

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 20, 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	Absent Attorney Jeffrey Schiano
	Trustee Steven McBurnie	

Public in Attendance 6

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

### **Jessica Barrow – Community Garden**

Jessica spoke about the community garden, they've had a couple events so far and a few more in the works. All the plants have been donated, the children sold hostas to raise money for picnic tables. They have work days, second Saturday every month from 10-12 the community can come, they've started a garden committee/club. They are trying to make it a safe place for people to come, learn, and also looking to have classes on canning and basic learning how to cook. They're currently trying to raise money for a shed.

### **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor Borchik updated the board on the north side of the Village there's five water users with the Town that had a water leak issue, last week the Town Board approved that Barton & Loguidice do a map plan and report for those users, the proposal will become part of Oswego River Road extension. Regarding our sewer treatment plant, you've received a detailed summary, they met with Barton & Loguidice, they provided a map with the lines that need repair immediately and it should satisfy the consent order, a new line will run down Rt. 264 which will also provide hookups to the sewer. They are still looking for grants to cover additional costs. Attorney Schiano has started a conversation for a new municipal agreement. B&L have secured a 30 year loan at 0% interest through EFC for the amount that the Village will owe, it's estimated at \$34 a year to the residents.

NY Forward there's several businesses in the village that have been in contact and are already in the process with NY Forward, 15 Culvert, Duskees, Connexcare, Lock 1, the daycare with the Walts property and also 73 State Street.

Lock 1 Distillery will be doing a lot of community events starting with a farmers market starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>, every Monday through September. Update on the Bridgehouse, the DPW is building 10 new picnic tables for the park, we're looking for some additional chairs, we're excited for the Bridgehouse program and hope they will do well this year with Kathy Lathrop at the lead. The bronze statue of Cathy Lee looks like it'll be ready for the fireworks.

Mayor and Jim Lynch had a meeting with Jeff Brown, Executive Director of OCWA, the hookup rate that we pay each year is set up by Onondaga County, Onondaga County residents pay in their taxes and

also pay a quarterly water bill as well. The 6% increase should not happen again next year. Oswego County is looking at the idea of forming their own water authority and potentially a well for the county, their looking at a couple areas, Great Bear is one of them and their looking at ways they can help.

Trustee McBurnie if anyone would like to volunteer at the grill for the VFW field days.

Trustee Maxam had nothing.

Trustee Koegel said it was good to see a police officer walking the streets.

Trustee Hartner said he dropped off a new brick order for out front of the Sweet Building.

## **Department Comments**

Chief Ferazzoli handed out April 15-May 20 police activity report. Chief has 14 traffic posts to cover for the Memorial Day Parade, 11 officers and 6 volunteers from the criminal justice school in Syracuse, parking signs and barricades will be placed. The DG Market active investigation, we have two suspects, both under the age of 18, the parents have to be involved, we'll have their statements and it can be closed. Currently we have three officers interested in working here.

Administrator Lynch had nothing.

## **Abstract**

Abstract #6 dated May 20, 2025 in the amount of \$59,362.12. Trustee Maxam made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 172-207; water fund vouchers 175-205; sewer fund vouchers 178-206; library fund vouchers 34-41 and trust and agency fund vouchers 30-32, seconded by Trustee McBurnie, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve May 6, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Trustee Koegel, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee McBurnie aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

Motion to approve Resolution acknowledging that the required examination of the Justice Court's records for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025 has been conducted was made by Trustee Koegel, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Facility Use for Red Hats, Henley Park July 8, 2025 from 11:00- 2:30pm Picnic, motion to approve was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Facility Use from Joe Hierholzer, Auditorium May 24, 2025 from 3:00-7:00pm Birthday Party, motion to approve was made by Trustee Koegel, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee McBurnie aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

## **Public Comments**

Danny Dunn 523 Main St. would like to thank the DPW for putting the flags and banners up. Danny also would like to know how we can get the manholes and water shut off boxes filled.

Spencer Berg representative from Senator Chris Ryan's office, we are making a big attempt to be out in the community as much as possible, to attend meetings, we're here to listen and also be an asset and resource, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to speak to him, we'd like a relationship that goes both ways and to help each other out.

Motion was made by Trustee McBurnie to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48pm, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer