

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 P.M., in the Civic Center Board Room, Park Street, Potsdam, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Tischler
Deputy Mayor Warr
Trustees Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke present
Trustee Lee attended virtually

ALSO PRESENT: Georgine Scott, Village Clerk/Registrar
Gregory Thompson, Village Administrator
Mark Murray, Chief of Police
Frederick Hanss, Planning Director

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 with the exception of Trustee Lee who was attending virtually.

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

February 21, 2023	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
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Motion was made by Trustee Jacobs-Wilke and Seconded by Trustee Tirion to accept the minutes as submitted. All Were in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried.

Mayor's comments: Thank you for the hard work from DPW, great job clearing the streets and sidewalks during the last snow storm.

Trustee's Comments:

*Trustee **Warr** – None

*Trustee **Tirion** – Stated that there have been many incidents of texting while driving causing collisions. Per Chief Murray this problem has been prevalent. He went on to explain that we have gotten a grant to help fund the enforcement of the problem of distracted driving where the police have various shifts specific to patrol the community for these type of violations.

*Trustee **Lee** – None.

*Trustee **Jacobs-Wilke** – stated that they had a productive first meeting of the DRI for downtown streetscapes and riverwalk. The consultants and designs are great. She is hopeful that construction will start in 2024 and end in the same calendar year. Labella has experience to ease the pain of construction for the tax payers. News was received from New York State that we have unallocated DRI funds and it is the Village of Potsdam's choice to incorporate a skate park into the Riverwalk area but this needs to be presented to the community for approval. Clarkson C3G met about safe transportation/travelling along the Route 11 corridor and believes it would be welcomed by the community. She also stated that she supports and values the North Country Children's Museum and what they bring to the community.

*Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay the following invoice:

To: Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Labor Relations Services for the month of March 2023.

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

*Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution to engage the services of Barton and Loguidice, D. P. C. to prepare a Traffic and Roadway Abandonment Study for Liberty Street for a fee not to exceed \$10,200. The study will be used in connection with the abandonment of Liberty Street and development and construction of Brooks Street. Funds to come from the Northern Boarder Regional Commission grant and Village match.

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

*Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution declaring March 2023 Women's History Month in the Village of Potsdam, with deep appreciation for the many women who have shaped our community and our nation with their leadership, scholarship, caring, creativity and service, and who have blazed trails for our girls and young women to follow, for years to come.

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

*Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees of March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Georgine Scott
Village Clerk