

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., in the Civic Center Board Room, Park Street, Potsdam, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Tischler
Trustees Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke & Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Lori S. Queor, Village Clerk/Registrar
Cara Adams, Village Treasurer
Trey Smutz, Recreation Director
Lisa Newby, Code Officer
Mark Murray, Police Chief
Greg Thompson, Administrator

Mayor Tischler opened the meeting at 5:55 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.

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

March 21, 2022	Public Hearing	5:45 p.m.
March 21, 2022	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
March 21, 2022	Executive Session	6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor's comments: Covid still with us. Please social distance, wear masks when needed and be respectful of others.

Trustee's Comments:

Trustee Warr – None.

Trustee Tirion – Wanted to point out that the Village has money to repair some but not all the sidewalks and SUNY Students will be doing a sidewalk inventory. She stated that people who walk in the Village know the sidewalks the best and she and her husband will be providing input on areas that the sidewalks need work. She asked that others that walk the Village notify the Village Clerk of sidewalks that they see are in need of repair or replacement.

Trustee Jacobs-Wilke – Thanked Monique for her input regarding the sidewalk survey. She stated that the SUNY Potsdam students will get trained on how to use a smart phone app that actually GPS's the sidewalk areas. The app can be downloaded by individuals and they can actually GPS the coordinates right where they are which would be better than telling Lori. You can rate the sidewalk condition on a 1-5 and you can even upload photos. Thursday at 1:00 in Ives Park there will be a ceremony for the open air pavilion that will be installed from a T-Mobile Grant we received.

Trustee Lee – None.

Administrator’s Comments – A written report is on file with the Village Clerk. He went over his report with the board.

DPW Superintendent’s Report – The Administrator touched on the following items that are going on in the DPW Department:

- Budget for the upcoming year – increased gas/fuel amount because last year we budgeted \$2.90/gallon and we are at \$4.00/gallon right now.
- Salt prices may increase – Governor Hochul has an item in the budget to make any deliveries/hauls to a municipality pay the drivers Prevailing Wage Rates which would increase the cost substantially.
- Brush pickup will be April 11 through the end of May.
- Street sweeping is being done.
- Resolution on the agenda to purchase a new wheeled loader as the one we currently have has been giving us lots of issues.

Public Comment: Ed Cool, Chief of the Potsdam Volunteer Fire Company addressed the board regarding calls that the Parishville Rescue Squad has been taking. He stated that because they are a Fire District, they get all their funding from the taxpayers and cannot bill insurances. He stated there is a law trying to be passed that would allow them to bill insurances but they have been trying to get the law passed for the last 20 years or so. He further stated that they are getting slack from the taxpayers because out of the 719 calls they went on this year, 277 were to Potsdam. Mr. Cool said that he has stated to the taxpayers that they are in the County Mutual Aid Program and providing services to Potsdam is mutual aid. He then went on to state that he is not trying to complain but would like the Board to see if there is any way they could help out. He also informed the board that he is going to the next Town of Potsdam Board meeting to see if there is anything they can do to help also.

Tom Demo, Town Councilman for Parishville then address the board. He stated that he would ask the Village Board to look into and maybe there is something the board can help them with. He stated that they would be willing to sit down with the Village, Town and Rescue Squad to see if there is something that can be done.

Mayor Tischler stated that he would be willing to meet and have a discussion.

New Business:

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution approving the partial expenditures for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$86,155.65 chargeable to the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 54,938.88
Water Fund	6,724.19
Sewer Fund	22,209.05
Hydro Fund	563.45

Trust & Agency Fund	170.00
Recreation Fund	<u>1,550.08</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 86,155.65</u>

Ayes 5	(Mayor Tischler)	Nays 0
	(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke & Lee)	

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution declaring the following items as surplus and authorizing the sale of same:

1. 2008 International Dump Truck (inoperable and will be sold as is)
2. 2009 Chevrolet 2500 (unable to pass inspection and will be sold as is)

Ayes 5	(Mayor Tischler)	Nays 0
	(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke & Lee)	

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution to enter into a contract with Milton Cat for the lease to own purchase of a Cat926M Wheeled Loader. Principal Balance will be \$104,512.80 broken down into 5 annual payments of \$22,869.74. The first payment will be due one year from delivery/close of sale. The unit will replace our current 444K John Deere Wheeled Loader which will be used as a trade in.

Ayes 5	(Mayor Tischler)	Nays 0
	(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke & Lee)	

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution to accept with regret the resignation of Erin Cheney from the Museum Curator/Director's position effective March 31, 2022.

Ayes 5	(Mayor Tischler)	Nays 0
	(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke & Lee)	

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to advertise for the position of Museum Curator/Director.

Ayes 5	(Mayor Tischler)	Nays 0
	(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke & Lee)	

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution adjusting the title and rate for Justin McGrath from Water Treatment Plant Operator I at a rate of \$27.23 per hour to Water/Sewer/ Hydro Plant Operator at a rate of \$27.97 per hour due to completion of dual certifications per CSEA Contract. Adjustment will be retroactive to March 10, 2022.

Ayes 5 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke
& Lee)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution declaring ARPA funds received as Standard Allowance under Final Rule per U.S. Department of Treasury and NYCOM. The use of funds and projects will be determined by the Board at a later date.

Ayes 5 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke
& Lee)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution authorizing the Village Treasurer to pay off the Water Tower loan with Community Bank as of April 5, 2022. The amount of the payment will be \$355,437.06 (\$350,000 principal and \$5,437.06 interest) with funds to come from the Water Fund Fund Balance. Paying off this loan early will result in a savings of \$81,380.44.

Ayes 5 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke
& Lee)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees of April 4, 2022, at 6:45 p.m.

Ayes 5 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke
& Lee)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori S. Queor
Village Clerk