

Village of Phoenix
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 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 Danny Dunn Clerk Laura Gonzalez
Trustee Ryan Wood Absent Attorney Steven Primo
Trustee David Pendergast

15 Public in Attendance

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

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Fratto had nothing at this time.

Trustee Reports

Trustee John Halstead had nothing.

Trustee David Pendergast had nothing.

Trustee Danny Dunn said it was brought to my attention and everyone else's attention also, regarding the blocks on Culvert Street, my own personal opinion are they really necessary. Mayor Fratto said yes they are and I'll tell you why. Until they are removed until that individual is not using that space then they'll stay there, it's unfortunate to the neighbors but they're going to stay there. Who benefits the same guy has benefited for how many years, 10 years. Trustee Dunn I feel that if you have proper signage on village property then you have a case for something if someone continues to do something then the police can go up and ticket them. Mayor said the police said they can't ticket unless they see it. Trustee Dunn said there a couple signs up there and the looks, it just looks bad. Mayor said so does a lot of other properties in the village that people don't take care of. I would be inclined not to do it because of who benefits from it and other people are dealing with it. So whatever you want to do ahead and do it but you won't hear it from me. Trustee Dunn said he'd like to see them removed. Mayor said why Danny why would you like to see it removed what's in it for you. Trustee Dunn said number one it's on an area where we have the Church, the Post Office and a lot of traffic going to the VFW and it looks terrible. Mayor Fratto said he disagrees. Trustee Dunn said that's my opinion. Mayor Fratto said ok let's hear from someone else because I've heard enough of yours. Mayor asked Trustee Halstead if he had anything to say. Trustee Halstead said no. Mayor asked Trustee Pendergast if he had something. Trustee Pendergast said that he'd like to

see them removed and see green space there. Mayor said ok David are you going to do it, are you going to follow through with it Dave and make sure it's green space available or are you doing this for another avenue of some sort. Trustee Pendergast said I'm not doing it for any avenues. Mayor Fratto said ok do what you want you guys take care of it, I'm not taking care of it, I'm not even going to address it, so you take care of it anyway you want. Trustee Pendergast said so can we have the DPW take care of it. Mayor said no you can't, you have to have board approval first. Trustee Pendergast made the motion to remove the concrete barriers on Culvert Street, seconded by Trustee Wood, Trustee Dunn aye, Trustee Halstead abstained. Mayor yeah abstained is right. Mayor Fratto said these people been benefitting from the village for years and they continue because of people like you and I've very disappointed in the board tonight very disappointed, it's unfortunate. Mayor said so let's start right out with that tonight cause that was so import we didn't have anything else. Mayor asked Trustee Wood what you got going on tonight. Trustee Wood had nothing. Mayor Fratto asked Trustee Dunn if he had anything else I'm sure you have something else going. Trustee Dunn had nothing else.

Mayor said Steve Primo will not be here tonight.

Abstract

Mayor Fratto asked if everyone had a chance to review Abstract #3 dated April 1, 2014 in the amount of \$76,874.48. Mayor Fratto asked if there were any questions or concerns. Mayor Anthony Fratto motioned to approve, general fund vouchers 56-86; water fund vouchers 83-86; sewer fund vouchers 56-83; capital water/sewer projects vouchers 57; library fund voucher 15-21 and trust and agency fund vouchers 12-16, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Old Business

Public hearing minutes from January 31, 2014. Mayor Fratto asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. Mayor made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Dunn. All ayes. Special Board meeting minutes from January 31, 2014. Mayor Fratto asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. Trustee Dunn made the motion to approve the special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Ryan Wood. All ayes. Regular meeting minutes on March 18, 2014. Mayor Fratto asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. Mayor Fratto made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee John Halstead, Trustee Pendergast, aye, Trustee Dunn abstained.

New Business

Mayor Fratto said I'm going to do part of the organizational meeting tonight. The organizational meeting is done by the Mayor, appointments are done by the Mayor and I may not verify everyone this evening it may be extended, a week, a couple weeks, a month but whomever I'm able to appoint tonight I will. Not everyone has to be appointed

like the officers, very few individuals need to be appointed. I'll let you know who I'm looking for tonight as far as radio station alerts and so on.

The Village board meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday, of the month at 7:00pm. Mileage reimbursement will be .565 per mile. Our official newspaper will be The Valley News and Phoenix Register. Our radio stations will be WYYY, WSEN and WBBS. Mayor asked if there were any questions or concerns with those. Mayor made the motion, seconded by Trustee John Hallstead. All ayes.

Mayor Fratto said our insurance agent will be Vickery Insurance for one year. Our Attorney will be Steven J. Primo from Harris Beach Law office. Any question or concerns with these two issues. Mayor made the motion to approve Vickery and Steven J. Primo, seconded by Trustee Wood. All ayes.

Mayor said Roxanne Demo as Clerk/Treasurer for her remaining year running consecutively with mine. Roxanne and mine are the only two who run consecutively. So if I wanted to terminate Roxanne right now I could, she runs with the Mayor, she's the only one who runs with the Mayor. Mayor said as records clerk I'd like to appoint Roxanne Demo, seconded by Trustee John Halstead, All ayes.

Mayor Fratto appointed Jim Lynch as Village Administrator for a term of one year. Mayor made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Ryan Wood. All ayes.

Mayor asked if anyone had any question or concerns on any of the Board Members, or Clerk/Treasure or any of the people I've appointed at this time.

Mayor Fratto would like appoint Greg Sgromo of Dunn & Sgromo as Village Engineer for a term of one year, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Mayor Fratto would like to appoint Danny Dunn as Deputy Mayor for a term of one year, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Mayor Fratto said continuing with the organizational, liaisons.

Phoenix Police Department - Mayor Fratto
Enterprise Fire Department - Mayor Fratto
Phoenix School District - Mayor Fratto
Parks and Recreation - Trustee Ryan Wood
DPW - Trustee John Halstead
Planning and Zoning - Trustee David Pendergast
Town of Schroepfel - Trustee Ryan Wood

Procurement policy that the Procurement Policies of the Village currently in effect shall remain in effect subject to amendment by the Village Board as required by law or otherwise. Mayor Fratto made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

The advanced approval of charges what I'm asking here the Trustee authorized of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges, health insurance, phone services, State Insurance Fund, pager service and cell phone service is hereby authorized and all such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit. Mayor Fratto made the motion for advance approval of charges, seconded by Trustee David Pendergast. All ayes.

Mayor Fratto made the motion for the official undertaking covering those Village officers and employees required to be bonded such as for theft and similar dishonest acts be through the Villages blanket insurance policies with Vickery Insurance Agency, seconded Trustee Ryan Wood. All ayes.

Mayor Fratto said that's all the organizational items I'll be doing tonight. It doesn't mean you won't be reinstated, I may be looking for information on an application or other items but you will be notified, please don't notify me and ask me when I'm going to reinstate you it will happen at another time. If your name wasn't mentioned or put in this block of time here tonight then you're not being reappointed just yet. This doesn't mean you don't do your job it just means you won't be reappointed this evening.

Mayor Fratto asked Trustee Dunn if he had anything else tonight.

Trustee Dunn said I'm not really impressed with the work that's being done on State Street there with this new sewer work. After the rain this past weekend the work they're doing to alleviate problems we've had with the water now we have a dancing manhole in front by my place and that's what we're trying to correct and all of a sudden after this storm that was not the only one that was dancing but the one by Paddocks Landing and it was coming out of Paddock Landing cleanout and Richardson house cleanout. Trustee Dunn said after talking to some of the guys down there working from Barber Corporation as to the size that they're putting in it's my understanding and anyone can tell me if I'm wrong they're putting the new 15" in as far as the little bridge by State Street and then it's tied into the old size 12" and then it's a larger size out of the pump station and sewer plant and then back down to a smaller size. I don't understand and I'm not blaming the workers. All three pumps were working as hard as they could and it was still boiling out of everything. The thousands and thousands we pay engineering fees I know it's not right. Trustee Dunn said we're trying to alleviate this problem and what are we going to get when it's all done. Mayor asked Administrator Jim Lynch to talk to Barber Corporation and Greg Sgromo tomorrow to find out what's going on with that. Trustee Dunn said it was ridiculous this weekend even where we didn't have problems before now we do. When they opened the lid the pump wasn't running from West Phoenix and it was full. The amount of money we spend engineering fees and we have to because we're mandated. Mayor Fratto asked Lynch to let Trustee Dunn know when you find out something and to also let him know and he'll get on the phone with Greg Sgromo.

Public Comments

James Hayes, 8 James St. I submitted a memorandum tonight for the balance of my sick pay. Mayor Fratto said we just received it tonight and we will handle it accordingly.

Doug Reutsch, 12 Brandybook Lane, just want to make sure that they are aware that there's new sink holes on Brandybrook. Mayor Fratto said we are aware of it and it was discussed in the last meeting and our engineer Greg Sgromo is addressing it.

Motion was made by Trustee Ryan Wood to go into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee John Halstead, Trustee David Pendergast, aye, Mayor Anthony Fratto, nay. (Note: no record was made of the close of executive session, resumption of and close of regular session, however no action was taken by the board and thus no resolutions or laws adopted).

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer