

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order December 6, 2016 at 6:00PM by Deputy Mayor Mike Zagrobelny in the absence of Mayor Levison recuperating from hip surgery.

Also Present: Trustees diVincenzo, Nezezon,
Clerk Susan Bartlett
DPW Supt. Dan McGregor
Police Officer Ghostlaw
Code Enforcement Leonard Halpern
Att. Virginia Gettmann

Visitors: Steve Phippen

Motion diVincenzo/Nezezon to approve minutes of the last meeting. Ayes 3.

Trustee diVincenzo was concerned about the fuel usage which was explained by Supt. McGregor, followed by motion diVincenzo/Nezezon to approve payment of abstract of audited bills in the following amounts: General Fund \$37,722.52; Water Fund \$1695.2; Sewer Fund \$4961.82 and authorize transfers of \$3000 from A1420.1 and \$6000 from A1990.4 to A8410.4. Ayes 3.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

ATTORNEY: Proposed revised "Property Maintenance and Fire Safety" provisions draft distributed to the Board for perusal for any further suggestions for consideration at next meeting. She asked what was the outcome of the Marcellus situation – was anything towed. The response was that Mr. Marcellus had moved the vehicles so no action was needed. Now she needs Code Enforcement Officer Halpern to determine if he is in compliance or not so the issue can be closed. Virginia has been getting emails from, purportedly, someone from our insurance company asking about the beach drowning. Virginia responded that she needs something in writing stating exactly who she (the ins person) is and precisely what they want; not heard back yet. The deed for Glen Perry on River Street is complete! Thank you to Virginia! Virginia asked if this Board has passed a resolution to allow the village attorney to prosecute code violations. If not, one is needed. Mike (Zagrobelny) asked Virginia about a realtor contract and advised him to just be sure it is not an exclusive contract that would mean they got commission even if it was sold without their help.

DPW report. New truck on the way. Complaints about the amount of sod disturbed from sidewalk plow. Can't be helped. Lots of raid prior to first big snow fall and the ground still very soft. The plow has been veed and any effort made to do the least damage, but it really can't be helped. Mayor Zagrobelny gave "**compliments to the crew on the first snowfall**" cleanup job. Well done.

WATER/SEWER report.

POLICE report. Jay back working a shift this week. Police thanked for their help with the Lights Festival. Name of Brian Matson needs to be withdrawn as police officer. He was supposed to be able to obtain certification with a few hours, but DCJS has decided that he will have to complete the total course in order to certify even though he has actually worked full time prior. Names of Marvin Laffin and Garrett Shutts for appointment.

ZONING: Jim Ingals new owner of 3 Bernard Ave. Leonard was asked if there are any restrictions on the house, such as hazardous material or such because of the fire and drug bust. Leonard says nothing has ever been reported that he knows of. This owner says he is going to rehab, not tear down.

MAYOR:

- Letters distributed - one from Pernice in Norfolk about this Village supplying water to the residents outside the Village to the school. The Town of Norfolk suggests a study and asks if the Village is equipped for furnishing the additional homes. The opinion of the various Board members is that it would take "a study" on the Village's part, such as engineers (Tisdell Associates) to determine the exact impact, which would cost the Village taxpayer, and there are a few concerns, such as the school only has 30 lbs of pressure now and added customers would take away from that, and, is it wise to add the burden to the existing wells. The Board is open to any feasibility study that the Town of Norfolk wants to fund, but they would ask that Aaron from Tisdell Associates at least be a consultant as he is the most familiar with the Village's system.

- Letter asking for the Village's opinion on the improvements of Yaleville dam. General feeling that it doesn't really affect the Village, so no opinion.

- Big thank you to Sue and John Frego, the DPW, Police, and the Fire Dept. for the success of the Festival of Lights.

- Mike attended the last Mayors Association meeting and found it enjoyable and informative. He feels continued attendance at these meetings is important. Patrick Kelly supplied his "plan" and welcomes opinions.

- Real Estate: Tracy Bernard from Coates Realty went through the building at 1, 3, 5 Mechanic Street

with Supt. McGregor and him and suggests it be listed at \$39,500; their commission is 6%. The 55 Mechanic St lot she suggests offer it to the Gandy. Mike will call her back about the contract.

TRUSTEES:

Mike DiVincenzo says someone is burning in his neighborhood in the evening and it smells very bad. Attorney Gettmann will come up with language for inclusion and/or regulations for the Code. The fire truck purchase idea is moving slowly. The FD knows what it wants, but Mike di and Chris Nezezon feel they do not know enough about what the Village really needs to make an informed decision. Chris asks for another unbiased 3rd party such as someone who has been involved in past truck committees to be added to the mix. Board feels that is a good idea. Chris asked about the status of the “Mott swap” about the property on Maple St. Mike (Zag) will get with the attorney.

VISITORS:

Steve Phippen, 5 Prospect Street, present to “just listen and find out what is going on”. His main concern (or wife’s) is the amount of mess made along the sidewalk with the plow this past week. Dan responded to his questions and/or concerns. Mr. Phippen also discussed with the Supt. the pooling of water draining from the road at his property. He asked what was happening with the old school property – that the shell looks ghostly. The Mayor told him about the cost of the abatement, so this Board has initiated a survey of contamination of the total structure and secured the site for the present.

ACTION ITEMS: all voting includes Mike Zagrobelny voting.

1. BIDS: Bid for the 1998 Suburban from James H Dear, Sr., 369 Parmenter Road, Potsdam, 244-3952 or 268-1627 in the amount of \$537.39. Bid for the 2003 red Chevy Silverado from Mike Knowlton, River Road, Norwood for \$2030.00. Motion Nezezon/diVincenzo to accept both bids. Ayes 3.

2. LAUNDROMAT W&S RATE CHANGE: Glen Webster approached the Clerk about the present rate he is being charged for the laundromat. At the time the rate was set the Village had one new laundromat so the rate only reflected one flat amount. The new laundromat was charged that rate. The new laundromat has half the machines the other one had and they are high efficiency machines requiring far less water than the old machines, so he asks that the rate be adjusted. Motion Nezezon/diVincenzo to adjust the water and sewer rate for a laundromat to be based per machine. Ayes 3.

3. POLICE HIRES: Motion diVincenzo/Nezezon to accept removal of the name of Brian Matson from police patrolman appointment, and wish him well. Ayes 3. Motion diVincenzo/Nezezon approving the names of Marvin J. Laffin and Garrett Shutts for appointment as police officers for the Norwood PD. Ayes 3.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session; out of Executive Session. Meeting Adjourned 7:13 PM.