

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 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 Jeffrey Schiano

1 Public in Attendance

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

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor Sweet had nothing.
Trustee Griser had nothing.
Trustee Dunn had nothing.
Trustee Mulderig had nothing.

Department Comments

Chief Nerber said they've been working on Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 203, guidance for the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. In the next few weeks we'll have a conversation to appoint a citizen review board, Officer Ferazzoli has been working on some fine points to present to the governor's office. They will have something for the board to review in the upcoming weeks then send it to Albany.

Administrator Lynch said he has an update on vehicle auction; a phone poll was taken and approved to move forward with the Auctions International. Next week the new plow truck should be here, and then the auction process should start. Lynch asked the attorney if residents could shovel off the pond to skate. Attorney Schiano said it's a good question, it's a Village pond, if people are going to skate there we probably should install signs for "skate at your own risk". He'll look into it further. Lynch said everyone was given a packet for the water agreement with the Town and some changes from our auditor. This was given to Attorney Schiano to make the appropriate adjustments. Schiano looked into the rate and this is the right way to do it and be confident in the rate itself, the rate will be subject to change upon any change to our costs.

Attorney Schiano

Attorney Schiano said there was a question brought up last week regarding property that's bought from tax sale or foreclosure sale and whether the Village can do anything to remove a so called squatter. The answer is the Village cannot really do anything about a squatter on a piece of property if purchased through a tax sale or foreclosure sale and occupied by a squatter, it's solely upon the purchaser of the property and part of the contract that they enter into is that they take it subject to any tenant on the property. Attorney Schiano said that the Kline property transfer we can now move forward on, it's been 30 days since the notice and he will prepare the paperwork.

Abstract

Abstract #24 dated February 16, 2021 in the amount of \$58,354.52. Trustee Mulderig made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 701-734; water fund vouchers 712-729; sewer fund vouchers 702-731; capital water/sewer fund vouchers 708-710; library fund vouchers 148-153 and trust and agency fund vouchers 192-196, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Motion was made by Trustee Dunn to approve meeting minutes from February 2, 2021 seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Ratify phone poll taken on February 11, 2021 to approve Auction International for sale of surplus property.

Motion to approve was made by Trustee Mulderig, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer