

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 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 Deputy Clerk Laura Gonzalez
Attorney Jeffrey Schiano
Administrator Jim Lynch

2 Public in Attendance

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

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor Sweet said that the benches and lights at the Lock St Pond look great.

Trustee Mulderig said that he agreed with Mayor Sweet.

Trustee Griser had nothing.

Trustee Dunn said that people complained that the Main Street daycare's lights are very bright. Administrator Lynch said that he would contact the owner so they could adjust the lights.

Department Comments

Administrator Lynch said that Joe Pierce is asking us to do some drainage modifications on the Bridge Street lots he is considering developing. Administrator Lynch asked DPW Superintendent John Kerfien to look the lot to see what we can or cannot do. Kerfien said that since our system is draining properly, we cannot do the modifications. Lynch asked Attorney Schiano for advice on how to reply to Mr. Pierce's request.

Administrator Lynch asked Attorney Schiano if a resolution could be made on a phone poll. Lynch said that he was waiting for an email from Dave Turner with the resolution for the Waste Water Treatment Plant project; as of 6:00 pm, he did not receive it. Attorney Schiano said that the resolution should be made in a special meeting.

Lynch said that the Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for December 4. This year the event is going to be outside, the Youth Council will give gifts to the kids, and they will have hot cocoa.

Lynch said that liaisons should be talking to their department head regarding the upcoming budget to be proactive.

Lynch said that now we are going into the winter season, all our equipment is serviced and ready to go. We just finished our yearly sidewalks program. Homeowners love it, they are able to save money, and the Village is using Chips money to pay for its part of the project.

Chief Nerber said that on December 4 is Shop with a Hero. The event will take place at Fulton's Walmart, from 9:15 am through 1:00 pm. This year we team up with United Way in Fulton, Oswego

Youth Bureau. We sponsor 25 kids, and the rest of the County will also sponsor 25 kids. Chick-Fil-A will be catering the event.

Officer Brian Fortino applied for the First Responders Toys Give-Away program, and our Police Department was selected from many first responder agencies around the U.S. This organization will provide toys for 350 families. Chief said that a semi-truck will be bringing the toys, but we are responsible for unloading it. We will have to select families to come over and grab a toy on December 18. Trustee Mulderig suggested using the Fire Department hall for this event. Chief said that he also will need volunteers.

Chief said that we have been having issues with our boat. Every year he approaches the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation requesting a new boat, but it gets denied. This year, Officer Shane Chimber and Chief Nerber reached out to the new director, Chad Juenker. Mr. Juenker replied to Chief's email.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Schiano provided the Board with a report that Keith Corbett Esq. from Harris Beach Attorneys at Law created regarding the ongoing election issue. To ensure that we have our election as properly as possible, we are going to hold a special election. The special election requires specific notices and needs to be held between 61 and 95 days after the official call for the special election was made by the Board of Trustees. Schiano said that the earliest we could have the special election is February; however, we can also hold it in March. Only for this time, all candidates will be running. Candidates that were supposed to be running last November will be running for a one (1) year term, and candidates that their terms will end in March will be running for a two (2) years term; this way will allow us to keep the election staggered.

Motion was made by Trustee Mulderig to have the special election on the standard March Village Election date, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor. Motion carried.

Attorney Schiano said that if the Board wants to take any action to prohibit the dispensaries, the sale of, or on-premises use of the marijuana, they will need to take action before January 1, which is the deadline for the new marijuana law.

Abstract

Abstract #18, dated November 16, 2021, in the amount of \$267,001.22. Trustee Dunn made the motion to approve general fund vouchers 550-585; water fund vouchers 553-582; sewer fund vouchers 553-582; library fund vouchers 129-134 and trust and agency fund vouchers 146-154, seconded by Trustee Mulderig. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

New Business

Facility Use for the auditorium from Mikki Hinkleman for a Gender Reveal Party, December 12, 2021, from 2:00–5:00 pm. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Mulderig, seconded by Trustee Griser, All in favor. Motion carried.

Facility Use for the auditorium from Phoenix Pop Warner Cheer for a Craft Fair, November 27, 2021, from 10:00–4:00 pm. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Mulderig, All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Michael Walpole from 21 Church Street addressed the Board regarding a parking ticket he received on November 5 for parking overnight on the road. A brief discussion took place.

Motion was made by Trustee Mulderig to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm, seconded by Trustee Griser. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura V Gonzalez
Village of Phoenix
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer