

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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  
Absent Trustee David Pendergast

Chief Martin Nerber  
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo  
Administrator James Lynch  
Attorney Rebekah Prosachik

4 Public in Attendance

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

### **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Trustee Paul Griser had nothing.

Trustee Mulderig asked why the traffic light was taken down on Main and Lock Streets. Administrator Lynch said it was in need of repairs that were expensive and they couldn't find the parts for it. Mayor Sweet said with future development we can look into it.

Trustee Dunn had nothing.

Joe Pierce addressed the board regarding a proposed sub-division on the property at 133 Bridge Street that he is purchasing. Joe's intent is to divide it into four lots. Attorney Prosachik said sub-division is in our codes and he'd need to submit that to the planning board. He'll need to have a survey and show sewer plans for the planning board to review and then approve. Joe and Lynch will continue to work together on submitting plans for the board, setbacks etc.

### **Department Comments**

Chief Nerber said in the interest of saving money and streamlining his departments' budget, there's a grant that came out from Senator Katco's office, it funds two fulltime officers at a 75% contribution. It is a three year commitment from the government then the fourth year is the Village responsibility. Chief would like to move forward on the application for the grant. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Mulderig, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Administrator Lynch said the Bridge House Brats is a great program we have and he's working on a grant to sustain the Bridge House Brats. One of the grants is the Shineman Foundation and the other is John Ben Snow Foundation. The grant would help with the Brats, basketball court, swimming lessons, kayak lessons etc. Motion was made by Trustee Dunn to move forward with our grant writer Kristy, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor. Lynch said the board should be very proud, the Village of Phoenix has made it to the final four of the Sammy Awards, the community buying into voting and have supported us with everything we've done in the Village, and we couldn't do it without the board, the Mayor, DPW and the residents.

John Kerfien – DPW crew leader explained to the board that our current bobcat we've spent a lot of money on and now that machine is in need of a major repair. Thompson and Johnson have worked out some estimates for something they have in stock that we can get quickly. We currently have a lot of attachments for the bobcat so we'd like to stay with the same brand. John reviewed the estimates with the board and this is also on the state contract pricing. Attorney Prosachik said that in reviewing the law we would normally have to obtain three competitive bids, this would qualify as an exception under municipal law section 103. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this section, in the case of a public emergency arising out of an accident or other unforeseen occurrence or condition whereby circumstances affecting public buildings, public property or the life, health, safety or property of the inhabitants of a political subdivision or district therein, require immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding or competitive offering, contracts for public work or the purchase of supplies, material or equipment may be let by the appropriate officer, board or agency of a political subdivision or district therein.

Motion was made by Trustee Mulderig to purchase the bobcat for \$28,769.22, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

### **Miller Engineering**

Doug Miller said that himself, Jim Lynch and John Kerfien were talking, they did send in a proposal for the dechlor project at the WWTP, the drawings and specs together for DEC approval and then have the village forces put that project in to plan and construct that. The proposal is for \$4,200 and the project needs to be completed in May. Motion was made by Trustee Griser to approve, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor.

### **Attorney Comments**

Attorney Prosachik reported that there's a conference call that will be scheduled with the DEC for an response for the inspection.

### **Abstract**

Abstract #24 dated February 18, 2020 in the amount of \$62,549.11. Trustee Mulderig made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 781-813; water fund vouchers 784-812; sewer fund vouchers 784-812; capital water/sewer fund voucher 796, library fund vouchers 203-205 and trust and agency fund vouchers 239-248, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from February 4, 2020 was made by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Motion to approve Public Hearing minutes for Penalties for Offences was made by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor. Motion to approve Public Hearing minutes to change election from March to November was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor.

### **New Business**

Facility use from Danielle Roche for the Sweet Building March 4, 2020 from 3:30pm-9:00pm for Pop Warner Organization. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Mulderig, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Motion was made by Trustee Mulderig to purchase a laminated full size historical map of the Village for \$190.00, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Mayor Sweet asked the board to adopt a resolution requesting amendments to New York State Criminal Justice Reform, motion was made by Trustee Mulderig to adopt, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

### **Public Comments**

Brian Borchik 145 State Street said there's a house on the corner of Park and Main doesn't shovel the sidewalk and the kids are walking in the road and then back on the sidewalk at the high school. Also he's asking if a crosswalk could be put in across Main Street.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer