

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., in the Civic Center Board Room, Park Street Potsdam, NY. The meeting also included Zoom video conferencing and streamed live to the Village's Facebook Page due to the COVID-19 19 Pandemic.

PRESENT: Mayor Tischler
Trustees Warr, McKenna (via Zoom), Jacobs-
Wilke & Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Lori Queor, Clerk/Treasurer
Fred Hanss, Planning Director
Greg Thompson, Administrator
Jim Corbett, DPW Superintendent
Lisa Newby, Code Officer

Mayor Tischler opened the meeting at 6:03 P.M and stated that all members were present with Trustee McKenna joining via Zoom.

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

January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting 6:00 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: Reminder again about COVID-19 and wearing your mask, social distancing, wash your hands and avoid large gatherings.

Trustee's Comments:

Trustee Warr – Planning to sit down with Recreation Director Trey Smutz and the Administrator to do some planning and to bring a proposal to the board for consideration.

Trustee Jacobs-Wilke – Lots happening. Work continues on the police advisory committee and the meetings are going well. Karen Easter of Reachout needs volunteers and they will train individuals. Learned quite a lot from Karen and about what our officers do in our community and I appreciate everyone. If you need help you can call Reachout. Exploring a Memorandum of Understanding for the behavioral health urgent care facility that is in Massena.

Trustee McKenna – Thank you to the Children's Museum, SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam Chamber of Commerce and the SLC Arts Council for the snowman festival at Ives Park on Saturday. Thank you to the Village for their assistance and hope we can do more next year.

Trustee Lee – Thank you to the Arts Council for the snowman festival it was a fun thing to do in the community on a winter day. Thank you to the DPW for their work on the massive water break on Market Street. Have received some comments from Cedar Street residents about the new LED street lights and would like to see if there is something that can be done to shade them so they are not blaring light into windows.

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

Planning Director's report: Director Hanss provided a written report which is on file with the Village Clerk. He then went over his report with the board.

Public Comment: Facebook comment from Shelley Warner-Levison asking Fred Hanss to touch on where the Kiosk grant is. Fred stated that we are still waiting on the state for reimbursement, that he had numerous emails back and forth, they requested additional information which he provided and because the state is in fiscal distress they are using every reason they can to delay payment. He stated we are in a holding pattern and as soon as he finds out any more, he will let the Village of Norwood know.

New Business:

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution approving the partial expenditures for the month of February 2021 in the amount of \$264,768.15 chargeable to the following funds:

General Fund	\$190,079.46
Water Fund	9,989.06
Sewer Fund	23,336.56
Hydro Fund	2,878.50
Trust & Agency Fund	425.00
Recreation Fund	21,052.21
Trash Fund	<u>17,007.36</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$264,768.15</u>

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

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution approving the additional expenditures for the month of January 2021 in the amount of \$293,728.79 chargeable to the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 130,964.57
Water Fund	23,317.56
Sewer Fund	24,799.71
Hydro Fund	914.29
Trash Fund	117.05
Trust & Agency Fund	5,188.69
Capital Fund	4,190.03
Recreation Fund	12,505.61
Payroll Fund	<u>91,731.28</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>293,728.79</u>

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

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

TO: Johnson & Laws, LLC in the amount of \$551.00 for professional services rendered through January 2021 for JEDA Capital 56 LLC vs. Village of Potsdam.

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

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke 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 its 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 5 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
 (Trustee Warr, McKenna, Jacobs-Wilke
 & Lee)

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make the following FY 20-21 budget modifications:

<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
31-7140-464	Vehicle Maint.	31-7140-200	Equipment	\$200.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

TO: Development Authority of the North Country for Invoice #096302 in the amount of \$429.50 for the WWTP Technical Services Agreement.

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

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

TO: Development Authority of the North Country for Invoice #096309 in the amount of \$233.75 for the Crosstown Canal Project Phase II.

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

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

TO: Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$5,595.00 for professional services rendered thru January 23, 2021 for the Water Pollution Control Facility and Pump Station Project, Construction Administration.

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

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

TO: Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$18,392.00 for professional services rendered thru January 23, 2021 for the Water Pollution Control Facility and Pump Station Project, Subconsultants.

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

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

TO: Blue Heron Construction in the amount of \$213,702.36 for payment application #31 for Contract 1A for the Water Pollution Control Facility and Pump Station Improvement Project.

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

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution approving the appointment of Adam Bollt to the Museum Board for a three year term ending January 1, 2024.

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

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution authorizing the Administrator to solicit quotes for a traffic study for the Cottage Street decommissioning.

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

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Jacobs-Wilke Seconded a resolution as follows:

Whereas, the Potsdam Village Board condemns white supremacy...

Whereas, in 1776, the Declaration of Independence declared that this new nation, the United States, was dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal...

Whereas, the Oxford Dictionary defines white supremacy as “the belief that white people constitute a superior race and should therefore dominate society, typically to the exclusion or detriment of other racial and ethnic groups, in particular Blacks or Jewish people.

Whereas, Africans were first brought involuntarily to the shores of the now United States as early as the 17th century...

Whereas, African Americans suffered enslavement and subsequently faced the injustices of lynch mobs, segregation, and denial of the basic and fundamental human rights...

Whereas, like the historic Civil Rights Movement, Black Lives Matter has drawn Americans to grapple with contemporary nationalism...

Whereas, the use of social media among white supremacists for hate speech has stifled the country’s attempts to combat racism and systemic inequality...

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, insurrectionists raided the United States Capitol, many wearing shirts, waving flags, or chanting slogans associated with white supremacy...

Whereas, America is now in fragile times that deserve the attention of federal, state, and local officials...

Therefore, the Board of the Village of Potsdam calls upon all elected local, state, and federal elected officials to propose actions and policies to confront white supremacy.

Ayes 5 (Mayor Tischler) Nays 0
(Trustee Warr, McKenna, 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 February 22, 2021 at 6:42 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lori S. Queor
Village Clerk