

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Absent Mayor Brian Borchik Chief Marty Nerber
Trustee Paul Griser Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
Trustee Ron Hartner II Administrator James Lynch
Trustee Jeff Koegel Attorney Jeffrey Schiano
Absent Trustee David Pendergast

5 Public in Attendance

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

Enterprise Fire Department

Deputy Adam Mulderig updated the board that for January they had 55 calls, the majority of calls are EMS calls, average personnel per call is five, which is way up from previous years, our current membership 41 active firemen, 22 interior firemen, 8 EMT's, and just took in two RAM's which are under the age of 18. They're currently looking to replace the ladder truck that the Village bought them in 1992, they're updating the Chief's vehicles to pickup truck due to cancer regulations. Mulderig asked if anyone had any questions. Someone from the department will update the board at the first meeting of the months.

Chief Nerber

Chief Nerber introduced everyone to Officer Chimber, Chief read his story. On Christmas night he was working patrol and responded to a call on Lock Street for an overdose call. He arrived to an unresponsive female, he immediately administered narcan, his swift response time ultimately saved her life. On behalf of Mayor Brian Borchik and the village board of trustees I'm privileged and honored to award you this letter of commendation. Officer Chimber received a round of applause.

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Deputy Mayor Griser said it would be the prudent thing to start a conversation about the village flag, insight of the feedback we received we should table this for now. We've spoke about this for over a year now and shared this at our meetings, as a goal we wanted to have the community involved and create a flag that everyone would like, the village (the municipality or the local government) has utilized the blue concept for quite some time, we want a flag that everyone can enjoy. Trustee Hartner agreed to table it for now and get some more opinions. Trustee Koegel said other villages separate their schools from their village offices and this is the way they do it, we're not the only one, Baldwinsville does it , Liverpool does it, without input from anyone that doesn't even show up to comment on it, they should show up to discuss it. Administrator Lynch agreed with Trustee Koegel, other village have their own local government colors, before he started here his shop made Welcome to the Village signs over 20 years ago that are blue, blue signs are at the back of the building also in front of the building, we used that for a long time, our DRI application we implemented blue to create an image for the local government, our newsletter is primarily blue. The comments were interesting, we do have a great working relationship with the school district and are not trying to differentiate from the black and orange that everybody bleeds. But sitting on this side of the table for a local government

we were trying to creating an image that sets us apart a little bit, obviously people aren't educated enough and need to know more about it so we're here to answer any questions that we can. Deputy Mayor Griser at the end of the day we're trying to find a flag that represents everyone. Clerk Demo said not one single person from community even shows up to a board meeting to discuss the flag, and they probably don't even know that the school recently received a patient on the firebird.

Trustee Koegel had the school contact him about the Dollar General project, he contacted the owner and have it taken care of.

Department Comments

Chief Nerber we had issues with cars being broken into, they put extra patrols on and put an announcement to lock the doors and be diligent about it.

Administrator

Administrator Lynch said the board has received his status updated if anyone has any questions you're encouraged to reach out anytime. Lynch reported that Ron Johst, Chairman of the Planning Board has been on the board for almost 30 years, he would like the opportunity to step down and take the role as a planning board member, he has asked Doug Deeb if he'd be interested in taking over as Chairman. Attorney Schiano advised that the Mayor will need to make the appointment and we can do this at the next board meeting. Lynch asked if the Attorney was moving forward on the surplus property at the Foster Well and maybe the board could potentially add the State Street property. Lynch said he's brought up the solar eclipse is April 8th and is there anyone that wants to work with him on having an event during the day, Trustee Hartner and Trustee Koegel would like to work on this. Trustee Hartner asked about Butler and trash rates. Lynch said the rate increase is one thing, but the determination of picking up mattresses and oversized furniture will happen soon and we need to come up with an alternative solution. There's a list of things that they will no longer be picked up. We need further discussion on this. Attorney Schiano advised the board to send a correspondence to the landlords, larger apartments, to let them know this is happening and the landlord will be charged. The fee schedule that they are working on there's a code enforcement/DPW pickup nuisance road side items, that will be updated on that schedule.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Schiano had nothing to report.

Abstract

Abstract #23 dated February 6, 2024 in the amount of \$70,222.85. Trustee Hartner made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 680-712; water fund vouchers 680-712; sewer fund vouchers 684-712; library fund vouchers 149-156 and trust and agency fund vouchers 188-202, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Koegel aye, Deputy Mayor Griser aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 16, 2024 was made by Trustee Hartner, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Hartner aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Local Law #1 – Tax Cap meeting minutes on January 16, 2024 was made by Trustee Hartner, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Deputy Mayor Griser aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Special Meeting/Public Hearing for the 2024-25 budget on January 16, 2024 was made by Trustee Koegel, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Deputy Mayor Griser aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Local Law #2 – Firefighter and EMS Exemption meeting minutes on January 16, 2024 was made by Trustee Hartner, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Deputy Mayor Griser aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion to appoint Jan Johst and Bonnie Frawley as election inspector for the Village Election to be held on March 19, 2024 was made by Trustee Koegel, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Deputy Mayor Griser aye. Motion carried.

Facility Use request for the auditorium from Ignite Athletics for a teen dance, February 10, 2024 from 4:00-9:00pm. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Hartner, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Deputy Mayor Griser aye. Motion carried.

Facility Use request for the auditorium for the Democratic Committee for February 15, 2024 from 6:00-9:00pm. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Hartner, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Deputy Mayor Griser aye. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Griser read a letter from Trustee Pendergast. Pendergast wrote after serving the Village as a trustee under six mayors, I feel it is time for me to step aside and let someone else fill the role of Trustee with fresh thoughts and ideas as to how the village should be run.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Trustee Koegel to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:40pm, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Deputy Mayor Griser aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer