

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

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

Public in Attendance 8

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

### **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor Borchik had a visit Friday with Senator Ryan, they met with the police department, spent time at VFW and fire department also with the Bridge House Brats. Chief expressed his opinion on certain laws, to raise the age of bail reform, Ryan asked to have him provide a list and he'd present this to the state level. Senator's office will help with a CREST grant for the VFW to rebuild the outdoor pavilion. Senator spoke with the fire department and they'll provide a list of concerns and questions for his office. Lynch will provide information to the Senator for the DOT sidewalk grant that we were awarded and hopefully get some forward progress, it's been too long.

Trustee Koegel had nothing.

Trustee Hartner had nothing.

Trustee McBurnie said the VFW will be hosting a celebration of life on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 for Lynn Farnham.

Trustee Maxam had nothing.

### **Department Comments**

Chief Ferazzoli handed out July 1 – July 15 police activity report. Chief Ferazzoli updated the board that they made an arrest on two juveniles for criminal mischief from the DG Market incident, they both need to make appointments for probation intake. Chief has hired Alec Williams as a PT police officer position, he'll be introduced to the board at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The new Durango has come in and it's anticipated that Friday it'll be on the road. We have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from Walmart for the Shop with a Hero program. The Narcan box has been received and will be placed at the Medicine Shop.

Administrator Lynch reported that the manhole risers are being installed on Rt. 57. He has emailed the DOT regarding the sidewalk grant to see if we are able to use our own engineering firm or we'll probably reject the grant, the cost for an outside engineer is astronomical. Lynch reported that we have a growing list for the sidewalk program, he's meeting with Justin to review the list. Davis Street is going to be ground and paved, there will be changes to where it meets up to Volney Street, and they'll remove the grassy area in the middle and restriped. He has spoken with the contractor and representative of the developer for the DG Market and opening date is slotted for August 24<sup>th</sup>, they are redoing the foundation for the floor as it did not meet the compaction tests.

### **Attorney Comments**

Attorney Schiano reviewed the license agreement between the Village of Phoenix and the Bridge House Brats, there were no questions from the board. Motion to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement was made by

Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Attorney Schiano reported the sewer hookup for Carciofolo's has been completed and the line will be capped on both sides. Administrator Lynch asked for an update on the Library. Mayor Borchik reached out to Natalie at the Library and she has reached out to their lawyer stating what we're asking for, they haven't operated as a municipal library for a long time, their attorney will work on it and get back to us. Mayor will reach out to them before the next board meeting to receive an update.

Attorney Schiano updated the board for the WWTP agreement, the county is ready to approve, the IDA is ready to approve and he believes the Town is ready to approve, we are not quite ready to approve, and we should be ready by our meeting in August as long as everyone is on the same page. Mayor said David Powers from Barton & Loguidice advised him that we have been approved for funding from EFC, they've submitted the paperwork that we're applying for the \$5M grant from the DEC. Most important part is if there are deficiencies, if any funding doesn't come through or if it's costing us more than what we thought, if it increases we're on the hook.

### **Abstract**

Abstract #10 dated July 15, 2025 in the amount of \$103,034.66. Trustee Maxam made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 300-333; water fund vouchers 303-333; sewer fund vouchers 303-331; library fund vouchers 66-71 and trust and agency fund vouchers 51-58, seconded by Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee McBurnie aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve July 1, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Public Comments**

Isabell Carciofolo 285 Co. Rt. 57 is requesting that their home which is half in the Village and half in the Town be annexed into the Village. Attorney Schiano suggested that Mayor reach out to Supervisor Nazarian.

Mike Henry 1 Jay Lane said we've spoken with Chief Ferazzoli to have coffee and Stem Art with the cops on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. They'll have various activities with the kids.

Steven Dates 303 Main Street would like to bring back bed races, to possibly hold it on State Street from Tone's Cones past Paddock's Landing. Attorney Schiano said we can work on certain details to hold it.

Danny Dunn 523 Main Street said he has replaced the small American Flag at the First Responder's Memorial again and is looking for a State Police Flag that was taken.

Motion was made by Trustee McBurnie to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:58pm, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer