

Village of Phoenix
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Absent Mayor Anthony Fratto Chief Martin Nerber
Trustee Danny Dunn Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
Trustee John Halstead Attorney Steve Primo
Trustee David Pendergast Administrator James Lynch
Trustee Ryan Wood

27 Public in Attendance

Deputy Mayor Danny Dunn began the Board Meeting with a salute to the flag at 7:00 PM.

Miller Engineers

Doug Miller said they met with the DEC a month ago regarding the sewer system in the Village. DEC was looking for a work plan and hydraulic analysis. Miller came up with a plan, he understands some of the work may exist but in order to get a fair assessment to assist with funding and reduction of capital cost with the project moving forward we've development a plan and the plan looks at the flows in the system over a 1 year period. We look at flows during wet weather, frozen weather and summer weather and then we'll look at the reports with the DEC and then determine if anything needs to be done with the system, right now the projected cost is around \$6 million. This info was sent October 15th to Jennifer Powell with the DEC. We are awaiting comments back and they'd like to start in November with the monitoring. Attorney Primo said we need to get the actual documents from the prior engineering but we need to get going on this, he'd like the board to approve the plan so we can continue forward. A motion was made by Trustee Halstead to approve the work plan, seconded by Trustee Pendergast. All ayes.

Engineer Miller now addressed the drinking water. In June the Village brought on Miller Engineering to work with Oswego County Department of Health (OCHD) and New York State Department of Health to discuss the "Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water (GWUDI) at the well field. There are three options for compliance acceptable by the OCHD. They reviewed the test data in place and decided to go back to the wells and look at them. There are 2,400 users in the Village, the water is supplied from foster wells 1 and 3. They used the draft from the former engineers from 2012 for their basis of review for their work. During the review they saw indication of microscopic particulates in the well. The engineer took a hydrologist out to the site and checked for damage to the wells and to see if they could salvage the wells. What they found was the wells were intact, the casing intact and the temperature was fine. The lab results showed natural occurrence of iron and manganese are main contaminates in the well. Our drinking water currently meets all the requirements of NYS drinking water, we're only addressing the (GWUDI) right now. There are no defects but we concluded that with the location that drilling new wells is not a viable option.

The next option was a filtration treatment plant, new treat technology to remove iron/manganese as well as particulates. The units would be prepackaged, meaning the process would be constructed off site and transported to the site for installation. The estimated project cost would be \$3,580,000 with an annual cost projected at \$249,000.

The next option was to connect to a water source such as Metropolitan. There's a transmission line at Route 481 and County Route 12. The options on cost they indicated that we would be a wholesale consumer and could sell to other communities and there are interest with a couple other communities that would be combined with the village on this option. We've took our draft report to Oswego County Health and we told them of our findings where they looked favorably on what we proposed and they had no significant comments at this time. Preliminary cost estimates, they factored in operation and maintenance, engineering and project management. For tying into Metropolitan water capital cost of \$516,000, annual operating cost \$185,000. Deputy Mayor Dunn asked if it would viable to connect to Great Bear. Miller said they could look into it. Attorney Primo said we need to proceed now and resolve the issue. Primo said to make the decision to go with Metro and look into the Great Bear. Trustee Wood said it makes sense now to go with Metro, it's a good water source. Motion was made by Trustee John Halstead to go with Metropolitan water source subject to Miller Engineering reporting back on the option of the Great Bear water source, seconded by Trustee Ryan Wood. All ayes. Administrator Lynch asked how much it would be to look into Great Bear. Mr. Miller said it shouldn't be much, just making a couple phone calls, and taking a look at what the wells look like. The preliminary timeframe for hookup to Metropolitan will be spring 2016.

Public Comments

Various public questions and comments were made and responded to by the village engineer, board members and village officials as follows: Engineer Miller was asked questions relative to costs/economic analysis of the various alternative, condition of the village lines and related infrastructure, the villages plans for addressing same, he responded describing assumptions he made based on standard reference data and the limitation on the contracted for scope of work. In addition, the engineer was questioned regarding the Metro purification system and concerns with what happened in Lake Erie and he distinguished the conditions as between Lakes Erie and Ontario. Concerns were raised regarding the existence of existing connection points to both Metro and OCWA and the nature of those were explained and described by Deputy Mayor Dunn and Mr. Miller. The engineer was questioned regarding the proposed timeline for completion and referred to the dates in his report. He also responded and several Board members commented on the viability of the wells for future use as a backup or for other purposes. A resident of the Town residing near the wells remarked that his water has been fine no issues. A resident commented that a lot of issues come from the frequency of flushing (four times per year) and questioned whether that would still be required. The village clerk/treasurer and DPW crew leader explained the twice per year flushing, how notice is provided ahead of time in several ways. The village administrator and Trustee Halstead advised that they are also looking at a reverse 911 call notices. Former Mayor Cooper asked as to the capital charge that still appears on the water bill. It should have paid off meter purchases. Trustee Wood indicated it now was applied to operating expenses.

Trustee Reports

Trustee John Halstead had nothing.

Trustee David Pendergast asked Chief Nerber how the Tahoe is running. Chief Nerber said they plan to put a new vehicle in the budget. The Tahoe is just not reliable. The police car has recalls also but they haven't been able to take it down to be repaired for the fact that the Tahoe might not start.

Trustee Ryan Wood had nothing.

Police Report

Chief Marty Nerber said he'd like to commend the men and woman of the Phoenix Police Department for their investigation over the last six to eight weeks, we had burglaries and they did a great job investigating and have brought the suspect to justice.

Administrator Jim Lynch

Administrator Lynch wanted to address that he has been in contact with 911 in Oswego and they are willing to help us with reverse 911 messages to everyone and they can contact 500 people in just a few minutes. When we set up our in-house message they'll help us out, it will let people know if there's a water line break or if they're flushing. The water tower was cleaned and inspected today, the inspection came out fine, there was some sediment and silt in the bottom of the tank. It has been awhile since it has been cleaned and will now be put on a regular schedule to be cleaned. The bathhouse they should start excavation in a week or so and it will be done by the end of the year. Administrator Lynch said he's had quite a few residents ask about the lawn and leaf bags that are to be available to them for fall clean up, he has provided estimates to each Trustee in their packets, he's not sure route you want to take, we told them we'd have them available but we do not have any.

Trustee Pendergast asked if we were instructed several years ago by the Department of Health to flush the hydrants. John Kerfien said yes they were told to flush twice a year and instructed them how to go about flushing the hydrants.

Clerk

Clerk Roxanne Demo asked the Board for permission to shred old paperwork that is able to be destroyed per the New York State Archives protocol. Motion was made by Trustee Halstead to destroy the boxes, seconded by Trustee Pendergast. All ayes.

Clerk Roxanne Demo asked the Board for a resolution to set the Village Election Day as Wednesday, March 18, 2015 to be held at the Enterprise Fire Department, 457 Main Street from 12 noon until 9:00pm. This is for the positions of Mayor and (2) Trustees for a 2 year term. Motion was made by Trustee Pendergast, seconded by Trustee Wood. All ayes.

Attorney Steve Primo

Attorney Primo had nothing.

Abstract

Deputy Mayor Dunn inquired if anyone had any questions or concerns with Abstract #16 dated October 21, 2014 in the amount of \$43,915.60. Trustee Wood made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 452-478; water fund vouchers 451-477; sewer fund vouchers 455-477; library fund vouchers 105-108; and trust and agency fund vouchers 88-92, seconded by Trustee John Halstead. All ayes.

Old Business

Meeting minutes for Regular Board Meeting on September 16, 2014, Deputy Mayor Dunn asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. Motion was made by Trustee Wood to approve, seconded by Trustee Pendergast. All ayes.

Meeting minutes for Regular Board Meeting on October 7, 2014, Deputy Mayor Dunn asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. Motion was made by Trustee Wood to approve, seconded by Trustee Pendergast, Trustee Halstead, aye, Deputy Mayor Dunn, abstained. All ayes.

Facility Use Request

Deputy Mayor Dunn indicated the Village received a facility use request today for the Phoenix Volleyball Banquet on November 13, 2014 from 4:00pm – 9:00pm. Motion to approve was made from Trustee David Pendergast, seconded by Trustee Ryan Wood. All ayes.

Public Comments

Carole Sponable 408 Main St. wanted to say she's excited about the Oswego County Tourism Board. They are going to have some cruise ships in 2016 at Oswego Harbor. They will be bringing these people down to visit Henley Park. She wants to show the kids that come down to Henley Park some of the history. She'd like to thank the Phoenix Police Department for all their work. Carole read a letter she wrote that she knows the village is going through some tuff times but we all need to work together. We have a beautiful community. She knows some of our residents have water issues and some don't. She will help the board anyway she can, anything she can do to help.

Deputy Mayor Dunn added to what Carole said in the beginning regarding the Oswego Harbor. He has a name and number and hopefully will have the Peckinpaugh come to the Village of Phoenix for a day.

Donna Cooper 21 James St. said she hasn't been to a meeting in a while, but she was looking at the scripture on the banner at the table and it says "Together we can make a difference". She believes together we can, Phoenix has always been a village that comes together.

Mike Wyant 30 State St. wanted to know the Village bylaws. He spoke to Trustee John Halstead about it. He asked Attorney Primo if we had the bylaws. Attorney Primo said the Village goes by state laws, and he said he can google New York village meeting procedures.

Tina Bennet 21 State St. asked who the web developer is, and said Mike Wyant has his own company and maybe could help to make the site more user friendly, where to find documents and by adding the meeting video for those who can't make the meetings.

Motion was made by Trustee John Halstead to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:57pm, seconded by Trustee Ryan Wood. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer