

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 5:50 P.M., in the Civic Center Board Room, Park Street, Potsdam, New York.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Georgine Scott, Village Clerk/Registrar in Training
Lori Queor, Village Clerk/Registrar
Gregory Thompson, Village Administrator
Mark Murray, Chief of Police
Isabelle Gates-Schult, Treasurer

Mayor Tischler opened the meeting at 5:50 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.

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

March 20, 2023	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
March 20, 2023	Executive Session	6:47 p.m.

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: Spring is coming and DPW will be working on cleaning up the streets. Please be cognizant of employees on the street and be safe. Covid is still around, be smart and wear a mask and stay out of large crowds if you are not feeling well. Happy Easter and Passover, be safe.

Trustee's Comments:

~Trustee **Tirion** – Advocated to not proceed with East Dam upgrading. Expressed concern with the difficulties of understanding the proposed budget. She thinks it is wise, with having a new Mayor in December, that the remaining board to understand the budget. She conveyed frustration with trying to get water/sewer rates adjusted and is leaving it up to the rate payers of the Village to continue trying.

~Trustee **Jacobs-Wilke** – Spoke in favor of budget workshops to understand the budget. Stated that the water/sewer adjustments are stickier than estimated. Thanked Potsdam Police for handling the active shooting scare very well with a quick response. Mentioned International Transgender day of Visibility last Friday, Potsdam welcomes you and you are seen. Happy holidays to all celebrating Passover, Ramadan, or Easter. Happy that Fall Island Skate Park is going to be part of the Riverwalk Project. She is in favor of a small restroom facility in Ives Park to be utilized by community. She suggested holding a public hearing for public comment on the Draft Cannabis Law.

~**Administrator's Comments:** The Administrator provided a report which is on file with the Village Clerk and reviewed with the Board.

Public Comment:

~Citizen Action Committee Presentation by Pat Turbett, with committee members Jay Pecora, Austin Weakfall and Sharon Toth attending as well.

~Shirley Christman of 31 Waverly Street commented that the water from Canal Street goes into her basement 24/7 and her sump pump runs constantly. Also mentioned that from Waverly Street to Grove Street, the speed limit is not obeyed and neither is the school speed limit on Leroy Street and open to suggestions as she feels someone is going to get hurt.

~Daniel Ben-Avraham, 8 Circle Drive, remarked that he is not in favor of any further upgrades to the East Dam, even if the upgrade funding is free. He feels that it is a very complex system and moving forward with any action may cause more issues.

New Business:

Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution approving the partial expenditures for the month of March 2023 in the amount of \$48,404.98 chargeable to the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 29,875.62
Water Fund	3,896.70
Sewer Fund	<u>14,632.66</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>48,404.98</u>

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke)

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 retainer for labor relations services for April 2023.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke)

Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make the following FY 22-23 budget modifications:

<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05-6326-462	Printing & Dup.	05-6326-102	Part Time Salaries	\$ 95.75

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke)

Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution officially designating the Fall Island Skatepark project as part of the Village of Potsdam's Riverwalk Project, funded by the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke)

Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution to go into Executive Session for the discussion of the employment history of particular persons and contract negotiations at 6:50 p.m.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke)

Trustee Warr Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke)

The board back in regular session considered the following:

Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution to approve the probationary hire of Jay Bradish to the position of Motor Equipment Operator for the Village of Potsdam Department of Public Works. Probationary period is not to exceed 12 months at a rate of pay of \$20.25 per hour.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke)

Trustee Warr Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees of April 3, 2023 at 7:54 p.m.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler)
(Trustee Warr, Tirion, Jacobs-Wilke)

Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Georgine Scott
Village Clerk