

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Caleb Sweet
Trustee Brian Borchik
Trustee Danny Dunn
Trustee Paul Griser
Trustee David Pendergast
Chief Martin Nerber
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
Administrator James Lynch
Attorney Jeffrey Schiano

0 Public in Attendance

Mayor Sweet began the Board Meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor Sweet said that Arbor Day went well.

Trustee Pendergast had nothing at this time.

Trustee Borchik said he's been in contact with the school superintendent about a mural on the side of the Northwestern Mutual Building, he has one of the art teachers interested in doing it for a summer program. We'll get a meeting together with the gentleman that owns the building, Administrator Lynch and himself and come up with some ideas. He spoke with Lynch briefly today and he has a friend that does metal detection and asked if he could do this on Village property, so he told him he'd ask the board. He's interested in history and if he found anything he'll donate it to the village. The board was fine with him doing this. Borchik will let them know when he plans to come down.

Trustee Dunn said potholes, light at the basketball court and school zone speeders. Dunn said there's a boat tied up at the dock and we have discussed previously about charging boaters. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Trustee Pendergast to install a donation box at the bridgehouse with a sign for the purpose of electric and water, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye, Trustee Borchik aye. Motion carried. Motion was made by Trustee Griser for Justin Hart to collect the money and give it to the village clerk to be placed in the park electric fund account, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye, Trustee Pendergast aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Griser said Arbor Day celebration was nice and thanked everyone who came, along with the DPW and all that they do.

Departments

Chief Nerber handed out the April calls for service report and to answer Trustee Dunn, he has the police officers writing tickets in the school zones. Chief has received \$600 from Nick Duskee and \$600 from Dave Dingman to be used for gas, oil, supplies for the police boat.

Administrator Lynch said we have roughly 70 manholes in the Village. Justin Hart is receiving quotes for risers, we can start placing risers on the ones that need it most. The basketball court light will be changed and the hometown hero banners will start going up probably Thursday. The Village doesn't own a bucket van, they use his and it will be available then. Lynch called National Grid regarding the utility pole that's at the end of Bridge Street, the cost to have it relocated would be \$9,400. Windstream is going to deed over some of land so we can use it for our first responders memorial there. Lynch has received a quote of \$10,000 to construct the wall at the memorial. This year we will use CHIPS to mill and resurface Chestnut Street from Main Street to the railroad tracks. Lynch has been asked by Chairman Ron Johst that the board appoint Ronald Priest to the planning board to take Brian Borchik's place for the remainder of his term. Motion was made by Trustee Griser to appoint Ronald Priest to the planning board, seconded by Trustee Pendergast, Trustee Dunn aye, Trustee Borchik aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Canal Days will be on June 3rd. Lynch handed out to the board a few weeks ago the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). Lynch advised the board that they should put a committee together to

discuss what they'd like to see for the Village. The Mayor, Trustee Borchik and Trustee Griser will meet to discuss.

Lynch said that Phoenix Rising received a donation of \$1,000 from Wilkins RV and also a grant from the NYS Canal Tourism for \$1,000.

Lynch asked for authorization from the board to compensate the following employees from the American Rescue Funds received for working during the pandemic. DPW Union employees \$500 each, Village Clerk and Village Deputy Clerk \$500 each, Police Department \$500. Motion was made by Trustee Borchik to approve the bonus and to include Administrative Lynch, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Dunn nay, Mayor Sweet Ave. Motion carried.

Lynch asked about the meeting that was to be scheduled between the liaison to the Police Department and the Mayor and Chief. The meeting is still to be scheduled. A lengthy discussion was had covering the topics of police coverage, the Administrative Chiefs job description and a scope of work for the Chief moving forward. Mayor Sweet said he would schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

Trustee Dunn said he'd like to resign as liaison to the Police Department. The board accepted his resignation. Motion to have Trustee Borchik as the liaison to the Police Department was made by Trustee Pendergast, seconded by Trustee Griser, Mayor Sweet aye, Trustee Dunn abstained. Motion carried.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Schiano updated the board that the Lysander sewer district agreement is being worked on. Administrator Lynch, Village Attorney Schiano, Village engineer Doug Miller, Lysander engineer Al Yager, DPW Justin Hart and Lysander Attorney Anthony Rivizzigno met to discuss the renewal of West Phoenix Contract and additional maintenance opportunities.

Abstract

Abstract #6 dated May 17, 2022 in the amount of \$75,352.83. Trustee Dunn made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 174-206; water fund vouchers 175-205; sewer fund vouchers 176-206; library fund vouchers 36-39 and trust and agency fund vouchers 35-40, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Borchik to approve meeting minutes from May 3, 2022 seconded by Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion to set a public hearing on June 7, 2022 at 6:55pm to consider the MS4 Annual Report was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Pendergast, Trustee Dunn aye, Trustee Borchik, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried

Facility Use from Julia DeLorenzo for the Henley Pavilion on July 9, 2022 from 12:00-4:00pm for a baby shower. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Pendergast, Trustee Borchik aye, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Sweet asked for motion to approve Local Law -1 2022 – Property Maintenance, motion made by Trustee Pendergast, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried. Mayor Sweet asked for motion to approve Local Law -2 2022 – Appearance Tickets, motion made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Pendergast to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:23pm, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer