

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM  
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Brian Borchik  
Trustee Paul Griser  
Trustee Jeff Koegel  
Trustee David Pendergast  
Trustee Sally Woolson  
Sergeant Dan Ferazzoli  
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo  
Administrator James Lynch  
Attorney Jeffrey Schiano

9 Public in Attendance

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

### **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor Borchik said we need to close the public hearing for Local Law#3- 2023 Amending Chapter 190, "Vehicles and Traffic" based upon the fact we've changed the local law. We'll do a separate public hearing tonight. Motion to close was made by Trustee Pendergast, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Woolson aye, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye.

Mayor said we've closed the submission for the Phoenix Flag ideas, we have some ideas that everyone can look at. Update on the double wood poles, he spoke with a representative today, there were 21 in the village and nine have been taken care of. There's a deadline of November 30 to have them complete. On October 29<sup>th</sup> the Phoenix Field Band will be practicing at 7:00am and they've been given a permit.

Trustee Griser had nothing.

Trustee Pendergast had nothing.

Trustee Woolson had nothing.

Trustee Koegel asked about the drainage at Rt. 264 and James St. Attorney Schiano said we need addresses of the properties and then the village engineer and Attorney will discuss.

### **Department Comments**

#### **Sergeant Ferazzoli**

Sergeant Ferazzoli handed out police report from October 3-17, 2023. We have two officers out with illness and two with injuries. The haunted house in the Sweet Building they will have Chief, along with Officer Klink and himself will be working.

#### **Administrator Lynch**

Administrator Lynch we're working on an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Schroepel for the waste water treatment upgrades, Dave Turner with the County has proposed the county taking over the grants and the project. The board approved the amendment of the inter-municipal agreement, Attorney Schiano will review the agreement and then we'll formally approve it.

Administrator Lynch updated the board regarding 496 Main Street, there was some damage from the water leak we had on Volney Street, the tenant wanted to be reimbursed for a furnace and hot water tank. Lynch had Nick Hoyt go to the house, the furnace is working, the hot water heater was compromised, the hot water heater was inaccurately installed. Attorney Schiano said the board can make a decision whether or not to reimburse them. Motion was made by Trustee Pendergast not to reimburse them, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Woolson,

aye, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Administrator Lynch said we received an email from a person requesting the village to pay for a tire that needed to be replaced when traveling on Volney Street where the cut out was from the water leak. Motion was made by Trustee Pendergast not to reimburse them for the tire, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Woolson, aye, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Administrator Lynch stated that Ivan Shevchuk has purchased the property on Bridge Street to build a triplex, he has filled out his application and on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm there will be a zoning board meeting to address the handful of area variances he needs. Attorney Schiano added there's been an application for a variance as it relates to the type of construction for a triplex so that Lynch can approve a minor subdivision taking two lots and making it three.

Administrator Lynch handed out a letter to the board outlining his concerns about village board involvement, his concerns relative for reconsideration of potential development projects and the importance of much needed property tax revenue, the sale of surplus village property to put onto the village tax roll, upcoming WWTP upgrades and how the board intends on paying for our financial contribution to this project as well as proposed NY Forward public projects. Lynch provided his concerns about the need to generate more revenue for the village as all of our costs of doing business are increasing and the board needs to be more involved with the budget process and he reminded them that we need to run the village like a business.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to have a public hearing for Local Law#3-2023 Amending Chapter 190 "Vehicles and Traffic" on November 7, 2023 at 6:50pm, seconded by Trustee Woolson, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Pendergast returned to the meeting at 8:19pm.

### **Abstract**

Abstract #16 dated October 17, 2023 in the amount of \$109,085.51. Trustee Woolson made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 454-494; water fund vouchers 458-493; sewer fund vouchers 455-493; library fund vouchers 100-106 and trust and agency fund vouchers 128-138, seconded by Trustee Griser aye, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from October 3, 2023 was made by Trustee Woolson, seconded by Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Griser aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to approve the Resolution for the CNY Stormwater Coalition Staff Services and Education Compliance Assistance Program 2024 seconded by Trustee Woolson, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

### **Public Comments**

Danny Dunn Main Street brought the camera he had to the DPW to use at the First Memorial.

Mike Henry 1 Jay Lane addressed the board with his input on the village and how we still live in the ghost from the fire and based on his perspective from him walking the village each day and what he sees and talked about the opportunity that the village has with the canal, being a riverfront community and the gift of micron coming

soon. He talks to people who enjoy visiting our community and the only opportunity we have to continue building the community and to bring people and visitors here is to develop what little area we have on the canal and the importance of added tax base would be in the growth of the village.

Paul Remington 14 Pine Street addressed the board asking each Trustee if they've walked the village asking people what they want in their community.

Mayor Borchik asked for a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to open meeting laws. Matters leading to the employment history of a particular person or persons and also matters leading to the appointment, employment or promotion of a particular person or persons, motion made by Trustee Pendergast at 8:27pm, seconded by Trustee Woolson aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to reopen the regular meeting at 8:54, seconded by Trustee Woolson, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:54pm, seconded by Trustee Pendergast, Trustee Woolson aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer