

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on March 5, 2019, at the Village Hall.

Call to Order: Mayor Fogel called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Present: Mayor David Fogel, Trustees Miles McCarty, Jason Cuykendall, Lotte Carpenter; Deputy Clerk, Karen Snyder; Residents: John Lampman, David Lampman; Dryden Town Board Member, Alice Green; Casey Mastro from CNY Power Authority and David Johnson, President of the W. B. Strong Fire Department. Absent: Village Trustee, Diana Radford and Village Clerk-Treasurer, Virginia Mott.

Privilege of the Floor: Casey Mastro, Energy Manager of the CNY Power Authority (NYPA) made his presentation to the Board on the installation of LED streets lights, the energy and cost savings for the Village. The Village currently has 62 lights that could be upgraded with LED lights. The Village could save \$6,500 a year in street lighting cost in the long run. The payments now made to NYSEG would be made to NYPA over the next 8+ years. After the end of the contract with NYPA the funds then would remain with the Village. No money down is required for NYPA to take over and replace the streetlights with LED lights. NYPA would provide a turnkey service, which includes engineering design services, procurement services, and financing the project during the contract period. Several communities within Tompkins County have been approached some are in their design phase. Approximately 4000 lights are within the Tompkins County most are located in the City of Ithaca. Having several communities involved would help drive the cost down. Casey discussed with Board Members the next step of authorization. Alice Green, Town of Dryden Board member wanted to listen in to Casey's presentation, as he has a presentation scheduled with her town in the future.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the Public Hearing and minutes of the February 5, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Carpenter seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Public Works: Trustee Carpenter motioned to approve the Public Works Report. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Trustee Cuykendall discussed the Pilot Agreement coming due soon with Leigh Crossings.

Code Enforcement: Trustee McCarty motioned to approve the Code Enforcement report. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Planning Board Minutes: The minutes of the February 19, 2019 board meeting were not available for approval.

Justice Report: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the Justice Report. Trustee Carpenter seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Clerk's Report: Trustee Carpenter motioned to approve the Clerk's Report. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

David Johnson, President of the W. B. Strong Fire Company discussed with the board the contract with the town for fire protection. An additional paragraph was added to the contract regarding EMS & EMR coverage. (Refer to page 3, paragraph 5. (a).)

Fire Protection Contract: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the W. B. Strong Fire Company of Freeville, Inc. contract. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Vouchers: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve abstract #0319. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business:

LED Street Light Replacement: The Board of Trustees will further their discussion with a decision, regarding the options for changing the Village street lights as part of their agenda for the April 2, 2019 meeting.

NYS AIM Elimination: The NYS AIM letters discussed at the last Village Trustees Board meeting were drafted and sent out to Senator James Seward and Assemblywomen Barbara Lifton. If NYS AIM were eliminated, \$4,039.00 would be taken in critical resources away from the Village.

Freeville Community Council: It was noted that Arlene Krebs is the only member left on the FCC. The other volunteers have stepped down. New volunteers have come forth to provide a service for the Village, funding from United Way will now remain in place.

Fire Department Consolidation Meeting: Board of Trustees were in agreement to have Mayor Fogel draft a letter to Jason Leifer, Dryden Town Supervisor in support of the Town of Dryden's intention to submit a joint application to New York State's Local Government Efficiency Program for the purpose of obtaining guidance on the possible reorganization and consolidation of fire protection and emergency services.

New Business:

Budget Workshops: March 13th and March 20th, 2019 have been scheduled with March 27th if needed. These workshops will be held at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall boardroom. Notices have been supplied to the paper.

Executive Session: Trustee Cuykendall made Motion, to enter into an executive session at 8:58 pm for the purpose of litigation matters. Seconded by Trustee McCarty, motion approved by all present. Executive session ended at 9:12 pm.

Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Snyder
Deputy Clerk