

Village of Phoenix
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Ryan Wood
Trustee Paul Griser
Trustee John Musumeci
Trustee David Pendergast
Trustee Caleb Sweet
Chief Marty Nerber
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
Attorney Steve Primo
Administrator James Lynch

5 Public in Attendance

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

Dalops Architect– James Knittel – 60 State Street Proposal

James Knittel from Dalops presented to the board his design for a second and third level to be added to the current building on 60 State Street. He and Gabe are here just to show the board their design plans and to answer any questions the board may have. Attorney Primo said that they maybe could look at the architect that is in place on the other buildings and bring some of that into their design. Knittel said they try to keep with the Main Street feel for the Village. Primo said we have a grant writer also that can look for grants for the proposed project. Knittel said they're not in a huge hurry so they can look to see what's available for grants. Their next step will be to develop their design a bit more and grind out the details and will keep the board in the loop. Knittel thanked the board for their time and support.

Phil Slocum – Davis Street Proposal

Phil Slocum said he has a proposal on another parcel. He's proposing to move the other building planned originally for Volney Street to Davis Street that's 4.5 acres. Phil has the paperwork started for a zone change, they'd like to have it expedited as well so they can start clearing this fall. The project would eliminate the DOT being involved, they'd have an entrance and exit on Davis Street. Mayor said his personal opinion is we've seen other developers come in and try to change this zoning and it's been a big upset throughout the village so he's personally not in favor of the zone change but the rest of the board can give their opinion. Primo said the board should open themselves up and make their own discussion. Chief Nerber said that area gives the police department problems, the kids gather in there and to clear it would be a good idea. Phil said the martial arts studio wants to move in there, a gym will be in there, maybe a real estate office, and they've talked about childcare. Lynch said when he was on the board they had a developer that wanted to put apartments in on Davis and there was push back from residents in the area. Trustee Musumeci said he's in favor of it, it's something good for the Village. Phil said he'll have the engineer come to the next meeting. Primo asked that he get the documents in five to 10 days ahead of the next meeting. Phil asked that Primo send him an email of additional documents

he needs and he'll have the engineer call Primo. At the next meeting he'll come in with any supplemental information and then he'll get the go ahead and then schedule a public hearing.

Miller Engineering

Doug Miller handed out to the board the marina/mixed use development along State Street and Northeast of the wastewater treatment plant. Doug said he's looking for any and all comments from the board. The report has a detail cost estimate and they've talked about two alternatives with the break wall into the river. The next phase is environmental permitting, the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) they haven't initiated the process yet. What could be filled out online has been done and what needs to be completed now is the seeker process.

Last week we had Kris Lapan from EFC on site, he came basically to observe the projects that previously have been done through EFC, see the status of the projects currently going on and talk about what other projects could be eligible under the WIIA grant. Doug thought it went very well and Kris was pleased. Doug met with John Kerfien, Justin Hart and Greg Shaffer after to go over some items in anticipation of the mercury plan, the new regulation on chorine at the plant, other issues around the Village on permitting, how to enforce those issues and how to document everything going forward. Doug wanted to commend Greg Shaffer, he has put together a document, types of things he sees at the plant. His list can be used long term putting the facility report together, he has done a great job, it's well thought out.

Miller said they received two bids on the Lock Street project and handed out to the board a comparison of the bids. As they went through the design and coordinated with CDBG they met with Justin, John and Jim and as they put the design specs together the project morphed a little bit. They added more sewer work to the original project which included a second bore under the railroad track going out Lock Street to Elm Street. Justin and John said that's an area that has a lot clay tile and has been problematic over the years. With that being said they doubled back and included that scope of work in the project, they changed the bidding documents not only to include the funding mechanism from CDBG grant which was for \$529,216 with a village match of \$150,000 also included an EFC package to compensate for the additional sewer work. When they do an assessment of the water and sewer in this project the water portion is \$896,000 and that's the \$529,216 with the \$150,000 they're over by \$100,000 that portion that would be applied to and the sewer work off of the EFC funding. The low bidder was Grant Street construction. Doug said he'd like the board to review this and make a decision on if they want to do a portion of this work. Doug sent the final documentation to Oswego County last week, they just had a question with CSX and everything seems to be in line with CSX. Mayor said the grant is for \$650,000 everything else on the water side would come out of the reserves and sewer would go through EFC. Mayor said he does recommend the sewer project, that will keep us on track with the DEC, they want to see these projects happen, especially if we can tie it back to EFC at 0% percent financing and this shows them we're committed to these projects and we want fix our problems. The board was asked to look the bids over and let Doug know if they have any questions. Mayor said he'd reach out to the board in 24 to 48 hours to see if the board has any questions.

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor Wood said if you go over the island the DPW has started upgrading the electrical over there, it's for the Village to utilize it more and also for Phoenix Rising's event "Rock the Lock" for camping and tenting in September. They will be putting campers over there and one of his visions for the Village is to develop that area for camping. They're tying in with the restaurants downtown to stay open during that time and the little league has approached Phoenix Rising to do something to encourage people to go downtown that day.

Trustee Griser said at the last meeting he had brought up the good neighbor award and wanted to take it a step further, he passed out a form to have at the office and on the website. He wanted the board's thoughts. A local resident is turning 106 and he thought he'd be a great first nominee for this award. The board thought this was a good idea.

Trustee Musumeci had nothing.

Trustee Pendergast had nothing.

Trustee Sweet had nothing.

Department Comments

Chief Nerber said sorry to say that the canine isn't going to work out. Kristy has applied to the state to see if we can utilize the money for a UTV vehicle. They can use it for events, parades, campgrounds and school events. Chief has some quotes and our grant was for \$10,000 and we've come in at around \$9,928. Chief is just waiting now for confirmation that the grant can be used for this. Chief asked the attorney about unpaid parking tickets. There was a discussion on the local laws.

Administrator Lynch said that he wanted to let the board know that the electrical upgrades that the DPW has been working on at Lock Island we've obtained a \$3,500 donation to offset cost. It's to make the park more efficient for the campground and future events. Jim encouraged everyone to go to the island and look at its current state, he's found out from Canal Corp that we are responsible for the island, in the five years that he's been here there hasn't been any improvements made to the island. There will be a substantial amount of work being done there, it's a gem to have here.

The hydrant flushing is going well, it's going a lot quicker there's usually four guys working for four days and now there's only two guys and it takes just three days. The new LED lighting is just about finished in the clerk's office, DPW and the WWTP. They need to bring scaffolding in to do the auditorium. The sidewalk project is finished on Main Street and our DPW has put in the asphalt aprons in the driveways and now it will be graded and seeded. Lynch said for the next meeting he'll have a list of four or five addresses for the residential sidewalk program that will be done this year. He'll also have the roads to be paved for the rest of the CHIPS program. They've also talked about James Street that needs to be addressed.

Lynch provided the board with the survey that Oswego County Water and Soil did for the trees in the Village. The project took a long time for them to finish but we now have a survey of every tree, what type of tree, the condition they're in, in our right of way, there's 564 spaces with about 75 that are requested where you could plant a tree, proper growing trees and next year hopefully

a grant for the trees.

Lynch said the sale of the parkland is coming to fruition, the governor has signed the bill. We have received the money from the school to cover Attorney costs, the asbestos survey and a contribution towards the asbestos removal. The school is going to demolish the building, they'll also pay the fees to dispose of the debris. They are ready on their end to close on the property. Primo said he'll get ahold of the school tomorrow.

Lynch asked if the Mayor and Attorney Primo and himself could sit down and discuss further the water contracts/proposals. Phoenix Rising did purchase 10 picnic tables that will go behind all the building in the downtown district, then can be used in the park also, they were donated by the law offices in the Village, Nazarian, Tina Bennet and Rick Jarvis, so some of the things you see there we do there we go out and receive contributions from local businesses as well.

Lynch asked the board to please get their newsletter articles in by the end of the week.

Attorney Primo

Primo said that the legislator passed a series of tax credits that would be applicable with property taxes by local governments, the one available for cities, villages and towns is credit up to 95% and the money can be made available for any charitable purposes which it could be sanitary sewer and water improvements.

Primo called Windstream regarding our account and let them know what's been going on. We're going to send a termination letter.

Primo said OCWA sent us a bill for \$2,000 for external customer charge, this is for County Route 12, County Route 264, Chestnut Street, Oswego River Road and Industrial Park. This is in addition to the \$6,000 that's yearly billed. Mayor Wood said our revised district contracts will have to include this charge.

Abstract

Mayor Ryan Wood asked if anyone had any questions or concerns with Abstract #12 dated August 21, 2018 in the amount of \$135,912.09. Trustee Musumeci made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 411-445; water fund vouchers 408-434; sewer fund vouchers 409-439; Capital water/sewer voucher 411,416; library fund vouchers 95-98; and trust and agency fund vouchers 93-106, seconded by Trustee Griser. All ayes.

Motion to approve the public hearing meeting minutes for August 7, 2018 was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Musumeci. All aye.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Motion was made by Trustee Pendergast to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm seconded by Trustee Griser. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer