

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in the Civic Center Board Room, Park Street, Potsdam, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Tischler
Trustees Warr, Lee & McKenna

ALSO PRESENT: Greg Thompson, Administrator
Lori Queor, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Jim Corbett, DPW Superintendent
Mark Murray, Police Chief
Lisa Newby, Code Enforcement Officer
Fred Hanss, Planning Director
Mimi VanDeusen, Museum Director
Trey Smutz, Recreation Director
Matt Seymour, Police Officer

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 Goliber.

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

January 24, 2019	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
January 24, 2019	Executive Session	6:21 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Lee and Seconded by Trustee McKenna to accept the minutes as submitted. All were in favor – none opposed – motion carried.

Mayor's comments: SUNY Potsdam's LoKo Arts Festival request to close Market Street on April 27th from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Board had no issues with this request. SUNY Potsdam' GSA Pride in Potsdam parade April 13th from 9-10:30 a.m. starting at the Main Street parking lot. The Board had no issues with this request. The Mayor also cautioned everyone to be careful tomorrow as we are expecting another storm.

Trustee's Comments: Trustee Warr had no comments. Trustee McKenna had no comments. Trustee Lee again commented on the potential AIM funding cuts in the Governor's budget.

Administrator's Comments: Administrator Thompson provided a written report to the board which is on file with the Village Clerk. He then went over the report with the board.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Mark Murray provided a written report to the board which is on file with the Village Clerk. He then went over the report with the board.

Public Comment: Charles Prior from EDR gave the board a quick update on the Crosstown Canal project. He stated that the grant application for \$100,000 in funding for I & I study was successful. He stated that the board will need to pass three resolutions for the grant, one authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement, one authorizing the local match and one declaring the project a type II under SEQR.

Hearing no further public comment the Board considered the following:

New Business:

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution approving the partial expenditures for the month of February 2019 in the amount of \$292,805.95 chargeable to the following funds:

General Fund	\$217,820.55
Water Fund	18,577.18
Sewer Fund	13,666.42
Hydro Fund	159.07
Trust & Agency Fund	4,829.60
Recreation Fund	20,461.49
Trash Fund	<u>17,291.64</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$292,805.95</u>

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
 (Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution approving the additional expenditures for the month of January 2019 in the amount of \$874,349.97 chargeable to the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 96,820.57
Water Fund	29,385.49
Sewer Fund	17,436.97
Hydro Fund	858.00
Trash Fund	72.56
Trust & Agency Fund	3,643.64
Capital Fund	577,561.58
Recreation Fund	14,533.77
Payroll Fund	133,237.39
Community Development Funds	<u>800.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 874,349.97</u>

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
 (Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution authorizing the use of \$500 of the Museum Rosse Reserve account for travel & training for the Museum Director and museum personnel.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make the following FY 18-19 budget modifications:

<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05-3120-437	Insurance	05-3120-230	Vehicles	\$862.40

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay the following invoice:

TO: Passero Associates in the amount of \$245.59 for professional services rendered through December 2018 for the Replace AWOS construction administration and inspection FAA #3-36-0099-033-17.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay the following invoice:

TO: Passero Associates in the amount of \$826.50 for Professional Services rendered through December 2018 for the Multi-purpose airport maintenance equipment design and grant administration.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay the following invoice:

TO: Passero Associates in the amount of \$14,012.50 for Professional Services rendered through December 2018 for the Parallel Taxiway Reconstruction Widening and New Medium Intensity Taxiway Lighting design and grants administration.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution as follows:

Whereas, the Village of Potsdam is desirous of St. Lawrence County Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the village, and

Whereas, both the Village of Potsdam and the County of St. Lawrence are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

Whereas, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Village of Potsdam and the County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

Whereas, the village is aware that the county may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the county in this regard,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Village of Potsdam will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Village of Potsdam or any of it directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

Be it further resolved, that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
3,000,000 General Aggregate
1,000,000 Products Aggregate
1,000,000 Personal Injury
50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability
5,000 Medical Payment Expense

Be it further Resolved, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to prepare an application seeking \$20,000 in grant funding through the St. Lawrence Valley Redevelopment Agency's Community Development and Environmental Improvement Fund for use in the Raymond Street Streetscape Enhancement Project. Further, authorizing the Mayor to execute the application document, any required certifications and any grant agreement resulting from the proposal.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay the following invoice:

TO: Development Authority of the North Country in the amount of \$249.00 for professional services rendered in January 2019 for the Crosstown Canal Project Phase II.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay the following invoice:

TO: Development Authority of the North Country in the amount of \$1,641.10 for professional services rendered in January 2019 for the WWTP Technical Services Agreement.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, "Aid and Incentives for Municipal Funding" ("AIM") is essential to the Towns and Villages that receive such funding; and

WHEREAS, AIM is key state funding that Local Governments have relied on for years; and

WHEREAS, AIM affects not just Local Governments but the communities that they are located in; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo's proposed 2020 budget plan eliminates AIM funding for Local Governments that rely upon AIM funding for more than two (2) percent of their budgets; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that such a cut will save New York State \$60,000,000 in its budget but it will dramatically impact 1,328 of New York State's 1,465 Towns and Villages; including the Village of Potsdam which is slated to lose \$111,864; and

WHEREAS, many Local Governments are already struggling financially, especially those in Northern New York; and

WHEREAS, Local Governments must create and pass budgets that navigate a number of difficult financial stressors that include: the New York's Tax Cap, increasing health insurance costs, high contribution rates for the New York Retirement System, prevailing wage, competitive bidding and procurement obligations, the Wicks Law, the Taylor Law, and Workers Compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is proposing to make the Tax Cap permanent, discontinue the \$65 Million in Extreme Winter Recovery Program and proposes no increase for CHIPs funding, for which there has been widespread vocal support; and

WHEREAS, in addressing its budget and its Local levy, Local Governments must face limited avenues for revenue generation, such as the large amount of tax exempt property in communities such as Potsdam, limited economic development in its boundaries, Payments in Lieu of Taxes, an aging population often on limited incomes, a diminishing population, potential business opportunities that are fleeing high taxes and thus leaving New York State and often unpredictable sales tax distribution and/or generation; and

WHEREAS, the loss of AIM is magnified for those Local Governments which already have all or part of their budgets set; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Village of Potsdam, on behalf of its residents, recognizes the important role of AIM funding in Local Governments; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village of Potsdam enthusiastically encourages the New York State Governor, the New York State Assembly, and the New York State Senate to consider the consequences of the proposed reduction of AIM for Local Governments and requests that such funding be replaced in the Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and the Honorable Senators Griffo, Ritchie, Little, and the Honorable Assemblypersons Walczyk; Blankenbush; Smullen; Jones, along with St. Lawrence County Legislature.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
 (Trustee Warr, Lee, & McKenna)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee McKenna Seconded a resolution to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees of February 11, 2019 at 6:25 p.m.

Ayes 4 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
 (Trustee Warr, Lee & McKenna)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori S. Queor
Village Clerk