

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

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| Present: | Mayor Brian Borchik       | Chief Marty Nerber              |
|          | 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 7

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

**KL Consulting – Kristy LaManche**

Kristy spoke to the board about the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) opened up Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, in the past we've gotten funding for Community Development Block Grant, sewer and water, parks funding, NYS Main St, Strategic Planning and Comprehensive Plan, in the days and weeks ahead if you have any project ideas please let the Mayor or Jim know. There is a grant workshop coming up on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to have members of the community come and hear about different opportunities for funding and see if that will generate some project ideas for future applications. Applications are due July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Kristy reported that The Restore NY application has a few items that we are required to submit. Kristy prepared the draft resolution and also SEQR short form EAF parts I, II and III, she's initiated SHPO and they have received it and have accepted our submission, we still need to hear back from them. She has also reached out to the planning board chair and have received back a letter stating that the existing and proposed uses of the building are consistent with zoning so we shouldn't need anything further.

Motion to approve municipal resolution relative to SEQRA review and approving application for grant funding from Empire State Development's Restore NY communities imitative municipal grant program round 8 was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

**David Turner – Director Community Development, Tourism, & Planning**

Dave asked the board to consider an application to EFC that's due June 14th, a resolution that is named The Plan of Finance. We have new opportunities that gets us about 10% more in the grant application, there's currently a \$154,000 gap, Oswego County IDA agreed to put in half of that with the contingency that the Village matches that and that EFC fully fund that project.

Motion to approve resolution outlining a plan of finance for the Phoenix/Schroepel wastewater treatment & conveyance project and authorizing Mayor Brian Borchik to act on behalf of The Village of Phoenix, New York as the authorized representative and authorizing David Turner, Director of Strategic Initiatives for the County of Oswego, as the daily contact in an application for funding assistance through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation was made by Trustee McBurnie,

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

Motion to approve the resolution to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Oswego, the Town of Schroepel and the County of Oswego IDA for constructing, funding, of the WWTP Project was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Koegel, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve resolution granting Mayor Brian Borchik the Authority to Sign A Certificate of Occupancy at the direction of the Town of Lysander Codes Officer/Building Inspector for a Property Located at 15 Culvert Street, Phoenix, New York was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Maxam aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

### **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor Borchik updated the board on the Bridge House Brats and Henley Park, we've received a lot of donations, hanging baskets, a lot of flowers, our DPW has done a lot of work down at the park and everything looks really nice. Megan currently has over 30 brats signed up and is expecting more to come in, with the volunteers we have already she believes all the schedules are covered but if anyone wants to volunteer to please let him know.

Trustee McBurnie reported that this weekend is the Field Days at the VFW with the parade on Monday, and hopes to see everyone there.

Trustee Maxam had nothing.

Trustee Koegel had nothing.

Trustee Hartner had a question about the parade and if we're putting up signs where people can't park. Chief said they'll go up on Sunday at 4:00 along with barricades. There was a brief conversation about the upcoming deadline for the newsletter.

### **Department Comments**

Chief Nerber said they're all set with the parade, he has plenty of help, and everything is covered along with the Field Days. Chief spoke about the recent damage to the police boat, they have received many tips, Officer Doody is working the investigation. Chief would like the board to consider the purchase of a new 2024 Durango pursuit vehicle, the 2012 Taurus needs to be taken off the road. The board discussed different options for another car. Chief and Trustee McBurnie will have a discussion with Roxanne tomorrow to review financing options.

Administrator Lynch handed out his list of open/pending projects report to the board. He advised the board that the Mayor, Director Megan Swidowski and the Village have included the need for background checks on all volunteers. Along with the donation of the flowers we received a donation of 15 flags. Lynch suggested that we should have an advisory committee, one for the park and one for the Bridge House program. Lynch handed out a picture of a stone donated by Sweet Wood Memorial for the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Memorial that's being planned for Emerson Dillon. Motion was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam to move forward with the stone and engraving for Trooper Emerson Dillon, all ayes.

## **Abstract**

Abstract #6 dated May 21, 2024 in the amount of \$92,320.98. Trustee Maxam made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 156-187; water fund vouchers 157-188; sewer fund vouchers 165-184; library fund vouchers 35-42 and trust and agency fund vouchers 38-44, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee McBurnie aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes May 7, 2024 was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Maxam aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **Public Comments**

None

Motion was made by Trustee Koegel to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:56pm, seconded by Trustee Maxam aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee McBurnie aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer