

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 6:00 P.M., in the Civic Center Board Room, Park Street, Potsdam, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Tischler  
Trustees Warr, Tirion & Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Lori S. Queor, Village Clerk/Registrar  
Jim Corbett, DPW Superintendent  
Greg Thompson, Administrator

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 except Trustee Jacobs-Wilke.

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

December 2, 2021                      Annual Meeting                      6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Trustee Lee and Seconded by Trustee Tirion to accept the minutes as submitted. All Were in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried.

Mayor's comments: Covid spreading like a wildfire including the Delta and Omicron variants so please social distance, wear a mask and get vaccinated. Retirement of Jim Corbett, thank you Jim for your 36 years of service. Have a happy and healthy holiday season, be safe, happy new year and here's hoping 2022 will be productive.

Trustee's Comments:

Trustee Warr – Echo the thanks to Jim for his 36 years, you deserve to retire. A friend who lives in Florida went to a doctor's appointment and because he was not vaccinated, they sent him away and told him unless he gets vaccinated, he will have to find a different doctor.

Trustee Tirion – Thank you to Jim for all his years of service. A post I made on Facebook a couple of days ago has gone viral. There is another bus service called Ourbus.com that mostly serves the needs of the students but if they get enough requests they charter buses to places like New Jersey, NY City, Syracuse, etc. Would like to see what it would take to request they design a route say one time a week to somewhere like Syracuse, we might want to exploit that service a bit more here.

Trustee Lee – Thank you Jim for being a great employee and member of the community. We appreciate all you have done. Thank you to the Potsdam community in general including the Holiday Fund, Helping Hands, religious institutions, and the not-for-profit business for providing for the community this holiday season. Happy Holidays.

Administrator's Comments: Administrator Thompson provided the Board with a written copy of his report which he went over with the board.

Public Comment: Michael Edgar of 79 Maple Street commented regarding snow removal on the sidewalks.

Shirley Christman of 31 Waverly Street thanked Jim for his years of service. She further stated that she noticed a lot of black dirt in the snow where the sidewalks were plowed. Mr. Corbett stated that it is because the sidewalks are 4' and the sidewalk plow is 5' and the ground is not frozen, so it digs up the yards. She then stated that she feels we need a traffic control copy as she has seen people cutting across the Kinney's parking lot on Market Street for two days in a row, people speed and go through red lights.

New Business:

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution approving the partial expenditures for the month of December 2021 in the amount of \$205,571.48 chargeable to the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 41,335.87
Water Fund	16,346.36
Sewer Fund	130,881.33
Hydro Fund	124.52
Recreation Fund	1,093.40
Trash Fund	<u>15,790.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 205,571.48</u>

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

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Erin Draper (DRI LPC Member), John Wick, Sara Sachs, and Allison Carney (DRI LPC Member) to the DRI funded Rebuild Downtown Potsdam project for a three-year term commencing February 1, 2022.

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

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution to accept with regret the retirement of James Corbett from the position of DPW Superintendent effective January 14, 2022. Further thanking Mr. Corbett for his 36 years of service to the Village of Potsdam.

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

Trustee Lee Moved and Trustee Tirion Seconded a resolution to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees of December 20, 2021, at 6:43 p.m.

Ayes 4

(Mayor Tischler)  
(Trustee Warr, Tirion & Lee)

Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Lori S. Queor  
Village Clerk