

Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees

October 13, 2021

A Public Hearing was conducted in the Village Office at 7:00 pm on October 13, 2021 for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding proposed Local Law #3 of 2021, a law to “Opt-Out” of Permitting Retail Selling and Consumption Establishments of Cannabis Products Within the Village of Lacona.

Mayor Glazier opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm. No one from the public was in attendance; he therefore closed the hearing at 7:09 pm.

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on October 13, 2021. Those in attendance included Mayor Lyndon Glazier, Trustee Steve Haskins, Trustee Roger Lallier, Clerk/Treasurer James Horth, Deputy Clerk Sandy Besaw, Code Enforcement Officer John Howland, Fire Chief Mike LaRock, and County Legislator Mike Yerdon. The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:10 pm, following the Public Hearing.

The Finance Report was not available as the Clerk was still working with the accounting software team to fix errors.

LACONA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief LaRock presented his report on the Lacona Fire Department and it is on file. The Fire Department will host their annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Halloween from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. They will also hand out hot dogs and cider. The originally proposed shed may not work for the trailer that was intended so they would like to erect a lean-to pole barn but they would need to work with the Town of Sandy Creek because it would infringe on the Town’s property. The new camera system will be installed next week.

RESOLUTION 3FY21/22 – PURCHASE OF FIRE CHIEF’S VEHICLE

The following resolution was offered by Tr. Lallier, seconded by Tr. Haskins, carried,

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief investigated pricing and availability from Auctions International, Drivers’ Village of Syracuse, NY, Burritt Motors of Oswego, NY, Billy Whittaker’s Cars and Trux of Central Square, NY, and Main Motors of Johnstown, NY, and

WHEREAS no response was received from Drivers’ Village or Billy Whittaker’s Cars and Trux, Burritt provided a price but couldn’t deliver until Spring 2022, Auctions International didn’t have a vehicle available, and the quote from Main Motors was a result of “piggy-backing” with another Fire Department and the vehicle would be available soon, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lacona Village Board of Trustees approves the purchase of a new Fire Chief’s vehicle from Main Motors at a price of \$32,478.00, to be paid out from Reserves.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CEO Howland reported that the unlicensed car at the former Tanner residence is gone but the dirt pile will take longer as the landlord is waiting for a piece of equipment to arrive. He was informed that the debris at the residence on Demott Street is still there as is the garbage at the residence on Powers

Avenue. He noted that the majority of the collapsed building on the Feed Store property has been removed and a derby car at the Maitland property on Salisbury Street needs to be removed.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Mr. Yerdon informed the Board that the County Legislature would be passing a resolution on Thursday (Oct. 14) to establish a separate office to handle a \$22 million project (the county's portion of Covid Relief funds) to distribute around the county.

HISTORIAN

The Historian's Report was not received before the meeting (it is now on file at the office).

OLD BUSINESS

CEO Howland informed the Board that the "campers law" would need to be revised to clarify the "90-Day Rule" as it could not be enforced as it reads; the Board decided to wait until the winter months to revise the law.

The new hydrant has been installed on Maple Avenue and is functioning.

The Board tabled the adoption of the Cannabis Law until the next meeting.

The Paving Project will commence on October 28 & 29; the contractor has been in touch with Dig Safe to get the areas marked. Mayor Glazier will act as supervisor for the Village. Trustee Haskins will arrange a pre-work meeting.

An emailed response from the Village Attorney's office stated that the Board would need to adopt a new law to change the residency requirements for Planning Board members. The Mayor asked the Clerk request a draft from the Attorney's office.

NEW BUSINESS

An application was received for the Handyman position; Trustee Lallier made a motion, seconded by Trustee Haskins, to hire Nicholas Gibides on a part-time, as-needed basis at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.

The snowplowing requirements were reviewed and the Clerk will post a notice asking for quotes, on a motion from Trustee Haskins, seconded by Trustee Lallier.

The Fire Protection Contract with the Town of Boylston was reviewed and discussed. On a motion from Trustee Lallier, seconded by Trustee Haskins, the Board approved raising the annual rate to \$35,000.00 due to the rising cost of fuel.

The Mayor asked the Clerk whether there would be a benefit to hiring the former Clerk/Treasurer to assist with the water billing and other accounting issues. The Clerk confirmed that there were some procedures that still required assistance/training because they did not come up during initial training. The Board agreed to hire Jill Mattison on a part-time, as-needed basis at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned on a motion from Trustee Haskins, seconded by Trustee Lallier.

James Horth

Village Clerk/Treasurer