

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order January 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM by Mayor Tim Levison.

Also Present: Trustees Besaw, diVincenzo, Zagrobelny
Clerk Susan Bartlett
DPW Rep. Dan Monica
Fire Chief Tina Garrow
Police Dept. Officer Jay Harris
Zoning Officer Leonard Halpern

Visitors: Madonna (Garrow) Ladison; Donald Chapin

Motion Zagrobelny/Besaw to approve minutes of the last meeting. Ayes 3.

Motion diVincenzo/Zagrobelny to approve payment of the abstracts of audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund \$58,394.77; Water Fund \$1706.40; Sewer Fund \$9368.36 and authorize transfers of \$1880.20 from A5142.4 to A5142.2 and \$45.02 from A9050.8 to A9030.8. Ayes 3.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

DPW report. Flight pump for S. Main St. pump station here and plans for putting it in ongoing. Parking on Main St. a problem for snow removal, a few repeaters specifically; Jay just says, "Dan has ticket book, just go ahead a ticket them." Talk of further possible action if keeps up and possibly having police in during really bad snows...

WATER/SEWER: Report

POLICE: Report. Mayor asked Jay why our police were at a fire scene in West Potsdam; Jay said not sure...at times our police are asked to cover outside events if other police are not available. He will ask officer.

FIRE DEPT: Tina gave end of year report to Mayor; ongoing training. Name for membership approval – Madonna Ladison.

ZONING: New Bed & Breakfast on N. Main finally approved. Court date this Thursday for Parham case.

MAYOR AND BOARD:

1. The County All Hazard Mitigation Plan is very long; it is available on line and the Mayor looked it over and found it to be just inclusive coverage of all participants in order to meet the cost requirement in case of a disaster claim and suggests the Board approve it.
2. Webster is still interested in the Mechanic St. property – does the Board have any objection to arranging a sale with him, allowing for costs he has already incurred, and making stipulations of full disclosure as to his awareness of the condition of the property. The Board is in favor and Ballan will be asked to prepare paperwork to accomplish it.
3. There are some mumblings again about Village of Potsdam dissolution, just to keep in mind.
4. Renewing agreement with Hudson Energy as electric supplier.
5. Mayor asks that all department heads respond to serious and/or emergency calls and at the scene when it is discovered what type of emergency it is, that Dept. head will take the lead with other heads taking on what is required.
6. The 3 Bernard Ave. property ended back in the County's hands – two bidders at tax sale begged off after seeing the property. Now the County **should** be responsible enough to secure the building and at least make it not such an eye sore. Discussion revealed the County has no intention of doing any more than just having put up tape across the door and windows. Trustee Zagrobelny suggests the Village go back to the beginning – the prior owner was sent a letter and then the property went to the County, so now the present owner – St. Law. Co. – be notified of the unfit state of the property and inform them that if nothing is done, further action will be taken, as it would be with any other owner. Mike feels if the County is going to take over these properties and get the financial benefit from it, that they have to be made to take the responsibility for their condition also. Perhaps it will be necessary to attend County meeting(s) to pressure them.
7. The Mayor took issue with Tina and the prospective fire department member Madonna (Garrow) Ladison because she appeared at a working fire about two weeks ago in full gear and participating in fire fighting, which she should not have been until a full department member. Tina was not at that fire scene, but two other Fire Chiefs were. Madonna said her understanding was that she was a member and was doing nothing out of order. Trustee Zagrobelny asked to be taken through the process to becoming a fire department member which Tina did. The Mayor stressed the point that the Chiefs should have been on top of the situation and that in future it needs to be made clear to prospective members exactly what the process is and at what point their involvement is. In future he wants the prospective member being put up for approval to the Board to be present at the Village Board meeting and spoke with Tina about better clarification and communication in the fire department, especially at the "Council" level. She says that is "being tightened down" and new rules in force.

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VISITORS:

Donald Chapin has three trailers in the Maple St. Trailer Park that are not occupied and/or using water and sewer; one condemned, one he took over for non-payment, and one that was sold, but not occupied. He would like to have those three taken off the total of trailers he is billed water and sewer for. If and when any of them are occupied again he will make notification and billing will resume. His total he will be billed for is 13. The Board agreed that if not being used, he should not be billed.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ST. LAW COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Village of Norwood, with assistance from Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., and St. Lawrence County, has gathered information and prepared the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Norwood is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Norwood has reviewed the Plan and affirms that, with the assistance of St. Lawrence County, the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Norwood adopts the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan. Motion to approve foregoing resolution made by Trustee Michael Zagrobelny, seconded by Trustee Michael diVincenzo. All in favor.

2. FD MEMBERSHIP. Motion Besaw/diVincenzo, Madonna Ladison, 1 Maple St. Lot 15, Norwood NY, DOB 9/10/1984, be approved for Fire Dept. membership. Ayes 3.

3. ELECTION INSPECTORS: Patsy Cota, Linda Cota, Eleanor Parow, Mickey McKenna approved on motion Zagrobelny/Besaw. Ayes 3.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 PM.