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VILLAGE OF CATTARAUGUS
14 Main Street, Cattaraugus, NY 14719

Regular Board Meeting
June 14,2021

PRESIDING: Wirt Smith, *Mayor*

PRESENT: *Trustees:* Anthony Nagel, Douglas Johnson, George Borrowdale (7:19); Jon Wolfe, *DPW Superintendent*; Frank Watson, *Code Enforcer*; Betsy Wolfe-Widrig, *Deputy Clerk*; Tamara Stallard-Mormile, *Recording Secretary*

Absent: Dan Waasdorp, *Officer in Charge*

VISITORS: Jake Alianello; *MDA Engineers*, John Gibbs; *Town Property Owner*, Thresa Wick; *Village Events Coordinator*

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m.

Public Comment

Thresa Wick: Came to discuss Labor Day Event this year, that if it's a go she needs to start planning. The Board agreed to have the Event with COVID restrictions being lifted.

John Gibbs: Came to discuss a water connection to his property on Rt 353 out in the Town. He was connected to the "old" water line that is currently abandoned. When the Village was working on the water project that replaced all of the services and main lines, they had reached out to Gibbs numerous times to sign a Main Line Easement and a Service Easement. Both he declined to sign. So, the Village had to redraw plans for the main service line. When the work was being done the Engineer's asked Mr. Gibbs again if he would like to sign a Service Easement for his property to be connected to the new water line, he declined again. He is now asking for it to be connected as he is in the process of selling the property and has to have water to the house before the sale is finalized. Jake, Jon and Tom talked about where the hook up would be possible and the work that would be needed in order for a service line to be installed. This would include a road crossing and other parts to be installed. Gibbs stated he doesn't feel like he should be responsible for the cost since everyone else got theirs done for free. It was again stated to Mr. Gibbs that he would have had his done if had he just signed the easement, and that Village Tax Payers should not have to foot the cost. That the cost for the services was not free but part loan part grant from the Water Project. That he declined to be a part of by not signing an easement. Jon will be figuring out the cost of this project and will get final numbers together, then the Village will hold a special meeting to discuss this further and make a final decision on who will be responsible for what. The clerks will let him now when the meeting will be held since it will take a couple days to get a finalized list of cost and then the Village will have to advertise the meeting

Jake Alianello: Came to discuss the finalization of the Water Project. He had sent out an email with a Board update which everyone reviewed.

Resolution #11 to Approve Payment for procurement of telemetry equipment

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

ADOPTED AYE 3 Nagel, Crawford, Borrowdale
NAY 1 Johnson

RESOLVED, to approve payment to JD Northrup for \$65,829.79 for telemetry equipment

Resolution #12 to Approve Payment of remainder of retainage to JD Northrup

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

ADOPTED AYE 3 Nagel, Crawford, Borrowdale
NAY 1 Johnson

RESOLVED, to approve payment to JD Northrup for \$5,401.73 for remainder of retainage

Only thing that is left is for the DPW to hand in timesheets for reimbursement for the installation of telemetry equipment. As a project whole it has come in under budget. That it has been a pleasure working with the Village on this water project and he hopes in any other future projects come up he can work with us again.

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer: Need some corrections made to abstract. Also wondering what is going on with the Youth Program. They are currently looking for certified lifeguards, that a decision will need to be made soon so the surrounding Towns and School can be notified.

2. Code Enforcement: Pool permit has been figured out and approved. Some more permits have come in along with complaints. He has sent out notices to some residents with overgrown grass. He attended a meeting with County about the old school and has put in an application for a Hazard Mitigation Project. He will keep the board updated
3. DPW: Contacted the lawyer about the Library Elevator, and everything looks good to him.

Resolution #13 – to Grant an easement for the Library Elevator

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

ADOPTED AYE 4 Nagel, Crawford, Johnson, Borrowdale
NAY 0

RESOLVED, to grant the easement.

Looking at blacktopping some roads this year with CHIPS money. Trustee Johnson asked if some of the money could be used towards sidewalks as there seems to be a lot throughout the Village that need repair. Some of it can be used for sidewalks, that he would really like to get Washington Street fixed in front of the business, as it is in much needed repair.

4. Clerks: Nothing to really report have been busy with Taxes and Water Bills. Just need agreements signed.

Resolution #14 Authorizing the Mayor to sign Library Agreement

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

ADOPTED AYE 4 Nagel, Crawford, Borrowdale, Johnson
NAY 0

RESOLVED, To direct the Mayor to sign the yearly agreement with the Library

Resolution #15 Authorizing the Mayor to sign Youth Agreement

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

ADOPTED AYE 4 Nagel, Crawford, Borrowdale, Johnson
NAY 0

RESOLVED, To direct the Mayor to sign the yearly agreement for the Youth Program

Resolution #16 Authorizing the Mayor to sign Lets Travel Club Agreement

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

ADOPTED AYE 4 Nagel, Crawford, Borrowdale, Johnson
NAY 0

RESOLVED, To direct the Mayor to sign the yearly agreement with the Lets Travel Club

5. Mayor: Would like to thank everyone for the flowers that were sent for his father's funeral. It was greatly appreciated. He would also like to bring to the boards attention that he has been receiving numerous complaints via text from a property owner located on Gail Drive. That its just two neighbors that can not get along and the Village is getting dragged into it. There was a discussion last year about the possibility of waiving this property owners building permit fee to he could build a fence. The Clerk added that he was in a few weeks ago and got upset that there is no building permit waiting for him. When the Code Enforcer was asked, he said that no application had been handed in. The property owner was notified that in order to receive a permit an application needed to be handed in, whether or not he had to pay. Trustee Crawford said that he does not approve of waiving the Building Permit Fee, as he himself and any other Tax Payer has to pay these fees to obtain a permit. With school coming to a close, there needs to be a discussion about the crossing guards. This has been a on going issue with safety and we need to do something about it. With the buses not being made to stop and the crossing guards becoming traffic cops there is an accident waiting happen. Everyone agrees, and that the Village should no longer supply crossing guards for the school. There have been many attempts to rectify the situation and nothing seems to work.

Resolution #17 To eliminate the crossing guard positions

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

ADOPTED AYE 4 Nagel, Crawford, Borrowdale, Johnson
NAY 0

RESOLVED, that after the school year the Village will no longer employ crossing guards for the school

- 6: Trustee Johnson: Would like to know what we can do about the Dog Control Officer that the Village has, he had witnessed an incident where a dog was left inside of a vehicle all night long with no food or water. The dog control officer was called and did not come out to get the dog. The Sherriff's department had to be

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called. He would like to look into hiring someone else that will better do the job. The board agrees, that no animal should have to suffer. They will look into other options for a new Dog Control Officer.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

APPROVAL OF ABSTARCT

Resolution #18 to Approve the Abstract with corrections

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

ADOPTED AYE 3 Nagel, Crawford, Borrowdale
NAY 1 Johnson

RESOLVED, To approve the abstract

ADJOURNAMENT

Resolution #19 – 2020/2021 Adjournment

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

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

RESOLVED, To adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Wolfe-Widrig
Recording Secretary
Village of Cattaraugus Board of Trustees

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Board Meeting July 12, 2021. 7:00 pm