

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present:	Mayor Brian Borchik	Chief Dan Ferazzoli
	Trustee Jeffrey Koegel	Deputy Village Clerk Laura Gonzalez
	Trustee Jennifer Maxam	Administrator James Lynch
	Trustee Steven McBurnie	Attorney Jeffrey Schiano
	Trustee Ronald Hartner II (Absent)	

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

**Mary Ellen Chesbro, Oswego County Legislator.**

Mary Ellen Chesbro presented a Proclamation to Erin’s Angels of Central New York President, Lu Hart, and Secretary, Marcia Grylls, on behalf of James Weatherup, Chairman of the Oswego County Legislature, and all the Oswego County Legislature, as well as the people of Oswego County. The proclamation recognized the organization’s inspiring commitment and dedicated efforts to ensure that no child faces the hardship of hunger, and for helping to create a safer, more caring community where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Mayor Borchik presented a Proclamation to Erin’s Angels of Central New York President, Lu Hart, and Secretary, Marcia Grylls, on behalf of the Village of Phoenix, proclaiming October 2025 as National Domestic Abuse Awareness Month in Memory of Erin Maxwell in the Village of Phoenix. He also encouraged all residents to support the mission of Erin’s Angels and to work together to ensure that no child suffers in silence.

**Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor Borchik reported that an agreement has been reached regarding the library funding matter. The library will reimburse the Village \$3,000 per year for services provided. A formal document confirming this arrangement is being finalized and will be signed in the near future. He also stated that he recently met with representatives from OCWA to discuss the proposed fee increases for external users. Earlier today, the Village received notification that OCWA is re-evaluating the proposed increases and may reduce them. Mayor Borchik will provide an update at the next Board Meeting.

Mayor Borchik announced that the Board Meeting scheduled for November 4, 2025 has been canceled due to Election Day. The next Board Meeting will be held on November 18, 2025. The Mayor also updated the Board on the progress regarding the five Town residents residing on the north side of County Route 57. These residents have agreed to purchase and install water meters, which will be inspected by the Village DPW. Beginning December 1st, the Village will start reading those meters and billing them. There’s also a master meter and any difference between the total usage shown on the master meter and the sum of the individual meters will be divided evenly among those residents. If this arrangement is successful, the same approach will be extended to residents on the south side of County Route 57 while the Town continues to pursue the formation of a water district. Additionally, the Mayor noted that the new Christmas tree is expected to be delivered tomorrow, weather permitting.

Trustee Koegel had nothing.

Trustee Maxam had nothing.

Trustee McBurnie announced that the VFW will hold the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. In addition, a ceremony will take place at the High School on Friday, November 7, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.

### **Barton & Loguidice**

David Powers from Barton & Loguidice Engineering firm provided the village board a comprehensive and detailed outline of the history of the potential Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades including their analysis of the project, the scope of the project, a detailed outline of all of the grants awarded to the project, the agreed upon contributions to the project by all parties included (Village of Phoenix, Town of Schroepel, Oswego County & Oswego County Industry Development Agency) and discussed the DEC grant that has been applied for as well as the financial contributions from each entity that would be needed if the DEC grant is not awarded. Discussion was also had about any deficiencies, project over-runs or change orders and how that would be divided equally by all parties involved in the IMA. A brief question and answer session was held between the Board members and the engineers.

### **Department Comments**

Chief Ferazzoli distributed the department activity report for the period of October 8 through October 21. He stated that tomorrow evening, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., he will be participating in the Special Olympics event at Texas Roadhouse on Rt. 31 as part of the "Law & Order" fundraiser, where law enforcement officers assist athletes in taking orders. He encouraged everyone to attend and support the event. He also announced that Halloween will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. this year. There will be a few changes, including a published map and safety guidelines, which are available on the department's Facebook page. Trustee Koegel asked how many officers will be patrolling on Halloween night, Chief replied 4 officers. Lastly, Chief Ferazzoli noted that he will be holding a supervisors' meeting in the near future to address several administrative matters.

Administrator Lynch had nothing.

### **Attorney Comments**

Attorney Schiano said that earlier today he received the contract from Mr. Lynch regarding the surplus property on Brandy Brook Lane that the Village is selling to Mr. Barkley. He requested a motion to approve the contract and grant the mayor the authority to execute the contract subject to any legal opinions or amendments that Attorney Schiano may deem necessary. Motion was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Schiano asked the Board to make a motion to allow him or the Village Clerk to draft and publish an RFP for sanitation/garbage services to the Village all bids should be returnable on November 7, 2025. Motion was made by Trustee Maxam, seconded by Trustee McBurnie, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

## **Abstract**

Abstract #16 dated October 21, 2025 in the amount of \$117,107.36. Trustee Maxam made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 494-518; water fund vouchers 499-519; sewer fund vouchers 501-518; library fund vouchers 108-113 and trust and agency fund vouchers 111-115, seconded by Trustee McBurnie, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve October 7, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Maxam aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

Facility use for Hayleigh Ladd, Circle K Christmas Party for the auditorium on December 19, 2025 from 3:00pm-6:00pm. Motion to approve was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

## **Public Comments**

Larry Rawson, 25 Volney Street. Asked how much the refuse rate will increase, the Mayor and Attorney Schiano explained that the amount will depend on the outcome of the bid process. He also inquired about the status of the traffic light. The Mayor stated that the DOT is currently waiting for National Grid to connect power to the new traffic signal system. Once National Grid completes the power hookup, the DOT will be able to activate the traffic light.

Motion was made by Trustee Maxam to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15pm, seconded by Trustee McBurnie, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura V. Gonzalez  
Village of Phoenix  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer