

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., in the Civic Center Board Room, Park Street, Potsdam, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Tischler  
Trustees Tirion & Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Lori S. Queor, Village Clerk/Registrar  
Mark Murray, Police Chief  
Cara Adams, Treasurer  
Fred Hanss, Planning Director  
Greg Thompson, Administrator

Mayor Tischler opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M., pointed out the exits on the North and East Walls and advised that the board room has the capacity for 109 people.

The Mayor then stated that all members were present except for Trustee Warr & Trustee Jacobs-Wilke.

The Mayor then stated that the following sets of minutes had been submitted for Board acceptance:

January 24, 2022	Special Meeting	3:00 p.m.
January 24, 2022	Executive Session	3:02 p.m.
January 31, 2022	Public Hearing	5:45 p.m.
January 31, 2022	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Lee and Seconded by Trustee Tirion to accept the minutes as submitted. All Were in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried.

Mayor's comments: Covid still with us so please social distance, wear a mask and get vaccinated.

Trustee's Comments:

Trustee Tirion – Question for the board, the Watertown Daily Times just did an article about offloading of a hydro dam that was not working. She asked if she can get the specs on our hydro dams to put some feelers out to see if anyone would be interested in purchasing them. Greg stated that he could help her with that.

Trustee Lee – In speaking with Cara, she understands the biggest issue is the hydro bonds. Watertown Daily Times reported that some DRI money has been returned and NYS will decide how to reallocate those funds.

Administrator's Comments – a written report was provided which is on file with the Village Clerk. Administrator then went over the report with the board.

Public Comment:

Rose Revezzi and Sue Powers gave the board a Climate Smart Committee update. Rose gave the board an overview of where the committee is at including the fact that the Village is a Bronze Certified community, and the next step would be Silver certified which is much harder to attain. She also stated that she wanted to thank Clarkson University for all their assistance. She stated that there are Clarkson employees on the committee, and they are tying a lot of this work to the courses they are teaching. Rose further stated that there is a tab on the Town of Potsdam website that links to all the committee work. Sue Powers asked the board what their priorities are for moving forward. Trustee Tirion said preparing the village for climate change. Trustee Lee said vulnerability due to our aging infrastructure and education. Trustee Lee thanked Clarkson University for all their help. Mayor Tischler said cost savings are very important as are infrastructure updates and energy efficiency. Sue stated that the Town of Potsdam is moving forward with the Community Choice Aggregation and that she feels it would serve everybody better if the Village joined forces with the town on that. A copy of the handout provided is on file with the Village Clerk.

Maggie McKenna and Lorissa Faulkner gave the board an update on the skatepark project. They provided a handout with the details on where the project is at. A copy of the handout is on file with the Village Clerk. Maggie stated that the Lion's Club has already pledged \$10,000 toward the project. She further stated that she is hoping to get some of the DRI funds that were given back to go toward this project. Maggie stated that if the SLC Arts Council and the village co-sponsor the project it will give us more opportunities to get funding from different sources. She then stated that her request is for the village to be a co-sponsor and would like the village to pass a resolution to do that. Trustee Lee stated that she has some concerns regarding the Village's financial liability if they become a co-sponsor. Maggie stated that they would not break ground until they had the funding. Trustee Tirion asked the Planning Director for his opinion. Planning Director Hanss stated that there are two things he would comment: the skatepark's proximity to the Downtown Riverwalk Trail makes it desirable and this project was included in the DRI and even though not funded the chances are good that we would be able to get state funding for the project. Mayor Tischler stated that the board would think it over, discuss it and if they agree to co-sponsor, he will put a resolution on the February 22 meeting.

Michael Edgar of 79 Maple Street addressed the board about snow on the sidewalk and cross walks. He provided the board with pictures and stated that he spoke with John Winter at the 99.3 radio station and John has agreed to do PSAs at no cost to the village.

New Business:

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution approving the partial expenditures for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$115,912.97 chargeable to the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 39,132.07
Water Fund	12,753.03
Sewer Fund	57,693.49
Hydro Fund	501.92

Trust & Agency Fund	3,740.00
Recreation Fund	<u>2,092.46</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$115,912.97</u>

Ayes 3	(Mayor Tischler)	Nays 0
	(Trustee Tirion & Lee)	

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution approving the additional expenditures for the month of January 2022 in the amount of \$629,423.59 chargeable to the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 253,879.33
Water Fund	215,273.29
Sewer Fund	21,842.93
Hydro Fund	707.09
Trash Fund	82.00
Trust & Agency Fund	3,760.10
Payroll Fund	120,757.91
Recreation Fund	13,018.58
Community Development Funds	<u>102.36</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 629,423.59</u>

Ayes 3	(Mayor Tischler)	Nays 0
	(Trustee Tirion & Lee)	

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees of February 7, 2022, at 6:40 p.m.

Ayes 3	(Mayor Tischler)	Nays 0
	(Trustee Tirion & Lee)	

Respectfully submitted,

Lori S. Queor  
Village Clerk