tests are very expensive. His budget will probably stay the same next year. He would like to hire someone.
5. Clerks: Discussed a letter from a citizen. Discussed changing the locks and internet password as soon as the town moves out. There was a virtual field trip that Officer Yanda helped with immensely. Discussion about water late notices. They are a waste of resources, as the information about late fees and due dates are very clearly stated on the bills when they go out. The board agrees that not sending them is the best course of action, as this makes no difference in the payments we get. We need to figure out what the town is taking and what needs to be replaced. Code will likely need a new computer. A voucher for Town rent needs to be made.
6. Mayor: He get a message from the group who may buy the old senior building. They hope to have a final answer soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

TENATIVE

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #40– 2020/2021 Trickle Policy

On a motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Nagel, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 4 Crawford, Nagel, Borrowdale, Johnson
Nay 0

RESOLVED, To enact the trickle policy for the next water billing, increasing the minimum usage to 11,000 from 8,000.

Resolution #41– 2020/2021 Shared Services Contract

On a motion by Trustee Borrowdale, second by Trustee Crawford, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 4 Crawford, Nagel, Borrowdale, Johnson
Nay 0

RESOLVED, to direct the Mayor to sign the shared services agreement with the Town of New Albion.

Resolution #42– 2020/2021 Youth Council Agreement

On a motion by Trustee Nagel, second by Trustee Borrowdale, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 4 Crawford, Nagel, Borrowdale, Johnson
Nay 0

RESOLVED, to direct the Mayor to sign the youth council agreement with the Town of New Albion.

Resolution #43– 2020/2021 Approval of Abstract

On a motion by Trustee Borrowdale, second by Trustee Johnson, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 4 Crawford, Nagel, Borrowdale, Johnson
Nay 0

RESOLVED, to approve the abstract with corrections.

ADJOURNAMENT

Resolution #44 – 2020/2021 Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Nagel, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Aye 4 Crawford, Nagel, Borrowdale, Johnson
Nay 0

RESOLVED, To adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Stallard-Mormile
Recording Secretary
Village of Cattaraugus Board of Trustees

NEXT MEETING:

Budget Meeting February 3, 2021. 6:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting February 8, 2021. 7:00 pm