

# Village of Waterloo

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## Board Meeting Minutes

5/13/19

A public hearing was held at 7pm in the Village Office on the proposed resolution to increase the sewer rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Mayor O'Connor opened the public hearing at 7pm stating that any public comments on the proposed resolution would now be entertained by the Village Board.

Chuck Hinkel, owner of the Laundry Depot business located on Virginia Street, stated that this sewer operating cost increase would require about 700 more wash loads to cover it. He stated that his water & sewer bill were higher than his NYSEG bill. Further, that the water & sewer cost was much lower in other locations. He requested that the Village consider the impact on high volume users. Mr. Hinkel appealed to the Village Board to reach out to Federal and State legislators for possible grant assistance. Mayor O'Connor responded that the Village does seek and has received such grant assistance. Sewer Plant Senior Operator, Bob Lotz added that the cost to replace equipment is an on-going challenge, especially due to the nature of the plant environment. Further, even with the two previous plant upgrades, there are still significant equipment repairs needed. It also was mentioned that the Village had provided one accepted Microenterprise Grant for Mr. Hinkel's laundry mat operation.

Jeff Shipley, President of the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Village Board should consider waiting on, or at least lower, the sewer rate increase. He further stated that he believed this sewer rate increase would make the Village less attractive for economic development.

Mayor O'Connor responded that the Village must ensure that the Sewer Fund can meet its operating costs. Trustee Suffredini commented that Mr. Hinkel was running a very clean operation, and that she used this facility herself and wanted it to stay here. Mayor O'Connor added that it's not our intent to shut it down. But that we cannot help it right now. The Mayor and Village Board acknowledged that they would support grant funding applications where there was opportunity in the upcoming 2019 DRI and CFA grant process. There were no other public comments.

Motion by Trustee Boise, seconded by Trustee Marquart to close the Public Hearing. All voted aye, carried.

A regular meeting of the Waterloo Village Board of Trustees was then held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 7:36pm at the Village Offices located at 41 W. Main Street, Waterloo, NY.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor O'Connor.

**Roll Call:** Present were the Honorable Mayor O'Connor, Trustee Suffredini, Trustee Marquart, Trustee Butlak, and Trustee Boise.

**Petitioners:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Trustee Suffredini, seconded by Trustee Marquart to approve the Minutes from the 4/8/19 public hearing/organizational meeting/ board meeting, 4/22/19 special meeting, Police Report for 4/19, Justice Department Report for 4/19, Zoning and Code Enforcement Reports for 4/19, DPW (Street) Report for 4/19, Fire Department Report for 4/19, Water Treatment Plant Report for 4/19, Waste Water Treatment Plant Report for 4/19 (DMR for 3/19), Recreation Report for 4/19, and Dog Warden Report for 4/19. The 4/8/19 abstracts through 4/30/19. Further, that the following bills be paid:

1. General Fund abstract #12 for 5/13/19	\$ 110,759.37
2. Water Fund abstract #12 for 5/13/19	\$ 340,608.52
3. Sewer Fund abstract #12 for 5/13/19	\$ 29,166.05
4. Thoma abstract for 5/13/19	\$ 800.00

5. Façade Program abstract for 5/13/19	\$	0.00
6. CDBG (Women's) abstract for 5/13/19	\$	0.00
7. Phase 3: I&I abstract for 5/13/19	\$	0.00
8. CDBG (Housing Rehab.) abstract for 5/13/19	\$	0.00

All in voted aye, carried.

Mayor O'Connor explained the status of the following Waterloo Revitalization Grants:

- **DRI Application** - There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, 5/22, at 6:30pm in the LGI Room of the Waterloo Middle School. The public will be engaged in ideas for the DRI application process which must be completed and submitted by 5/31/19.

**Motion** by Trustee Boise, seconded by Trustee Marquart to adopt the proposed resolution to increase the sewer rate effective on 6/1/19, in accordance with the Sewer Fund Budget for fiscal Year 2019-2020, and upon completion of the required Public Hearing. All voted aye, carried.

Mayor O'Connor introduced Ron Bird as the new Village Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor O'Connor stated that Ron has been appointed to help enforce Village Codes. Therefore, it is imperative that Village residents become especially aware of the solid waste and property maintenance code requirements, as they will be strictly enforced going forward, along with the other Village Code provisions. All Village Codes are available on the Village Website.

Mayor O'Connor requested that the Board consider eliminating the health benefits/stipend program for elected officials only. Trustee Suffredini responded that she wanted to review this suggestion as part of the Union negotiations, as it pertains to elected officials as Village employees. **Motion** by Trustee Boise to eliminate the health benefits/stipend program for Village Officials only. No second. Further discussion by trustees led to **Motion** by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Marquart to table previous motion for more discussion on this topic. 3 voted aye, 1 voted nay, carried. Previous motion tabled for more discussion.

**Motion** by Trustee Suffredini, seconded by Trustee Marquart to authorize Mayor O'Connor to sign the proposed agreement with Thoma Development for the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) application services. All voted aye, carried.

**Motion** by Trustee Marquart, seconded by Trustee Butlak to adopt the resolution allowing the Village of Waterloo to be included in the Cooperative Natural Gas Bid process (for the period from 10/1/19 to 9/30/20), which will be coordinated by Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES. All voted aye, carried.

**Motion** by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Marquart to approve the proposed resolutions for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Modifications. All voted aye, carried.

**Motion** by Trustee Suffredini, seconded by Trustee Marquart to schedule the final Fiscal Year-End Financial Review Meeting for Tuesday, 5/28/19, at 4:30pm in the Village Office. All voted aye, carried.

**Motion** by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Marquart to approve the 2019-2020 WVFD Line Officers and active member roster, as approved by the WVFD at their 4/4/19 Annual Membership Meeting. All voted aye, carried.

**Motion** by Trustee Suffredini, seconded by Trustee Marquart to approve the two new WVFD members as Active Firefighters: (1) John Henninger, 28 Inslee St (Fire Police), (2) Nathaniel White, 1330 Rt. 318 (Interior Firefighter). All voted aye, carried.

Mayor O'Connor stated that repairs to Village streets would include East River Road (Seneca County), Washington Street, Lincoln Street, Grove Street (sections), and Kendig Street.

**Motion** by Trustee Suffredini, seconded by Trustee Marquart to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye, carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Donald D. Northrup

Village Clerk