

Village of Phoenix  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Sweet Memorial Building  
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Ryan Wood  
Trustee Jennifer Burgess  
Trustee Andrew Bittel  
Trustee David Pendergast  
Trustee Eric Shaffer II  
Chief Marty Nerber  
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo  
Attorney Steve Primo  
Administrator James Lynch

1 Public in Attendance

Mayor Ryan Wood began the Board Meeting with a salute to the flag at 7:03 PM.

**Jason Sutton**

Jason Sutton is interested in purchasing the property across from EJD School on Volney Street for a taxidermy site. The property is currently zoned residential and he would like the board to consider changing it to commercial. Jason passed around drawings of how he'd like the building to look with landscaping. Mayor Wood said he'd have an answer by the end of the week. The board had a few questions and Lynch said he would speak with the attorney Primo and get back to Jason as soon as he can

**KL Consulting**

Kristy LaManche stated that the CNY arts program, she completed the report and application has been submitted for funding, we requested \$1,000 same as last year, she'll let them know when she hears that it has been awarded. We're still waiting to hear the award announcement for the latest round of community initiatives program through ReStore NY, the properties involved are 1 Bridge Street and 17 Culvert Street, for a total of \$435,160, we requested \$391,643 from the funding agency. The Village is a recipient for the 2016 CDBG funding award for public infrastructure upgrades for the amount of \$529,216, this is for installing new water lines, storm sewer and sanitary sewer work to improve fire flow and reduce sanitary sewer overflows. The Village committed \$150,000 match for a total of \$679,216. LaManche also informed the board about the DASNY funded projects. The first is the bridge house project for a \$50,000 grant, SHPO signed off on the project. Technically you can move forward with the project, we don't have a signed contract yet, there is a chance that it could be revoked. LaManche said the Senator is allowed to award in \$50,000's projects that she feels are necessary and beneficial to her constituents. Then you craft your budget and scope based on the 50,000 project. Motion to approve the interior work up to \$11,874 and roof work up to the \$11,863 was made by Trustee Bittel, seconded by Trustee Burgess. All ayes. LaManche said the last one is the village was awarded 50,000 for memorial park and the Village is considering selling that property.

LaManche contacted DASNY to ask about another site with the Village for a similar scope of work, for a park. She reached out to DASNY, they have informed us that we need to contact the senator and let her know the changes that have taken place and the Village plan to pursue the project and then she'll notify Albany and authorize the change to take place. Mayor will contact the senator and ask for her support.

### **Mayor Comments**

Mayor Wood said there was a call from the Oswego County they set up a meeting with Mayors and Supervisors any other elected official throughout the communities to discuss a consolidation grant funding opportunity, the governor has announced he is awarding one county up to \$18 million to research as long as one community researches a consolation option. He went online to find out more information and it's very vague, the only thing that it does repeat, the only people that can apply is individual cities that have 50,000 people and if not you have to apply through the county and the county will be the liaison to the state. You can have as many towns, villages involved in the project but one has to go through a consolidation study, the state will award \$50,000 for the study and the study has to go to vote and it's up to the voters if they want to consolidate. As long as the study takes place the vote happens the money within the grant that allocated will be allocated to the county as long as those two requirements happen. The consolidation does not have to happen but it has to go out to vote. There's one more meeting at the conference of mayors on January 11<sup>th</sup> and we'll find out more information. But the county to make it competitive is urging the towns and villages to bring back the application. The due date for the application is January 20<sup>th</sup> and they want them to bring back board approval that we'd be on board for the research part of it. The question is if we have to go through the study do we have to go out vote. They assured him that the legislature is on board with just the \$50,000 study he thinks it would an interesting study for our village, it would show our village members that we're spending the taxes wisely and not overspending and by dissolving it wouldn't save them anything and if it did they would lose services. Mayor will find out more information at the next meeting and then they can discuss it more. They have had one village dissolved in Oswego County and it's been told to us that they saved nothing. The tax base is still the same. The grant is not available to NYC, Long Island, it's only for upstate area.

### **Trustee Comments**

Trustee Bittel had nothing.

Trustee Pendergast had nothing.

Trustee Shaffer thanked Chief Nerber for hosting the holiday party.

### **Police Comments**

Chief Nerber said with Santa's help they delivered the bags for the CHOOSE program participants and the seniors were very happy. There is another fundraiser coming up on January 13<sup>th</sup>, with the help of RFH's and OTB, there will be a bus going to the Syracuse Crunch game and wings and pizza after the game at OTB, a portion of the proceeds will go to the CHOOSE program. Chief said they're on target with the remodel in the Police Department. Justus Stahrr

has volunteered his time and we have furniture that was donated and is now secured in a warehouse.

### **Administrator Comments**

Administrator Lynch said that he and Roxanne have been working with Miller Engineering and EFC contracts. Lynch handed out a report on Codes. The DPW has had a problem at the pump station and has rented equipment to bypass the pump station to work on the pit. Lynch requested authorization to proceed with renovations to the Bridge House according to the grant.

### **Abstract**

Mayor Wood asked the board to ratify Abstract #20 dated December 20, 2016 in the amount of \$33,824.68. Trustee Bittel made the motion to approve general fund vouchers 629-664; water fund vouchers 628-652; Misc Special Sweet Memorial voucher 655; sewer fund vouchers 628-664; capital water/sewer voucher 643; library fund vouchers 113-118 and trust and agency fund vouchers 143-152, seconded by Trustee Pendergast. All ayes. Mayor Ryan Wood asked if anyone has any questions or concerns regarding Abstract #21 dated January 3, 2017 in the amount of \$89,514.08. Trustee Shaffer made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 666-672; water fund vouchers 665-671; sewer fund vouchers 666 & 669; capital water/sewer voucher 667-668; library fund vouchers 119-123 and trust and agency fund vouchers 153-158, seconded by Trustee Burgess. All ayes.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Wood asked if anyone had any questions or concerns with the meeting minutes of December 6, 2016. Motion was made by Trustee Pendergast to approve, seconded by Trustee Shaffer. All ayes. Mayor Wood asked if anyone had any questions or concerns with the public hearing minutes of December 6, 2016, motion to approved was made by Trustee Bittel, seconded by Trustee Burgess. All ayes.

### **New Business**

Mayor Wood said we'll set our public hearing to review the budget. Motion was made by Trustee Bittel to hold the public hearing and special meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:00pm with the special meeting to follow at 6:30pm at the Sweet Building, seconded by Trustee Pendergast. All ayes. It may be deemed necessary by the Village Board the special meeting and public hearing shall be continued to Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> at respectively 8 a.m. and 8:05 a.m. and in any event, and regardless of whether same are deemed necessary and continued to such date and time aforementioned, the public hearing shall be continued to January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:40 p.m. prior to certain other duly scheduled public hearings and the Village Board regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. and at which Village Board meeting the 2017-18 Tentative Village Budget may be considered including any such modifications to same as determined by the Village Board for approval as the final approved budget of the Village of Phoenix for 2017-18.

Motion was made by Trustee Bittel to schedule a public hearing on January 17, 2017 at 6:45pm for the enactment of proposed Local Law No. 2 for the year 2017, to permit the Village of Phoenix to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing March 1, 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c seconded by Trustee Bittel. All ayes.

Motion was made by Trustee Shaffer to schedule a public hearing on January 17, 2017 at 6:50pm for the enactment of proposed Local Law No. 3 for the year 2017, amending Chapter 69 of the Village of Phoenix Code entitled “Alcoholic Beverages,” specifically regarding the provisions regulating the consumption and possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages in public places, seconded by Trustee Burgess. All ayes

Motion was made by Trustee Pendergast to schedule a public hearing on January 17, 2017 at 6:55pm for the enactment the enactment of proposed Local Law No. 4 for the year 2017, enactin g a new Chapter 126 of the Village of Phoenix Code entitled “Nuisance Gathering”, seconded by Trustee Shaffer. All ayes.

Facility Use request from John Schlicking with the democratic committee to use the Sweet Memorial building from 7:00-8:30pm on January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Pendergast, seconded by Trustee Burgess. All ayes.

Mayor Wood asked that the resolution for hours worked for the board of Trustees participating in NYS Retirement be approved. Motion was made by Trustee Bittel, seconded by Trustee Burgess, Mayor Wood aye, Trustee Pendergast nay.

Mayor Wood said the RFPQ for the marina feasibility study was sent out, we had one bid that came in from Miller Engineering, the bid came in at \$86,900. Mayor Wood would like to approve Miller Engineering. Mayor asked if there was any questions. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Burgess, Trustee Bittel aye, Trustee Shaffer aye, Trustee Pendergast nay.

### **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

Motion was made by Trustee Bittel to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05pm, seconded by Trustee Pendergast. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer