

Minutes
Marcham Hall

VILLAGE OF CAYUGA HEIGHTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, September 17, 2018
7:00 p.m.



Present: Mayor Woodard; Trustees: Biloski, Friend, Marshall, McMurry, Robinson, and Salton; Police Sergeant Wright; Superintendent of Public Work Cross; Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Wiese; Clerk Walker; Attorney Marcus

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Call to Order: Mayor Woodard calls the meeting to order and requests an Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Executive Session

Resolution # 8295

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion: Trustee Robinson

Second: Trustee McMurry

Ayes: Mayor Woodard; Trustees Biloski, Friend, Marshall, McMurry, Robinson and Salton

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Resolution # 8296

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees exit from Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Salton

Second: Trustee Robinson

Ayes: Mayor Woodard; Trustees Biloski, Friend, Marshall, McMurry, Robinson and Salton

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Resolution # 8297

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees resolve to hire Jerry Wright as the Chief of the Cayuga Heights Police Department at the initial annual salary of \$119,109.71, with the other terms of his employment to be in accordance with an employment agreement that the Mayor is authorized to sign once approved as to form and substance by the Village's labor law counsel.

Motion: Trustee Salton

Second: Trustee Friend

Ayes: Mayor Woodard; Trustees: Biloski, Friend, Marshall, McMurry, Robinson and Salton

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion carried

Police Chief Wright recites the Oath of Office, then his family removed his Sergeant badges and posed for a family photo.

Police Chief Wright expressed his thanks and gratitude to all who have been a part of his life and path to where he is today.

Report of Police Chief Wright: Submitted Report

Several resumes have been received for a full-time patrol position and 3 of 4 full time Police Officers we have already taken the Sergeants exam and are eligible for Sergeant position. Overtime number were down, even though the department was short handed over the last few months.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Date (Exhibit 2019-062)

Resolution # 8298

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees approves the September 18, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion: Trustee McMurry

Second: Trustee Marshall

Ayes: Mayor Woodard; Trustees Biloski, Friend, Marshall, McMurry, Robinson and Salton

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Date (Exhibit 2019-063)

Resolution # 8299

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees approves the August 30, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion: Trustee Biloski

Second: Trustee Friend

Ayes: Mayor Woodard; Trustees: Biloski, Friend, Marshall, McMurry, Robinson and Salton

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion carried

Report of Fire Superintendent Tamborelle:

Chief Tamborelle is currently in Virginia aiding with disaster relief from Hurricane Helen.

Privilege of the Floor: No member of the Public wished to speak

Report of Mayor

a. Tad Palmer From NYSEG, and Chris Argetsinger (by phone) and Terry Carroll from NYSERDA, met with Mayor Woodard and B. Cross to discuss the Village inventory of street lights and buyout costs. Terry Carroll and his interns had surveyed all Village street lights. NYSEG will provide information on the year a street light was installed, which will better determine an accurate inventory.

Trustee Friend ask about all the overpayments, since the Village has been paying for duplicate lights.

B. Cross stated, it is his feeling that NYSEG is not going to base a real number on the buyout cost, just give them a number. The City of Ithaca consultant will have the expertise to help determine a close buyout cost. The other discussion was the number of lights that are not working. NYSEG's response was that is built into the cost. The Village of Cayuga Heights Police Department will conduct a visual inspection of the street lights to determine which are working and which ones are not. Texas lane has a high number of street lights out. NYSEG made it clear that challenge of foliage stuff growing into or on the light will fall back on the Villages responsibility.

The concept of a public utility and a right of way should be held to a certain grade of working condition. Reinforcing the broken poles as issue and the type of "scab" repairs is currently being used is concerning. B. Cross will research to see if there are any Village easements with NYSEG or any public utility.

Mayor Woodard introduces Penny Rich who was hired to become the new Deputy Clerk when Tayo Johnson leaves in November.

b. The Violence in the workplace surveys were returned on Friday, September 14, 2018

Report of the Trustees

Trustee McMurry reported the Village of Cayuga Heights, City of Ithaca, and the Town of Dryden are the 3 applicants for the TAP Grant, and 14 applications were submitted for Region 3.

a. Cornell N. Campus Development update from the Planning Board Meeting: An official application has been made and the City of Ithaca will be lead agency for SEQR review. Through the SEQR process the Village will have an opportunity to speak to the project. B. Cross reported that the Town of Ithaca might annex their portion of the land and allow the City of Ithaca to have ownership. The concept, as tax-exempt property already, giving the land to the City of Ithaca might be a way to avoid the lengthy involvement in the project.

Cornell's Traffic Study does not address permanent traffic patterns, Cornell's traffic study needs a peer review and the Village Planning Board could request that. The true net numbers of additional students is unknown.

The Village is looking at Bergman & Associates to do an infrastructure traffic study and the Timing of our study needs to be discussed. Attorney Marcus suggested the scope of the study has a role on determining who will want to participate or coordinate with our traffic study.

B. Cross leaves the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

c. Tompkins County Health Consortium update. Trustee Salton reported each year there has been a net growth. Next fiscal year expect only a 5% premium increase. The Rx costs and rebates provide a substantial income base to the Consortium. The Village alone pays over \$36,000 a month to cover employees. Another new way to save is utilizing an inter-consortium captive layer fund. The Consortium can pool money toward stop loss coverage with other Consortiums.

Report of ASPW Wiese:

A New mini excavator has arrived, and 2 new 1-ton pickup trucks have been ordered. One of the older 1-ton pickups will go to auction in October.

Trustee Robinson – The LED lighting test on the Highland Road pedestrian walkway really didn't have a benefit.

Trustee Salton commended the DPW and paving on the Parkway and the rain drainage was working well. Trustee Robinson also commends the great job on Triphammer Road and the even manholes level with the surface of the road.

Report of the Treasurer: Submitted Reports:

Abstract # 4

Resolution # 8300

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees approves Abstract #4 for FYE2019 consisting of TA vouchers 24 - 32 in the amount of \$17438.28 and Consolidated Fund vouchers 195 - 259 in the amount of \$236,321.91 and the Treasurer is instructed to make payments thereon.

Motion: Trustee Biloski

Second: Trustee Robinson

Ayes: Mayor Woodard; Trustees: Biloski, Friend, Marshall, McMurry, Robinson and Salton

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion carried

Report of the Clerk

Through NYMIR and NYSIF there are several on line training courses available. The goal is to set up workplace safety webinar training for all Village employees. NYMIR has an online University that will track and notify the administrator when a course or policy review is available.

NYCOM fall training starts September 24, 2018 and submitted agenda highlighted the courses Clerk Walker will be attending. The new Village Information Aide- Lisa Skrubis will start on October 1, 2018.

Executive Session

Resolution # 8301

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Motion: Trustee Biloski

Second: Trustee Robinson

Ayes: Mayor Woodard; Trustees Biloski Friend, Marshall, McMurry, Robinson and Salton

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Resolution # 8302

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Village of Cayuga Heights Board of Trustees exit from Executive Session at 9:29 p.m.

Motion: Trustee Salton

Second: Trustee McMurry

Ayes: Mayor Woodard; Trustees Biloski, Friend, Marshall, McMurry, Robinson and Salton

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 09:30 p.m.

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