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VILLAGE CLERK

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

10:00 A.M.

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. Mayor Rubino opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:	Mayor Rubino	Present
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Present
	Trustee Prevratil	Present
	Trustee DePaulo	Excused
	Trustee Stevens	Present
	Clerk Blot	Present

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on August 20, 2024, were reviewed by the present members of the board.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve the minutes, as presented.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-56 “No objection for Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc., (RSS) to seek further approvals from the Village of Colonie”. Mayor Rubino asked if anyone had any questions regarding the proposed resolution. Resident Kerry Bytner asked what type of clients were going to be placed in this area, to which Representative of RSS Tim Farricker replied that the individuals are people with mental health issues. Mr. Bytner said he doesn’t feel like that location is a best fit for individuals with mental health issues due to the two hotels located on either side that are known for troublesome activity. Mr. Farricker said that the clients are monitored while there at all times. Trustee Prevratil said that he is familiar with RSS and it is a fantastic company, and he thinks it is great that they want to be apart of our Village. He added that these individuals are someone’s loved one who is in need of help. He also added that there are laws in place that protect the rights for companies such as RSS to seek placement in municipal areas if they wish to move here, they have a right to pursue, which they do

have to go through the proper process, such as the planning commission, etc. This resolution is just allowing them to continue on with the process. Trustee Prevratil added that this is not a drug rehabilitation, this facility is to acclimate individuals with mental health issues back into society. Mayor Rubino added that if we do not allow them to seek further approvals, we are obligated to find another comparable, if not better, location for them within 15 days of the denial of this location. Mr. Bytner said that his concerns with the motels reside with the known drug activities at those locations.

Deputy Mayor Lockart stated she has safety concerns for the consumers of the facility that will be placed there being so close to those hotels.

A motion was made by Trustee Prevratil to approve Resolution 2024-56.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	No
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-64 “Award paving bid – Locust Park playground - tennis courts”. Mayor Rubino explained that we sought bids for the paving of Locust Park playground and tennis court area. Bids were due Friday, August 30th and the lowest bid was Egan Paving Inc., at \$118,880.00. Mayor Rubino also stated that the resolution stated work will begin the second week in September, with a completion date of October 21, 2024. He added that the intention for the winter is to create a skating rink in the park for residents to enjoy ice skating.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve Resolution 2024-64.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-65 “Tax adjustment – late fee waive”. Mayor Rubino asked Clerk Blot to explain. Clerk Blot said she received a phone call from the current owner of 16 Mordella Road stating that they received the late notice letter in the mail, they recently purchased the home at 16 Mordella Road. Their original tax bill went to the original owner. The new owner requested that the late fee be removed, as they did not receive the original notice. Amount of fee for August, which is when the request was made was \$38.58.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve Resolution 2024-65.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes

Deputy Mayor Lockart Yes
Mayor Rubino Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-67 “Notice of claim – 49 Vics Court”. Mayor Rubino explained that a tree had fallen in the park and caused damage located at 49 Vics Court. A notice of claim had been submitted to the Village, but since this was due to a storm and “natural occurrence” the Village insurance company wouldn’t cover the cost. The cost of the claim is \$1,750.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Stevens to approve Resolution 2024-67.

Motion seconded by Trustee Prevratil.

Vote: Trustee Prevratil Yes
 Trustee Stevens Yes
 Deputy Mayor Lockart Yes
 Mayor Rubino Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested authorization for a public hearing to be held on September 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for Resolution 2024-66 “Expend funds out of the Capital Reserve DPW streets fund” for the expense to pave Locust Park playground/tennis courts.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to authorize the Clerk, as stated above.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote: Trustee Prevratil Yes
 Trustee Stevens Yes
 Deputy Mayor Lockart Yes
 Mayor Rubino Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot said a thank you note was received from Nick Smith to the building department for efforts made to have the owner of 1698 Central Avenue maintain their property.

Clerk Blot said a thank you letter was received from the VA hospital from donations that were received on behalf of the Village. Mayor Rubino added that the collections taken from the Tuesday Concerts were brought down to the VA, and that letter was in response to that. Mayor Rubino added that for the month of October Ed Sim and Jamie Blot are running a campaign to help our Veteran’s in need and will be taking items to help with the winter months. Donations will be taken at the senior center.

Chief Kayser read aloud the August 2024 fire department report. He added that July and August have been the busiest months of the year so far.

Mayor Rubino thanked the Chief and the department for their efforts.

Trustee Prevratil stated he talked with the Department of Public Works about concerns with a drain in back of Delmonico’s and Redwood Lanes that needs to be addressed, to which the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will tend to.

Mayor Rubino commended the Department of Public works for all their efforts lately, especially with all the storms we've been having.

Reports Submitted:

Senior Center report 08/12/2024 to 08/16/2024

Senior Center report 08/26/2024 to 08/30/2024

Senior Center revenue v. expenditure report 08/12/2024 to 08/23/2024

Senior Center activity report August 2024

Fire Department report August 2024

Recreation Center report August 2024

Abstract #7

General: \$99,907.22

Water: \$11,847.99

Sewer: \$23,597.20

Total: \$135,352.41

Trustee Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Trustee Prevratil.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot
Village Clerk