

Village of Waterloo

Board Meeting Minutes

11/11/19

A **regular meeting** of the Waterloo Village Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 11, 2019, at 7pm 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.

Petitioner: Larry Warfel inquired as to the reason why the Village was authorizing the expansion of the WVFD Fire Station facility at a cost of approximately \$500,000? Mr. Warfel stated that he had been a Fire Chief when he had lived in Pennsylvania, and therefore has some knowledge on the operations of a Fire Department. His concern was that his experience has shown that Fire Departments can get into unneeded capital costs due to the significant costs of fire equipment and buildings. He wanted to help ensure that the Village had considered cost reducing programs, such as mutual aid? He went on to state that with all of the fire operations in the proximity that each one does not necessarily need to have every piece of fire equipment, since other stations are so close in the event of a fire call. Mr. Warfel continued by saying that he fully supports fire departments and the extraordinary work they do to protect communities, but there is no doubt that their operating costs can have a profound impact on local property tax rates. He inquired as to the size of the WVFD and the Village population it services.

Mayor O'Connor responded that he understood Mr. Warfel's concerns, and assured him that the Village was not simply providing new facilities and equipment due to wants versus needs. The Mayor explained that we had recently experienced a potentially serious problem with one of the WVFD's fire trucks in that there was a crack found in the fire truck frame. Fortunately, it was determined to be repairable. However, given the dimensions of the current Fire Station, if a new fire truck was ever needed it would not fit into the present facility. This is because the newer fire trucks are longer than the previous ones. Therefore, the Village believes that its action to accommodate a larger truck in the future is a prudent one, rather than allow itself to get into a crisis. Every attempt is being made to manage the cost of the expansion or separate storage facility. Trustee Boise echoed the Mayor's comments by stating that the Village has already possibly waited too long in taking action on a fire truck storage facility, given the limitations of the present WVSF Fire station. Mr. Warfel stated that he was unaware of the recent cracked frame problem with one of the fire trucks, and that indeed it is a serious concern that does need attention. He went on to request that the Village try to provide better communication to Village residents in advance on such important topics.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Trustee Suffredini, seconded by Trustee Marquart to approve the Minutes from the 10/14/19 regular meeting , Police Report for 10/19, Justice Department Report for 10/19, Zoning and Code Enforcement Reports for 10/19, DPW (Street) Report for 10/19, Fire Department Report for 10/19, Water Treatment Plant Report for 10/19, Waste Water Treatment Plant Report for 10/19 (DMR for 9/19), Recreation Report for 10/19, and Dog Warden Report for 10/19, and the 10/14/19 abstracts through 10/31/19. Further, that the following bills be paid:

1. General Fund abstract #6 for 11/11/19	\$ 337,727.86
2. Water Fund abstract #6 for 11/11/19	\$ 191,268.23
3. Sewer Fund abstract #6 for 11/11/19	\$ 69,464.36
4. Comprehensive Plan abstract for 11/11/19	\$ 0.00
5. Thoma abstract for 11/11/19	\$ 0.00
6. Façade Program abstract for 11/11/19	\$ 0.00
7. Phase 3: I&I abstract for 11/11/19	\$ 3,805.92

8. PRV Upgrade abstract for 11/11/19 \$ 84,206.23
9. WTP Improvements abstract for 11/11/19 \$ 6,849.35

All voted aye, carried.

PRV Upgrade: Mayor O'Connor asked Administrator, Don Northrup, to provide an update. Northrup commented that the PRV unit building materials are scheduled to be received on 11/12/19. All construction work is continuing as planned.

WTP Improvements: Administrator Northrup continued with an update of this capital project. He stated that the decision of whether or not to include the \$2.5 million GAC equipment will need to be made by 11/30/19. As such, the Village is continuing to present its request for a property tax exemption on its WTP to the WCSD and Seneca County. It has already made such a request to the Town of Fayette, where the WTP is located. Further testing of PFAS substances will continue. A study is being performed on the potential water rate impact, should the Village have no other option to finance this GAC equipment. This option would be used, if the Village determines that it's in the best interest of all water users to move forward with implementation.

Locust Street Bridge: Mayor O'Connor stated that NYS-DOT reviewed the Locust Street Bridge and canal structures on 10/30/19, as part of its engineering assessment.

Restore NY: Mayor O'Connor stated that significant progress has been made by developer, Bob Stivers, on the three North Virginia Street properties, including the former, historic Grange Hall building.

Excelsior Jobs Tax Credit: Administrator Northrup stated that NYS-ESD had awarded a direct grant to Deep Dairy Products, LLC in the amount of \$700,000.

Motion by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Boise to authorize credit applications for: (1) Replacement Refuse Truck - up to \$300,000, (2) Fire Station Addition - up to \$500,000. All voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Suffredini, seconded by Trustee Marquart to authorize Mayor O'Connor to sign the NYS-CDBG Close-Out Transmittal Forms for the following completed NYS-CDBG projects: (1) 2016 Microenterprise Grant (\$200,000), (2) 2016 Economic Development Grant (\$640,000), (3) 2016 Market Study Grant (\$48,110), and the 2016 Housing Rehabilitation Grant (\$500,000). All projects were authorized by NYS-OCR for such close-out. All voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Boise, seconded by Trustee Suffredini to approve the renewal of the existing Village Health Insurance Benefit Programs and premium costs to begin on 1/1/2020. No changes will be made to the existing benefit plans. All voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Marquart, seconded by Trustee Suffredini to approve the revised SRO agreement with the WCSD, which was updated to add the new, required NYS language. The revised SRO agreement was reviewed by the Village Attorney. All voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Boise to authorize the Village purchase offer for an approximately 2.5 acre land parcel, located in the Town of Waterloo near State Route 96, to be used for the new water tank site, as part of the Village Water System Improvements Capital Project. All voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Marquart, seconded by Trustee Butlak to approve the proposed resolution to temporarily make full time, WPD Officer, Mariah Excell and Erin Fleming, to cover for the two full time WPD officers out on disability, as required by Civil Service. All voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Suffredini, seconded by Trustee Butlak to approve the election of Mark Marquart as WVFD Captain, replacing Tom Weber, who resigned. All voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Marquart to approve the resolution authorizing the Village of Waterloo to submit a 2019 Urban and Forestry grant application, pending the review of the grant requirements and cost. All voted aye, carried.

Motion by Trustee Suffredini, seconded by Trustee Boise to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye, carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Donald D. Northrup
Village Clerk