

March 21, 2024- Village Board meeting

Mayor McDowell called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor McDowell, Trustee Verbridge, Deputy Mayor Kallusch, Trustee Madison,

Trustee Bristol, Attorney St. Martin

Zoom: CEO Druschel

Public Present at call to order- 15 via Zoom and 10 physically present

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the February 15, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Mayor McDowell updates:

Water Level –

Our water level is now 245.24, up about 1.5 inches. I have heard a few people comment on how low the water level is. We have clearly gotten used to the higher levels. Currently we are 2 inches above the long term average, yet 5 inches below where we were last year at this time.

Water System -

We interviewed C2AE and B&L using the same set of questions. We are recommending B&L begin promptly on the very important project.

Community Pier-

The next meeting of the committee will occur soon. The consultant visited the site he was not familiar with last week. His team will be further developing some conceptual drawings and beginning the testing that is needed to determine the best site.

Great Lakes St Lawrence Cities Initiative --

Mary Austerman, Sharon Lilla and I participated in a follow up meeting regarding the opportunity to prepare a high value resilience project somewhere in Wayne County. This follows several successful projects in Lake Michigan and is being funded by Fish and Wildlife Federation. The primary purpose is to define a large project to apply for some of the \$3B in federal funding. We have provided data and resources for the engineering team to use to gather the needed information.

Parking Chapter –

This will be on next month's agenda. Gary and I reviewed it last week and made some additional changes. I will email copies to everyone tomorrow.

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell- Water and Wastewater

Deputy Mayor Kallusch- Fire department and parking

Trustee Verbridge – LWRP, Parks, Planning Board and Climate smart communities

Trustee Bristol – Highway

Trustee Madison – Ambulance, communications, recreations

CEO Druschel – Building Inspector

All reports are filed with the details and backup for the meeting in the Village office.

Public Comments:

Bruce Evener, Bay St – Planning Board Chairman spoke regarding Chapter #141 updates.

Shawn Cannan, Greig St – questioned the policy for personal vehicles and guidelines for snow plowing/highway tasks.

Maxine Appleby, N Ontario St– questioned the park grounds maintenance and village repairs, kayak launch power wash.

James Taylor, Second St. – inquired the status of the ROW

All meeting contents can be viewed on the Village of Sodus Point YouTube channel.

New business:

A. The owner of Franklin House asked for permission to add a handicap ramp on the street side which will impede the Right of Way by three feet on Sentell St. The village trustees requested a drawing of the ramp with measurements and insurance requirements. The board tabled but agreed to approve permission by email vote once all the information was received.

B. The owner of Captain Jacks requested the grandfathering of the temporary structure/vestibule for weather purposes and benches out in front of the restaurant.

MOTION by Trustee Madison to approve the benches once the insurance requirement is met. Many questions arose and Trustee Madison then withdrew her motion.

MOTION by Trustee Madison and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the current benches and temporary structure December 1- April 1 on the sidewalk assuming proper insurance certification with the Village listed and good repair/condition of the structure.

Motion carried all voting aye.

C. 2024-3a Calling for an Increase in AIM Funding

MOTION by Trustee Madison and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the following resolution

Whereas, the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program plays a critical role in funding essential municipal services for cities and villages across New York State; and

Whereas, city and village officials share the same priorities as our state leaders which is to make New York safer and more affordable; and

Whereas, New York’s local governments, who are on the frontlines of controlling property tax affordability and ensuring public safety, are integral to achieving those

goals; and

Whereas, the State has not increased AIM funding in 15 years and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased by nearly 45% during that same period; and

Whereas, this neglect from the State has led to rising municipal tax burdens and harmful disinvestment in essential municipal services and staff; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the services their residents need; and

Whereas, the challenges of rising inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid, only accentuate the need for an increase in AIM funding; and

Whereas, the Governor's 2024-25 Executive Budget proposes to keep AIM funding flat; and

Whereas, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Sodus Point urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2024-25 adopted State Budget.

Resolution adopted all voting aye.

D. **2024-3b MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve resolution **AUTHORIZE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE WATER SYSTEM EVALUATION**

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable local and state procurement requirements, the Village of Sodus Point prepared and advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on January 10, 2024 for consultant services to prepare a Comprehensive Water System Evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Village received four qualifications packages before the February 5, 2024 submission deadline from the following firms:

- Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L)
- C2AE with Environmental Design and Research (C2AE/EDR)
- Hunt Engineering
- Klepper, Hahn and Hyatt; and

WHEREAS, a review committee comprised of Mayor David McDowell, Water Superintendent Nathan Dehond, Village Trustee Laurie Verbridge and Sharon Lilla thoroughly reviewed all submissions, rating and ranking each proposal in accordance with criteria approved by the NYS Office of Community Renewal; and

WHEREAS, the review committee selected B&L and C2AE/EDR as the top two proposals and interviewed C2AE/EDR on March 7, 2024 and B&L on March 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, during interviews the committee evaluated each firm for public presentation skills, ability to clearly answer questions and explain concepts related to the proposed water system study, willingness on the part of the consultants to accept feedback and consider suggestions, ability to complete the study on time and within budget, experience working with municipal water personnel and asset management experience and success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that after an exhaustive review process, the review committee recommends that the Village Board retain Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to prepare the Comprehensive Water System Evaluation, which will provide the Village with a funding agency ready Preliminary Engineering Report and Asset Management Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost for the study shall not exceed \$52,500 (NYS CDBG grant \$50,000, local match \$2,500).

Resolution adopted all voting aye.

- E. **MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the Forensic Bill Auditing Agreement with EGS Advanced Energy Solutions Inc. This agreement will include an audit of all the village's utility billing (RGE, Solar and Spectrum). The fee is 40% of any amount refunded or credited from findings of the audit.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- F. **MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Madison to move forward with the process of updating Chapter 141 Property Maintenance. The planning board will hold a question-and-answer session prior to the Public hearing. Trustee Verbridge made it clear that this motion is being made to get the information out to the residents for their review and to receive feedback.
Motion carried and passed
Verbridge, Madison and Kallusch voting aye.
Bristol voting nay.
- G. **MOTION** by Trustee Madison and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the preventative maintenance agreement which consists of a 20-point mechanical and electrical inspection with Fleet Pump & Service Group which covers 13 wastewater pumps for a total of \$4,050.
Motion carried all voting aye.
MOTION by Trustee Madison and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the preventative maintenance agreement which consists of a 20-point mechanical and electrical inspection with Fleet Pump & Service Group which covers 3 storm water pumps for a total of \$1,485.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- H. The wastewater department received quotes to replace pipe at the Lake Rd #2 materials only

F.W.Webb Company \$3,477.60

Blair Supply Corp \$4,407.38

MOTION by Trustee Madison and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the quote from FW Webb Company for \$3477.60

Motion carried all voting aye.

Labor only quotes from

Northrup Enterprises \$6,000.00

Mark Porretta Excavating Inc.\$7,100.00

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the quote from Northrup Enterprises for \$6,000.00

Motion carried all voting aye.

Air pipe materials

FW Webb Company for \$4,312.73

Blair Supply Corp for \$4,900.42

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the quote from FW Webb Co. for \$4,312.73

Motion carried all voting aye.

- I. The wastewater received quotes for a clarifier for unit #2 which is a purchase under the ww capital project.

Grainger \$10,805.22

Siewert Equip \$11,746.00

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the quote from Grainger for \$10805.22

Motion carried all voting aye.

- J. **MOTION** by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to enter a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Sodus Point and the Friends of Willow Park Inc. regarding the construction of a new Playground at 8464 Greig St. property known as Willow Park.

Motion carried all voting aye.

- K. **2024-3c AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF FAIR HOUSING PLAN**

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Madison to approve the following resolution **WHEREAS**, the Village of Sodus Point has been awarded New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, as administered by the NYS Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and is required in connection with its prospective receipt of those funds to reflect the spirit and intent of the requirements for Fair Housing activities set forth in Section 570.431 of the applicable CDBG Program regulations; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program requires the adoption and implementation of a Residential Anti displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (RARAP) in accordance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and the Human Rights Law (Executive Law, Article 15) of the State of New York and is applicable to our CDBG, UDAG and/or HOME-assisted projects; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sodus Point Village Board adopted a New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fair Housing Plan on July 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County has developed a Memorandum of Agreement to work cooperatively with the Village of Sodus Point to affirmatively further fair housing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wayne County Fair Housing Officer is appointed Fair Housing Officer for the Village of Sodus Point; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Wayne County delineating the respective responsibilities of the Village and of the County with respect to administration of the Fair Housing Plan required in connection with the Village's receipt of CDBG funds.

Resolution adopted all voting aye.

L. The South Municipal parking lot re-design quotes are as follows:

The general scope of this project will include development of schematic design plans and budgetary estimates, development of construction documents for public bidding, bid phase assistance, and construction administration.

Costich Engineering \$38,060

Barton & Loguidice \$34,700

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the quote from Barton & Loguidice for \$34,700

Motion carried all voting aye.

Clerk Treasurer:

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve claims 3-1 through 3-58 totaling \$89,588.26: General \$63,156.38 Water \$12,935.94 and Wastewater \$13,495.94.

Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Madison
2024-3d Resolution amending 2023-2024 budget for the Parks & Playgrounds Contractual

Whereas, the Village of Sodus Point has received a \$27,600 in grant monies

Whereas, the increase amount for Parks & Playgrounds expense was \$28,073.40

It is hereby resolved that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is authorized to make budget adjustments to reflect a \$27,600 increase in revenue (A3989) in the Other Home & Community General Fund and an increase in appropriations in General Fund, Parks & Playgrounds (A7140.4), in the amount of \$27,600.

Resolution adopted all voting aye.

Other business:

Budget public hearing to be held 6:15pm on Thursday April 18, 2024

MOTION by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to move to executive session at 7:21pm to discuss litigation with no action being taken.

Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Madison to adjourn executive session and move back to the regular meeting at 7:31pm
Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Madison to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm
Motion carried all voting aye.

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Tracy B Durham, Clerk-Treasurer