

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF POTSDAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 20, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

POINT OUT THE LOCATION OF THE EXITS ON THE NORTH AND EAST WALLS OF THE BOARD ROOM. ADVISE THAT THE BOARD ROOM HAS A CAPACITY FOR 109 PEOPLE.

ROLL CALL:

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

January 6, 2020	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
January 6, 2020	Executive Session	6:55 p.m.

2. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

3. TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS:

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

5. DPW SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee _____ Moved and Trustee _____ Seconded a resolution approving the partial expenditures for the month of January 2020 in the amount of \$123,722.90 chargeable to the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 57,475.10
Water Fund	17,969.68
Sewer Fund	24,570.52
Hydro Fund	1,622.76
Trust & Agency Fund	2,365.00
Recreation Fund	1,610.49
Trash Fund	<u>18,109.35</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$123,722.90</u>

Ayes _____

Nays _____

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

TO: Johnson & Laws, LLC in the amount of \$2,737.44 for professional services rendered through December 2019 for JEDA Capital 56 LLC vs. Village of Potsdam.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Trustee _____ Moved and Trustee _____ Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay the following invoices:

TO: Development Authority of the North Country for Invoice #085308 in the amount of \$4,701.36 for the SCADA WWTP Capital Improvement Project and Invoice #085299 in the amount of \$1,006.00 for the WWTP Technical Services Agreement.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Trustee _____ Moved and Trustee _____ Seconded a resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF POTSDAM CONSENTING TO A PROPOSED PILOT AGREEMENT BY THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS DESCRIBED BELOW) TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY QUARRY POTSDAM, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CERTIFICATE IN FURTHERANCE OF SAME

WHEREAS, **QUARRY POTSDAM, LLC** (the “Company”), has requested the assistance of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) with a certain project (the “Project”) reconstruction and rehabilitation of the apartment units, improvements and upgrades to mechanical, life/safety and energy systems, accessibility, façade and amenities, and related improvements (collectively, the “Improvements”) (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment, fixtures, furniture and other incidental tangible personal property (collectively, the “Equipment”, and together with the Land, the Existing Improvements and the Improvements, the “Facility”); and (D) the lease of the Issuer’s interest in the Facility back to the Company pursuant to a project/leaseback agreement.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Application for Financial Assistance (the “Application”) submitted by the Company to the Agency, the Project will (i) refurbish an aging and partially vacant building located along the Village of Potsdam’s main corridor and creating space for commercial and residential use and provide affordable housing in the Village of Potsdam; (ii) entail a capital investment of approximately \$15,000,000; (iii) create 50 construction jobs; and (iv) create 2 full time jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Agency’s Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (“UTEP”) provides that sponsors of non-industrial projects and projects whose terms deviate from the standard must secure the consent of local taxing jurisdictions in order to structure the terms of an Agency PILOT Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Application, and in furtherance of the Project’s positive financial impact within the Village and the County of St. Lawrence, the Company has requested the Village’s support and consent in establishing a PILOT Agreement for the Project equivalent to the PILOT structure as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF POTSDAM AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village hereby authorizes the Agency and the Company to enter into a PILOT Agreement whereby (i) for the first five (5) years after project completion, the Agency confers a 100% abatement on the improved value of real property; and (ii) in years six (6) through ten (10) the abatement conferred is 50% of what the taxes would otherwise be on the fully assessed value of real property. No abatement shall apply on the improved value of real property used for residential space.

Section 2. The Mayor of the Village is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a consent certificate (the “Certificate”), in the form attached hereto, such Certificate to be delivered to the Agency as evidence of the Village's consent to enter into the within-described PILOT Agreement.

Section 3. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

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

TO: Environmental Design & Research in the amount of \$3,000 for Professional Services rendered through November 2019 for the Infiltration & Inflow Study.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

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

TO: Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$5,000.00 for invoice #108143 for the Potsdam Water Pollution Control Facility and Pump Station Construction Administration.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Trustee _____ Moved and Trustee _____ Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make the following FY 19-20 budget modifications:

<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05-7450-490	Office Supplies	05-7450-480	Special Services	\$100.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Trustee _____ Moved and Trustee _____ Seconded a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, in 1965, New York State enabled counties to collect sales tax because Medicaid expenses became a shared expense between the counties and the state; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Supervisors, at that time in 1965, decided to share 50% of realized sales tax revenues with local governments, including the City of Ogdensburg; and an additional one percent sales tax was added in 2012, and they agreed to share that additional one percent with local governments including the City of Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS, due to the 10-year agreement being up for re-negotiation between St. Lawrence County and the City of Ogdensburg, a county committee has been appointed to study and re-negotiate the existing sales tax distribution formula with the City of Ogdensburg in closed-door sessions; and

WHEREAS, the position of the county needing more funding to meet Medicaid costs, in addition to the need to re-negotiate the sales tax agreement with the City of Ogdensburg, may result in the county benefiting from additional sales tax revenues and the local governments, including the City, receiving decreased revenues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees, opposes change to the current negotiated sales tax formula between the City of Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County. Any change will devastate local municipal budgets, resulting in significant local tax increases and possible personnel layoffs.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Trustee _____ Moved and Trustee _____ Seconded a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor to execute and deliver an Initial Customer Installation Commitment, Project # ES-ESN-0626 with the New York Power Authority for the East Dam Hydro-Electric Generating Plant Renovation Project with a Village repayment obligation of \$3,074,872.43; and, offering a repayment term of 180 months at a fixed interest rate of 4.0 percent; and, further that a duplicate of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Office of Community Renewal and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

NOTE: The Village intends to repay the New York Power Authority in a single lump sum upon completion of the project using a bond issue.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

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Trustee _____ Moved and Trustee _____ Seconded a resolution accepting the base bid submitted by the Eaton Corp. of Waukesha, WI for \$2,900,000 (see Attachment A - NYPA Bid Analysis and Recommendation) for the proposed renovation of the East Dam Hydro-Electric Generating Plant; and, further that a duplicate of this resolution be forwarded to the New York Power Authority, the New York State Office of Community Renewal and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Trustee _____ Moved and Trustee _____ Seconded a resolution to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees of January 20, 2020 at _____ p.m.

Ayes _____

Nays _____