

Village of Phoenix
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present:	Mayor Anthony Fratto	Chief Martin Nerber
	Trustee John Halstead	Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
	Trustee David Pendergast	Deputy Clerk Laura Gonzalez
	Trustee Ryan Wood	Attorney Steven Primo
	Absent Trustee Danny Dunn	

4 Public in Attendance

Mayor Anthony Fratto began the Board Meeting with a salute to the flag at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Fratto said our Village is full of a lot of people that do a lot of nice things and our Police Department being one of them. I'd like to recognize Officer Chimber and Officer Fortino in their outstanding performance, commitment and contribution to the Village of Phoenix. On March 8, 2014 approximately 1:30 pm Officers Chimber and Fortino responded to Main Street for a burglary in progress complaint, this residence was the target of an earlier burglary a few days prior. Upon arriving Officers Chimber and Fortino located two juvenile suspects who were in the residence, the juveniles had brought drills and assorted tools with them to gain entry to a safe. After a brief investigation they located a third juvenile that fled the residence prior to their arrival. Officers Chimber and Fortino conducted a thorough investigation bringing this incident to a successful closure and identified the suspect responsible for the earlier burglary. Their attitudes and perseverance aided in the conclusion of this serious incident. I commend them both for being the kind of Officers that we all want to see working our village, both professional and determined. They are both an example to their peers and co-workers and look forward to their continued service to our community.

Mayor Fratto said at this time Chief Nerber would like to say a few words. Chief Nerber thanked them for their service and said he was very proud of them. Officer Chimber and Officer Fortino received a round of applause. Mayor Fratto said in lieu of what you've done I've created a Mayor's honorable recognition award, it's a pin and has a Phoenix Firebird on it and you're both entitled to one.

Mayor Anthony Fratto

Mayor Fratto said tomorrow is the Mayor's march that at noon at the Congregational Church. We received a letter from Oswego County Opportunities thanking us for our contribution of \$500.00 to the Phoenix Senior Dining and Activity Center for 2014. It will go toward supplies, various crafts and activities. I will give this to Clerk Roxanne Demo to make copies for the Trustees.

Trustee Reports

Trustee John Halstead had nothing.

Trustee David Pendergast had nothing.

Trustee Ryan Wood said he's spoken with Auditor Brenda Kayn regarding the water/sewer project. Her rate is \$85.00 an hour. Brenda believes as a consultant \$500 would be sufficient for the project. Trustee Wood said he'd like to have it approved that we have her range between \$500 and \$1,000 for additional work above the consultant part, he would like to recommend that she run the numbers and present it to the board so it might require additional hours. Mayor Fratto made the motion to authorize it, seconded Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Greg Sgromo

WWTP. Engineer Sgromo said that O'Brien & Gere are running the WWTP and everything is running very well, no problems there, they sent an email saying that they need a new purchase order because they've run out of money. He received the email late today and sent it to Attorney Primo's office and wasn't sure if he'd had a chance to look at it. As far as the sludge removal they've given him a proposal which seems to be for an awful large amount of sludge, he said that he is trying to get that sorted out and that they are trying to get only as much removed as we actually have to until we get the belt press in place. It will be much cheaper at that point. There might be something coming through as far as some authorization to do that. Their proposal to haul it is almost \$30,000 so we want to keep that down to a minimum and the belt press will save us some money. Mayor asked if O'Brien & Gere noticed anything in question from OMI. Sgromo said no that everything is fine. He also said the RFP's are out and he believes they won't need full time coverage. The cost effective way to do it is the village personnel doing the maintenance and the operator to do the daily operations and that shouldn't take all day long. Attorney Primo said they've exhausted the \$8,000.00 as of what date. Primo said we have to bring the RFP's in, at this rate we're going to get hurt. Primo said it's only been 3 weeks. Sgromo said we need to get something stable there and for long term.

EFC the grant. Sgromo said that we are moving forward with the grant, we are meeting with Fiscal Advisors on March 27, 2014. It's actually looking really good and he is working with the USDA and just modifying some numbers, it shouldn't be a big deal and they can decide if they can justify giving us some money, so he will keep the Board of Trustees updated on this.

Brandybrook Lane. There's some settling in the pavement again, he said that he notified the contractors and as soon the weather breaks they will be back there to fix that. It is part of the warranty work, he thinks there are new spots in addition to the ones before, and there are some pretty deep trenches.

Bathroom and Showers. Sgromo said that he has some rough plans and photos of a possible location for the bathrooms. If we put it at the end of the retaining wall that will keep it away from the tree and the area where people congregate quite a bit and also it's in line with where the boats dock. The building will have one shower, one lavatory stall and will be unisex and handicap accessible. Sgromo said he would like to use a combination of beige and browns and blue trim similar to what's on the bridge house. The bathroom and showers will have ventilation on the side and in the ceiling for the showers; he can also put them in the bathroom if the Board wants it. The cost of the bathroom is coming in a little bit more than the grant, so he will try to downsize the bathroom and shower a little bit, he said that he can do it and still maintain a totally functional bathroom and shower with quality fixtures. We might make it a little smaller to stay in the \$50,000 range. Trustee David Pendergast asked if the showers will be coin operated. Engineer Sgromo replied he wasn't planning on it, but he can research that. Trustee Pendergast asked if the bathrooms would be open 24/7. Sgromo doesn't believe they should be open 24 hours. Mayor Fratto agreed and said that we should lock them when the ladies from the Bridge House leave. Also the Police Department is going to have their summer office down at the Bridge House so they can check the facility frequently. Mayor asked Chief Nerber what their timeframe will be down there. Chief Nerber said May through September and the police car will be there along with the police bicycles and they can watch State Street. Trustee Ryan Wood asked if he had looked at other spots for the shower throughout the park. Engineer Sgromo said that he started out with it adjacent to the Bridge House and but SHIPO historic preservation said no to that. So we're looking at other places in the park by the pavilion, closer to the parking lot area by the other end of the wall, but that it looks to be area used by a lot of people in that area, then there was a suggestion to maybe have it at the end of the wall and looking at it that makes a lot of sense, for variety of reasons, it is centered for the boaters and is still visible. Sgromo said he's open to suggestions and would be happy to answer any questions.

Trustee Ryan Wood said that his first concern is that utilities will run right into the hill and the other concern is that when the school goes out there for class day trips and they sit under the tree, some of the kids use the area where the facility will be going to play catch, football etc., because the teachers don't allow them to be at the other end while the other kids are at the picnic end. Sgromo said he'd be happy to meet with Trustee Wood to get some more ideas on the location. Sgromo said the water line is right behind the building on State Street, the sewer on State is probably right down the middle and we'll have to see if it's deep enough, we might have to run a line through the grass. I think the ideal spot would've been right by the Bridge House. Everything was right there and made a lot of sense but we've going back and forth with the historic preservation the last few months we aren't getting anywhere. Trustee Wood asked about the ventilation. Sgromo said it would be forced air vents.

Attorney Steven Primo

Attorney Primo said we need to formalize everything for the EFC Grant, we needed to go back and do the contracts over to include minority business enterprise language. Primo said we have four legal contracts, one is legal contract with Harris Beach LLC, Dunn & Sgromo for the engineering contract, Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP bond counsel, Fiscal Advisors and

Certification As To Title To Project site form which was signed earlier today. These are all related to EFC and there's no additional money being authorized we're just formalizing the portion of the compensation that's been paid and will be paid relative these projects to the different entities. Mayor Fratto asked if anyone had any questions. Mayor Fratto made the motion to accept all the contracts in one resolution, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Attorney Primo has the CNY Arts contract for the grant the Village is receiving for \$1,000.00. There's a decentralizing funding agreement for the Friday night fun concert series. Mayor Fratto made the motion to ratify the execution of the agreement, seconded by Trustee Ryan Wood. All ayes.

Primo said that Trustee Halstead and I had our first collective bargaining negotiation session with the union last week. Within an hour or so reached an agreement with them. As the collection bargaining committee John and I indicated that we would come to the board tonight and recommend for adoption and the union did likewise. The only change is a \$25 increase in boot allowance which would also be extended to include clothing; idea being to buy socks, jeans etc. The material increase is in relation to wages and the employee contribution and that would be a 3% increase. We drafted the changes into the agreement the only changes are to reflect the changes to John Kerfien. From the last agreement we sketched out for John Kerfien as crew leader, as a result of an increase in work responsibilities, and by agreement between the Village and current Highway Crew Leader John Kerfien by Village Board resolution adopted March 4, 2014 Kerfien has been granted a wage increase effective as of March 1, 2014. Primo said it was his understanding that the union would have a conversation with the DPW tomorrow. Trustee John Halstead made the motion to ratify the agreement and to amend the agreement for John Kerfien to have his increase start March 1, 2014, seconded by Trustee Ryan Wood. Trustee David Pendergast recluse himself. Mayor Fratto aye.

Attorney Primo said we received an Undertaking renewal from the New York State Department of Transportation. It's in connection with work affecting state highways and all municipalities and towns receive this every year. Attorney Primo asked that the board approve the undertaking and the Mayor can execute it. Mayor Fratto made the motion, seconded by John Halstead. All ayes.

Facility Use Request

Mayor Fratto received a facility use request from Cindy Longo Auxiliary President for March 20, 2014 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm for the Enterprise Fire Department Auxiliary. Mayor Fratto made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Abstract

Mayor Fratto asked if everyone had a chance to review Abstract #2 dated March 18, 2014 in the amount of \$76,583.10. Mayor Fratto asked if there were any questions or concerns. Mayor Anthony Fratto motioned to approve, general fund vouchers 24-55; water fund vouchers

30-55; sewer fund vouchers 27-55; library fund vouchers 6-14 and trust and agency fund vouchers 7-11, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Old Business

Meeting minutes for Public Hearing on March 4, 2014 and Regular Meeting on March 4, 2014, Mayor Fratto asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. Mayor Fratto made the motion to approve the minutes for March 4, 2014, seconded Trustee John Halstead. All ayes.

Mayor Fratto asked if anyone had anything else. Trustee Pendergast asked about the fire alarm system upgrade for the DPW. Mayor Fratto said he didn't have a chance to look at it yet. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Trustee Ryan Wood because we are having such problems with the fire hydrants one thing I'd like to see the DPW do this summer is to map out how many we have and this is what they've done to make sure they're working. Mayor Fratto said we spent a lot of money last summer with the purchase of the stork valves and absolutely we should have them do that. Trustee Wood said he also spoke with the DPW and made sure they're on board with paving. John Kerfien is looking to do Bridge Street and Davis Street because of the bus traffic. Wood asked if we we're still looking to have them go down Lock Street. Trustee Halstead said he does believe that the majority are using Lock Street. Trustee David Pendergast said he believed if you use CHIPS money to pave this road you have to wait a few years before using that money to pave that same road again.

Public Comments

There were no comments or concerns from the public in attendance.

Mayor Fratto called for an executive session at 7:48pm to discuss matters regarding the employment history of a particular person or persons and also matters leading to the appointment, employment or promotion of a particular person or persons, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Mayor Fratto made the motion to closed executive session at 8:00pm, seconded by Trustee Ryan Wood. All ayes.

Mayor Fratto made the motion to resume the general meeting at 8:00pm, seconded by Trustee John Halstead. All ayes.

Mayor Fratto made the motion to close the general meeting at 8:00pm, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer