

Village of Liverpool Regular Board Meeting
February 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Village of Liverpool Board of Trustees was held on February 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM at 310 Sycamore Street, Liverpool NY.

Present: Gary White Mayor
Michael LaMontagne Trustee
Jason Recor Trustee
Richard Andino Attorney
Mary Ellen Sims Village Clerk
Greg Sgromo Village Engineer

Absent: Mathew Devendorf Trustee

Trustee Fadden took her place on the Board at 7:22 PM(she was attending the State of the County Address)

Also present was Russ Tarby- Eagle News and 3 other persons.

Mayor White asked all those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Outstanding issues/ grant updates

Mayor White reviewed the outstanding issues and updated as follows:
Johnson Park- DPW will contact the Vendor for Stage Cover Cleaning Product
Sewer Lining Project- Skanex is possibly going to begin the work on April 1, 2020
Onondaga Lake Parkway Project- Village will meet with DOT to discuss in the next few weeks.
Cemetery Restoration Project- rebid schedule is set. Bids will go out February 26th and opened on March 11, 2020
Main Street Program- the Village received a rendering on proposed updates to the Village Mall.
Onondaga County Beach Study- There is a meeting scheduled for February 29th 11:00 – 1:00 at Salina Town Hall.

Correspondence

The Village received a thank you card from Linda Mann, 600 Hickory Street. She thanked our Village DPW for keeping the roads clear and the Village beautiful.

LED Light Conversion

Casey Mastro NYPA and Amanda Mazzoni, CNYRPDB were present to answer any questions the Board had regarding the conversion to LED lights in the Village of Liverpool. The Village Board has been reviewing and analyzing this conversion for over a year.

The Village received an updated price quote from National Grid for our streetlight assets. The Village has 300 Cobra head lights and approximately 8 decorative lights.

Casey Mastro explained that the New York Power Authority (NYPA) has been working with public entities to purchase the lights and convert them to LED lights. The maintenance cost would be \$20.00 per fixture annually, with a pole rental charge of \$.60 per pole. There is no upfront cost to the Village of Liverpool.

Casey answered questions from the Board of Trustees regarding the ownership model. National Grid owns the poles and the Village would pay rent. The LED lights would be owned by the Village and an annual maintenance charge would be assessed.

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Casey stated that in order to move forward, the Village would need to pass a resolution to move the project into the Design Phase. If, after completing the design phase, the Village decided not to go forward with the project, the Village would be responsible to pay 40% of the cost for design, After a lengthy discussion, the Mayor asked for a resolution.

Motion was made by Trustee LaMontagne, seconded by Trustee Fadden, to pass a resolution to go forward with the Design Phase for converting Village Streetlights to LED, conditioned upon legal review of the two contracts that will be needed to proceed.

Casey Mastro stated that the Master Cost Recovery Agreement (MCRA) will need to be signed in order to proceed. Motion was made by Trustee LaMontagne, seconded by Trustee Fadden, to authorize Mayor White to sign the MCRA, contingent upon legal review.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee LaMontagne	yes
Trustee Fadden	yes
Trustee Recor	yes
Mayor White	yes
Trustee Devendorf	absent

Motion Passed

Inter Municipal Agreement for providing Technology Services from BOCES

This will be on the March Agenda.

Resolution requesting amendments to New York State's Criminal Justice Reforms

The following resolution was moved by Trustee LaMontagne and seconded by Trustee Fadden:

REQUESTING AMENDMENTS TO New York STATE'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS
WHEREAS while there was a need to reform New York's criminal justice statutes during the 2019 state legislative session, it is widely recognized that several of the drastic changes in the laws pertaining to discovery are overly broad and vague and are having unintended consequences at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS the dramatically shortened time period in which prosecutors must disclose evidence to defendants and the broad expansion of the matters to which such discovery mandates apply will have significant cost, tax and justice implications for cities and villages with police departments, local justice courts or code/parking enforcement departments; and

WHEREAS the discovery reforms mandate prosecutors disclose evidence to the defense within 15 days of arraignment for criminal charges (even if the defendant is not in custody); and

WHEREAS drastically enlarging the scope of material that a prosecutor must review and deliver within 15 days will overwhelm the ability of city and village officials and employees to prosecute cases while managing their misdemeanor and felony caseloads, and will make it impossible to prosecute vehicle and traffic and local code infractions and violations in compliance with the new discovery mandates; and

WHEREAS arraignment must now take place within 20 days of desk appearance ticket issuance, thereby requiring justice courts, many of which convene monthly, to meet more frequently; and

WHEREAS cities and villages will not reap savings from the bail reform's reduction of the burden on county jails; and

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WHEREAS municipalities are already challenged with operating within the now-permanent 2% tax cap and have not received an increase in general purpose state aid in 11 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Liverpool supports the following set of amendments proposed by the New York State Conference of Mayors that are consistent with the intent of the criminal justice reforms but which will allow for more effective and affordable implementation:

- Ensure that cities and villages are provided with additional financial and operational support to offset the cost of these mandated measures;
- Allow 60 days for prosecutors to disclose evidence to the defense for criminal charges;
- Exclude from the accelerated discovery requirements any charge not involving a misdemeanor or felony;
- Adjust the 20-day arraignment requirement to accommodate local courts that meet on a monthly basis;
- Allow prosecutors to withhold sensitive information, such as victim contact information, without having to obtain a court order.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this duly adopted resolution of the Village of Liverpool be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Rachel May and Assembly Member Pamela Hunter, the New York State Conference of Mayors, and local media outlets.

Request to use Johnson Park for the 35th Annual Liverpool is the Place summer concert series from June 8th to August 19, 2020

Request to use Johnson Park for a “Jazz in the Burbs” concert on August 27th with a rain date of August 28th

Motion was made by Trustee Fadden, seconded by Trustee LaMontagne, to approve the requests for use of Johnson Park. Motion Passed.

Request from Boy Scout Troop 203 to perform a service project in the Village of Liverpool on May 23, 2020.

Boy Scout Troop 203 would like to do a service project that benefits the Village of Liverpool. They suggested performing tasks in the Village Cemetery, such as grounds work, flower planting or placing flags on graves. The scheduled date is Saturday May 23 for the project day.

Mayor White suggested that DPW Superintendent Neverette get in touch with Boy Scout Troop 203 and set a list of tasks that the boys could perform. Projects are typically 2-4 hours long with 6-10 boys between the ages of 12 and 17.

Updated schedule for Liverpool Cemetery Restoration Project

The Liverpool Cemetery Restoration Project updated schedule has been set. There will be a two week bid period, with bids being advertised on February 26th with a bid opening on March 11th at noon.

2019 Goals and Objectives review from Chief Morris

Mayor White stated that Chief Morris presented the 2019 goals and objectives review for the Police Department. All Board members reviewed the document.

Approval for transfer of 2 Cemetery Plots

The Village received a request from Jannette Dupre to transfer ownership of her two Cemetery Plots in Section 12, lot number 276 and 277 to Marie and George Wiegand. She did sell the plots to the Wiegands.

Motion was made by Trustee Recor, seconded by Trustee LaMontagne, to authorize the transfer of Plot 276 and 277 in Section 12 to Marie Wiegand & George Wiegand. Motion Passed.

Approve Cold War Veterans Exemption Extension

Mayor White stated that the Village passed the Cold War Veterans Exemption 10 years ago. The Onondaga County Legislature passed Local Law 5 2018 eliminating the 10 year sunset for the Cold War Veterans Exemption. The Board needs to vote to accept or decline the extension before March 1, 2020.

Mayor White stated that this exemption has not had a drastic effect on the Village tax levy over the past 10 years and asked for a motion to accept or decline the extension.

Motion was made by Trustee LaMontagne, seconded by Trustee Recor, to accept the elimination of the ten year limit on real property tax exemption for Cold War veterans. Motion Passed.

Approve extension of Light Duty/ Transitional duty for Sgt. Unger

Motion was made by Trustee Fadden, seconded by Trustee LaMontagne to approve the extension of Sgt. Unger's light duty/transitional duty to March 16th, at which time the Board will review again. Motion Passed.

DPW STATS

Trustee LaMontagne presented the following STATS for the DPW Department for the month of January

- 12 UFPO's marked for the month
- 8 Sewer house calls were handled
- Sewer Repairs- none at this time
- Banner Pole Requests- none
- Sign Requests none
- Tree Work-none at this time
- Leaf Pickup- DPW will continue to pick up bags of leaves and piles that they can get to

Police – STATS

Mayor White gave the following STATS for the Police Department for the month of January:

- 231 Traffic Stops
- 194 Tickets issued
- 0 DWI arrests
- 08 Accidents Investigated
- 09 Parking Tickets issued
- 150 Residential Property checks
- 550 Incidents

The Liverpool Police Department arrested a total of 37 individuals this month with 47 charges filed.

Codes STATS

Trustee Recor read the activity report for the Codes department for January 2020.

Financial – Approve Abstracts

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Motion was made by Trustee Fadden, seconded by Trustee Recor, to approve Abstract # 09 claim # 448-498 and 502 in the amount of \$92,142.88 and Sewer Fund, Abstract # 9 claim # 499-501 in the amount of \$26,196.53

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Fadden	Yes
Trustee Devendorf	Absent
Trustee LaMontagne	Yes
Trustee Recor	Yes
Mayor White	Yes

Motion Passed.

Transfers

Motion was made by Trustee Fadden, seconded by Trustee Devendorf, to approve the transfers numbered 1-08. Motion Passed.

Approve Minutes January 13 and January 17th 2020

Motion was made by Trustee Recor, seconded by Trustee Fadden to approve the minutes of January 13, 2020 as corrected. Motion Passed. (Trustee LaMontagne abstained)

Motion was made by Trustee LaMontagne, seconded by Trustee Fadden to approve the minutes of January 17th as corrected. Motion Passed. (Trustee Recor abstained)

Executive Session

Motion was made by Trustee Fadden, seconded by Trustee Recor, to move into executive session for Attorney/ Client Discussion. Motion Passed.

Motion was made by Trustee LaMontagne, seconded by Trustee Recor, to move out of executive session and return to regular session. Motion Passed.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee LaMontagne, seconded by Trustee Recor, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Sims, Village Clerk