

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present:	Mayor Brian Borchik	Chief Marty Nerber
	Trustee Jeffrey Koegel	Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
	Trustee Ronald Hartner II	Administrator James Lynch
	Trustee Jennifer Maxam	Attorney Jeffrey Schiano
	Trustee Steven McBurnie	

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Mayor Borchik began the Board Meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00

#### **MS4 Reporting – Doug Miller**

Miller reviewed the MS4 report with the board. He asked if anyone attending the meeting had any questions, no one had any input.

#### **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor Borchik reported that we continue to have discussion with the Town of Schroepfel for the water agreement renewal. He has spoken with Barton & Loguidice regarding the bonding for the WWTP, at this time it is not necessary to bond until the engineering report is finalized. Mayor said we've submitted the first milestone to the DEC. Mayor Borchik thanked Chief Nerber for 12+ years of employment serving the Village.

Trustee McBurnie had nothing.

Trustee Maxam had nothing.

Trustee Koegel had nothing.

Trustee Hartner reported that a representation from the fire department will attend the next board meeting.

#### **Department Comments**

Chief Marty Nerber presented Officer Brian Fortino with a commendation for his efforts in saving an individual who was in distress. His quick thinking and training helped saved this individuals life. Thank you for your dedication to Village of Phoenix.

Chief Nerber also had the pleasure of presenting Officer Joe Marotta who retired from the Department with many years of distinguished service with a retirement badge and a plaque. Thank you Joe for your many years of service to the Village, enjoy your much deserved retirement.

Administrator Lynch provided the board with an opportunity to have a Floating River Circus visit the Village the proposed date would be around August 20th.

On Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Lock Street Pond there will be a fishing derby presented by Fishlife Outdoors, light refreshments will be provided. Lynch said he received a call from someone asking if we could extend the 20mph speed limit to the Great Bear Childcare on Co. Rt. 57. Attorney Schiano will check into this.

Lynch asked for the board to approve the purchase of a 2014 Chevrolet Van for \$19,500 to replace the current van that is no-longer in use. Motion was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Lynch invited John Kerfien and Justin Hart to the podium, Lynch awarded John with a plaque for his 20 years of employment with the Village.

## **Attorney Comments**

Attorney Schiano reported that the Pfeifer / Carciofolo litigation has been settled. Schiano has prepared a sick leave pool policy for the board to consider. After a brief discussion the board agreed on the policy to be added to the handbook. Motion was made by Trustee Maxam to amend the handbook to include the sick leave pool policy, seconded by Trustee McBurnie, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Maxam for the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding by and between The County of Oswego and the Village of Phoenix regarding support for the proposed construction of the southern Oswego County Regional Interceptor Sewer System (SOCRIS) project, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee McBurnie aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

## **Abstract**

Abstract #3 dated April 1, 2025 in the amount of \$137,396.96. Trustee McBurnie made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 77-109; water fund vouchers 81-106; sewer fund vouchers 81-106; library fund vouchers 14-21 and trust and agency fund vouchers 14-18, seconded by Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Maxam, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Ratify phone poll for Abstract #2 dated March 18, 2025 in the amount of \$124,738.53, Trustee Maxam to approve, general fund vouchers 25-76; water fund vouchers 27-73; sewer fund vouchers 27-72; library fund vouchers 4-13 and trust and agency fund vouchers 9-13, seconded by Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee McBurnie, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes February 18, 2025 was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

## **Public Comments**

Larry Rawson 25 Volney St. addressed the board with his concerns about a proposed community fire and dialog was exchanged about a fire that never happened.

Motion was made by Trustee Maxam to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:47pm, seconded by Trustee McBurnie, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer