

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 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
Trustee David Pendergast

Chief Martin Nerber
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
Administrator James Lynch
Attorney Jeffrey Schiano

3 Public in Attendance

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

KL Consulting – Kristy LaManche

Kristy reported that there is a NYS Department of Transportations (TAP) grant available, applications due by September 29, 2021.

NYS Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
Funding Available: \$110 million

* Program typically offered every other year

Funding is available to support community-based investments designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of local and regional transportation systems, while promoting safety and mobility. This initiative funds projects that create new and enhance existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to schools, convert abandoned railway corridors to pedestrian trails, and help reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

Eligible Activities:

- Planning, design and construction of infrastructure related projects to improve non-driver safety and access to public transportation and enhanced mobility;
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks and viewing areas;
- Safe routes to school (enable and encourage children to walk or bike to school);
- Planning, design and construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists and non-motorized transportation users;
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and non-motorized transportation users; and
- Planning, design and construction of boulevards and other roadways, largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.
- Community Improvement Activities (landscaping and streetscape improvements, preserve historic transportation facilities, vegetation management practices, archeological activities); and
- Environmental Mitigation Activities.

Reimbursement program with up to 80% of eligible costs paid by grant. 20% local match requirement.

The minimum grant request (federal share) for each project is \$500,000. Your total project cost must be a minimum of \$625,000 which means \$125,000 minimum local match.

(Maximum federal share is \$5,000,000 which means a total project cost of \$6,250,000 and a local contribution of \$1,250,000)

Applications due by September 29, 2021 and must be submitted through Grants Gateway.

Motion was made by Trustee Mulderig to move forward and apply for the TAP grant, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Sweet aye, Trustee Dunn nay. Motion approved.

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor Sweet said he noticed that they are painting the apartments on Cherry Street.

Trustee Mulderig asked if they were digging a well on Homestead Ave. Administrator Lynch said they eradicating an old gas well they are filling and capping it. The DEC has contracted a company to do that. Trustee Pendergast said we have a local law in the books that you can't put the garbage out before Thursday. We need to do something, it's been getting out of hand. After a discussion Administrator Lynch said he will prepare a form letter notifying the landlords. Attorney Schiano said we can site the landlord and the renter. Trustee Dunn asked why we aren't mowing the lawn at Kindred Path. Trustee Griser had nothing.

Department Comments

Chief Nerber reported that the police truck is being worked on so it shouldn't be too much longer for delivery. He's been in contact with the state regarding a new boat, there's a possibility we can receive one this year or next. The 9/11 ceremony is next weekend at 6:30pm.

Administrator Lynch let the board know about the Main Street grant if you have a chance to take a look at 75 State Street they have completed the backside of the building and it looks pretty nice. Lynch reported that during routine maintenance the DPW found that the Main Street pump station on Main Street by Crickhollow apartments had a switch stuck and the pumps were running for approximately 20 days. Motion to approve the parts for repair for \$2,715 was made by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor. He has also received the demolition permit for 69 Cherry Street. Lynch advised the board there's a public hearing scheduled for September 9th at 7:00 regarding the proposed Oswego County FCU drive up ATM at 101 Volney Street. We are working on Locktoberfest for October 2nd we are doing well with sponsors, the bands are lined up, fireworks display, stage and lighting, so if anyone would like to help or has any ideas please let him know. Grimsley Gorge will transform the Sweet Building into a haunted house and will be open October 22&23 and October 29-31.

Miller Engineering

Doug said the WWTP roof is on schedule, material is on site and a meeting is scheduled with a structural engineer for the grit room wall.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Schiano said he and Trustee Griser have been discussing the possibility of implementing a justice court in the village. He's asking the board how they feel about moving forward with researching a court justice. All approved.

Abstract

Abstract #13 dated September 7, 2021 in the amount of \$130,189.00. Trustee Dunn made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 373-410; water fund vouchers 373-407; sewer fund vouchers 373-406;

library fund vouchers 88-96 and trust and agency fund vouchers 97-112, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Motion was made by Trustee Dunn to approve meeting minutes from August 17, 2021 seconded by Trustee Pendergast. All in favor.

Ratify phone poll on August 23, 2021 to approve paving schedule, motion made by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor.

Public Comments

New Business

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer