

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Caleb Sweet
Trustee Brian Borchik
Trustee Danny Dunn
Absent Trustee Paul Griser
Trustee David Pendergast
Sergeant Dan Ferazzoli
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
Administrator James Lynch
Attorney Joe Frateschi

5 Public in Attendance

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

Motion to go into executive session at 7:00 was made by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion to open executive session at 7:02 pm was made by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion to close executive session at 7:06pm was made by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion to open regular meeting was made by Trustee Pendergast at 7:07pm, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor Sweet had nothing.

Trustee Pendergast said at the corner of Jefferson and Chestnut Street the sidewalk is all grown over. Lynch will take a look at it. Pendergast asked if he was to purchase cold patch and put on a hole would that be ok, it's located at the corner of State and Lock. Attorney Frateschi did not advise him to touch it, there are liability issues as well.

Trustee Borchik presented various police department proposals for discussion. They're asking for a pay raise and the reason for the pay raise to try to entice more officers to fill vacant shifts and work more hours. The budget currently is them working until 3:00am and they are now working until 11:00pm. We did look at full-time and it is considerably more expensive than our current part-time officers. Related to the AFLAC proposal they would average 48 hours a month, if they're hurt on the job they'd be covered. There are eight officers that are interested in this and he would like to cover this with the ARPA funds at \$9,959.04 for one year. Trustee Borchik asked that everyone look the proposal over to be comfortable with this. Borchik also stated the visibility of our police officers, they've dealt with some chronic issues, the motorcycles, you've seen the press release, he's been in touch with individuals around in the village and have asked them if they have seen our officers driving around, in the last month he's gotten a report of more visibility which everyone has asked for, he wants that for the village along with Chief Nerber.

Trustee Borchik also discussed the pilings at the dock at North Island, we haven't been able to put the docks in the pilings are broke off. DPW Justin Hart has dealt with multiple contractors to have the pilings replaced. RDI Construction, 4-Star and Elite Concrete Masonry have supplied bids. After a discussion a motion was made by Trustee Borchik to proceed with 4-Star for \$25,340 to be paid with the ARPA funds, seconded by Trustee Dunn, Mayor Sweet aye, Trustee Pendergast nay. Motion carried. Regarding the Parks, the mural is approved and material is ordered. Very excited to see what it will look like. Trustee Dunn said the board has covered what he was going to ask.

Departments

Chief Nerber said for the record he and Trustee Borchik meet weekly. Like Trustee Borchik brought up we have dealt with our chronic issues and so far it's been quiet, hopefully that's been taken care of.

Administrator Lynch stated that there were a couple individuals here in the public, Steve Walts and Andrew Martin regarding the property across from the credit union. Mr. Walts has come in with some ideas and they've narrowed it down to 19-20 unit patio home community. They will provide an application and plans and will have a planning board meeting for questions and then it'll be sent for a 239 review to Oswego County for feedback. Assessment questions will be directed to Town of Schroepfel Assessor Hal Henty.

The block work for the first responder's memorial will begin next week. DPW Justin Hart was going to be to address potholes and risers, he's asked for locations and will address them as soon as he can. We've received a quote of \$2,500 a year from Citi Boces for updating our website. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Borchik, seconded by Trustee Pendergast, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried. Tree advisory meeting was yesterday, we were awarded a \$1,000 grant and we did our benchmark for the first \$500 and will receive another \$500, they have some good ideas and going to help with various tree issues. Summer youth work employees are doing a great job here, if anyone has any projects please let him know. Lynch asked the board to let him know what they'd like to do about the chicken incident, Attorney Schiano said we should update the local law to six chicken and cover any additional farm animals in that law. The radar signs have been received and he worked with Chief and Borchik as to where they'll be placed, 811 has been called and once cleared we'll put the sleeves in the ground. We have surplus property at the old well on Ct. Rt. 12, there's approximately 21.1 acres, and he's not sure why we would want to hang on to this. Lynch would like the board to approve to have it appraised and placed on the market. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Borchik, seconded by Trustee Dunn, Trustee Pendergast nay, Mayor Sweet aye. Motioned carried.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Frateschi said Attorney Schiano has prepared a resolution for creating the positions of village justice and associate village justice for the Village of Phoenix. This resolution will create those positions, in NYS when you do create a village judge and acting village justice and it is subject permission referendum. We'll publish for the permits referendum for 30 days upon the adopting of this resolution. Motion to adopt the resolution as presented to the board was made by Trustee Borchik, seconded by Trustee Dunn, Trustee Pendergast nay, Mayor Sweet aye. Motioned carried. Attorney Frateschi handed out the draft agreement with the Village and West Phoenix Sewer District, please look it over and once you feel comfortable with it we'll send it to the Town of Lysander.

Abstract

Abstract #10 dated July 19, 2022 in the amount of \$94,287.83. Trustee Borchik made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 300-330; water fund vouchers 303-329; sewer fund vouchers 299-331; library fund vouchers 66-70 and trust and agency fund vouchers 62-68, seconded by Trustee Pendergast, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Dunn to approve meeting minutes from July 5, 2022 seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Facility Use for Henley Park Pavilion on September 18, 2022 from 11:30-4:00pm St. Stephens Parish Family Picnic, motion to approve made by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Pendergast, Trustee Borchik aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Lucille Mercer 1 Jay Lane asked if the board had made a decision on the flag "Don't Tread on Me". Mayor Sweet said that he received a call from Canal Corp regarding calls that they've received and they don't have any issues with it being flown. The board has made the decision to leave the flag up.

Motion was made by Trustee Borchik to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25pm, seconded by Trustee Pendergast, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer