

Village of Phoenix  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM  
Sweet Memorial Building  
455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Caleb Sweet  
Trustee Danny Dunn  
Trustee Paul Griser  
Trustee Adam Mulderig  
Trustee David Pendergast  
Chief Martin Nerber  
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo  
Administrator James Lynch  
Attorney Rebekah Prosachik

11 Public in Attendance

Mayor Sweet began the Board Meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M.

**Miller Engineering – Doug Miller**

Doug said last week we received approval from NYS DEC for the dechlorination project at the WWTP, he'll work with Jim Lynch and the DPW on that, deadline to have it in place is by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Lock Street is pretty much buttoned up for the year, we're withholding final payment for the road work that will need to be done in the Spring. This week there was some degreaser that got in the sewer at the bus garage, you should commend Jim Lynch, John Kerfien and Greg Shaffer, the procedures were all in place as to what to do, everyone was spot on. There was a discussion on the bid process for the WWTP roof, Attorney Prosachik is continuing to look into this.

**Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Trustee Paul Griser said that he attended Shop with a Hero and it was an amazing experience, he thanked Chief Nerber and Officer Fortino for continuing to put this together.

Trustee Mulderig had nothing.

Trustee Pendergast said the issue with the snow blower with the sidewalks, when is it going to stop. Mayor Sweet said it is just with the downtown business district, just that area.

Trustee Dunn said we need to have a sign on State Street by the gentlemen's club that says no parking. It's hard to turn because there's cars parked illegally. Chief Nerber will reach out to the owner.

**Department Comments**

Chief Nerber said he appreciated the Trustees that came out on Saturday to participate with Shop with a Hero. It gets better and better every year. They had 23 children that shopped at the Walmart in Granby. They also delivered gift baskets and food to the seniors on Monday night, everyone was very appreciative. Chief Nerber said he'll be distributing his monthly report for the next meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Lynch reported that Bartlett Tree Service has given a quote of \$9,750 to take down five trees in the Village. The budget this year is \$9,000, he can reach out to them to possibly work on the amount or we can do four trees this year and put one of the trees on next year's schedule to be taken down. The stop sign has been installed on Lock and Candee Street, it's bagged right now so people can get used to it being there. Lynch said a no parking sign will be placed at Route 57 and Davis Street on the east side. The Phoenix Chorus and Drama Booster are going to have find the firebird, you can enter the contest for \$10 and will receive a badge, they'll receive clues and who ever finds the medallion will win \$1,000. It'll be a neat contest and Community Event. Trustee Griser and himself will be working on the employee handbook. Trustee Dunn asked for the run down on the projects that are going on. Lynch reported that Davis Street project now has the forms up and they are now pouring the concrete. The roof system comes out of Canada and will be delivered mid-January and trusses will be delivered around the same time. The developer thinks around end of January the entire building should be up

and closed in. The property on Volney Street that was previously the flower shop will be closed on and we've heard it will be a bank. With the Main Street project the developer has the asbestos abatement done, the corner house along with the yellow house will both come down.

### **Attorney Comments**

Attorney Prosachik said she has heard from Jack Brandt regarding the sale of the Village property to Lock 1 Distilling and who will be signing the transfer documents and will follow up. Hopefully by next meeting we have that ready, they're getting the survey, abstract and title. As Chief has mentioned, there's laws going into effect in January that are drastically changing on the how the courts operate and we're going to get together to look at files and get information to the DA's office to address the changes that will impact the Chief and his Officers.

### **Abstract**

Abstract #20 dated December 17, 2019 in the amount of \$215,634.4. Trustee Dunn made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 643-692; water fund vouchers 643-690; sewer fund vouchers 643-691; capital sewer/water fund vouchers 683-691, library fund vouchers 168-175 and trust and agency fund vouchers 191-198, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor.

Motion to approved meeting minutes from November 19, 2019 was made by Trustee Pendergast, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor. Motion to approved meeting minutes from December 3, 2019 was made by Trustee Mulderig, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Ratify phone poll taken on December 16, 2019 to release the check to EFC in the amount of \$57,000 was made by Trustee Mulderig, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Mayor Sweet said that we need a planning board and zoning board, it needs to be two separate boards.

Mayor Sweet appointed the following to the zoning board, term will begin today December 17, 2019, Chairman, Butch Remington (5 year term), Don Wood (4 year term), Barb Dix (3 year term), Fred Wall (2 year term) and Harlow Roderick (1 year term). Mayor Sweet appointed the planning board, term will begin today December 17, 2019, Chairman Ron Johst (5 year term), Doug Deeb (4 year term), Allen Crutchley (3 year term), Jeff Koegel (2 year term).

### **New Business**

Facility Use from Phoenix Rising for the auditorium on December 21, 2019 from 9:00am – 12:00pm for Breakfast with Santa. Motion was made by Trustee Mulderig to approve, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

### **Public Comments**

Barb Dix State Street asked the board if they'd like to purchase a map of the Village.

Bob Mulderig 20 Culvert Street reported that he has issues with water running into his building since the Old Brick Bank Bistro put in the paved parking lot.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to adjourn the meeting at 8:24, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer