

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

Present:	Mayor Anthony Fratto	Chief Martin Nerber
	Absent Trustee Danny Dunn	Village Deputy Clerk Laura Gonzalez
	Trustee John Halstead	Attorney Steve Primo
	Trustee David Pendergast	Administrator James Lynch
	Trustee Ryan Wood	Sergeant James McKenna

30 Public in Attendance

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

**Grant Writer Kristy LaManche**

Kristy LaManche said that she just was at a required attendance work shop for the CNY Arts Grants for the Friday Nights Concerts Series. Just a quick update is that we are applying for the 2015 Concert Series. Kristy is working with Carole Sponable reviewing the budget and putting it together. Kristy is hoping that the Village can actually decrease the contributions and also decrease the grant because we have donated money accumulated that we received over the years from our community support. The application is due at the beginning of November; she will be putting this together and submit that on time.

The other information Kristy had for the Board is that Mayor Fratto asked her to look into a funding for a vessel for Police Patrol down at the dock and Oswego River. She contacted New York State Parks Marine Division and inquired if they have a grant program, unfortunately they don't have a grant program for municipalities, but they do have a loan program that is a first come first served, there is no guarantee. There will be a vote to provide the Village with either a new or used patrol vessel. The Village will be responsible for the annual maintenance cost, the storage and winterization for as long the municipality chooses to operate the patrol vessel.

Kristy LaManche together with Sergeant McKenna are looking for possible boats, nothing fancy. There are training opportunities available for the Police Department thru NYS. The boat will be equipped with basic patrol equipment and everything beyond that will be the Municipality's responsibility to purchase. There will be no initial upfront cost in terms of the vessel but you will have to budget for annual maintenance like fuel, oil change and winterization. They can provide a trailer so that in the winter months it can be stored in the Village so we don't have to do a lot of back and forth. There will be some upfront cost that New York State Parks Marine Division suggested; the boat will come in standard boat color but if the Village wants to put the Village logo like you do with the PD cars you will have to pay for that as well as purchasing life vest and ropes to tie your boat. Sergeant McKenna said that as far as the cost, if we are able to participate in the State program they will probably reimburse fifty percent of maintenance cost, fuel cost and payroll as long as they get 40 hours of patrol time on the boat. The winterization is about \$350, there are no other maintenance unless something breaks. New York State pays for the training. Kristy LaManche said that the program deals directly with the County and the

County Patrol and that Mr. Migliozi recommended us to submit a letter of interest to acquire a vessel when it becomes available for our Police Department. This letter says that we are interested, that we are a canal community and we have a lot of things going on, on our water front, please consider that the Village of Phoenix should you have a vessel available and a trailer for us.

Mayor Fratto and the Board of Trustees agreed to send out the letter of interest.

### **Trustee Reports**

Trustee John Halstead had nothing to report.

Trustee David Pendergast asked where we stand with the bathhouse. Administrator Lynch said that he is going to meet with DPW Crew Leader John Kerfien and Engineer Doug Miller on Wednesday or Thursday to find out the schedule for the excavation because we need to have this done by the end of December. We are trying to see what we can do prior to the contractor getting here; Doug Miller and Administrator Lynch will have a better idea at the next meeting. Hopefully by next meeting will see the site being excavated, we ordered the materials.

Trustee Ryan Wood said that he wants to give his opinion of the adjournment part at the end of the Agenda “No Public Comment”. He just wanted Mayor to know that he didn’t agree with this. He thinks that there are some issues that are new to the Village Board and hopefully the Village will respect what we went thru last meeting, unless there is new information that needs to come before the Board, Mayor Fratto replied to him “it is a lot of money for things that we all heard before and I will not allow to have comments”. Trustee David Pendergast asked Mayor Fratto to allow public comments which Mayor Fratto said no.

### **Attorney Steve Primo**

Attorney Primo said that he got a phone call from Kristy from the County Attorney’s Office asking if he objected to her being at the meeting on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> without the Village having legal counsel at the meeting. We have been working very cooperatively trying to get this entire matter resolved. I told her I didn’t have any problem. We had sort of prepared stipulation indicating when the milestone dates will occur with this water project. Engineer Miller has some concerns about the timing, we are looking to completing the project around March 2016. This is going to be a vote targeted for the next Board Meeting on October 21, 2014.

### **Administrator Jim Lynch**

Administrator Lynch said that the schedule for the water tower being clean and inspected will be on October 21<sup>st</sup>, will last two days and will be done with it. He needs to know what to do with the leaf bags situation, he spoke with Town of Schroepel as a co-op but they are not interested so, he will go back and look at prices for us. Administrator Lynch said that we got a letter from a gentleman that wants to donate his property located on Chestnut Street. Attorney Primo said that the land is about seven acres and is something the Board should consider because we can make it tax exempt, and use it as a community garden. Right now the property is vacant.

## **Abstract**

Mayor Anthony Fratto inquired if anyone had any questions or concerns with Abstract #15 dated October 7, 2014 in the amount of \$128,668.74. Mayor Anthony Fratto made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 419-450; water fund vouchers 418-446; sewer fund vouchers 419-449; library fund vouchers 91-104; capital water/sewer projects voucher 447 and trust and agency fund vouchers 83-87, seconded by Trustee John Halstead. All ayes.

## **Old Business**

Meeting minutes for Regular Board Meeting on September 16, 2014, Mayor Fratto asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. Trustee Ryan Wood asked what the corrections were done since last Friday. Attorney Primo said he believed they were based upon a review of a transcript he had prepared and to leave the approval for the next meeting so everybody has the chance to review it.

## **Miller Engineers**

(Doug Miller entered the meeting at approximately 7:25 pm) Attorney Primo started to explain to Engineer Doug Miller what he had previously explained to the Board about the water issue, meeting with the County and estimated project timing. Engineer Miller explained and elaborated on the status, however was interrupted with public questions related to the statement on the agenda "There will be no Public Comments Tonight".

Motion was made by Mayor Fratto to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:35pm, seconded by Trustee John Halstead. Trustee Ryan Wood and Trustee David Pendergast nay. Attorney Primo advised that absent a vote to adjourn, public business could not be conducted if a quorum was not present and that board members may act accordingly. Mayor Fratto and Trustee Halstead left the meeting room leaving no quorum to continue the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Gonzalez  
Village of Phoenix  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer