Village of Dansville

Board of Trustees Meeting

November 21, 2023

Auditorium

**PRESENT**: Mayor Barry Haywood, Trustee Jeff Wiedrick, Trustee Mike Nagle, Trustee Charlie Perkins

**GUESTS**: Dennis Weidman, Yvonne Smallwood, Kathy Button, Jess Nolan, Quinn Golden, Gerald Welch, Jr., Kevin Weidman, Brian Wood, Katie Infantino, Richard Gillard, Marcia Hemmer, Danielle Rider, Brian Rider, Donna Didas, Rebekah Dockstader, Kim Coleman, Greg Nelson, Matt Williams, Tammy Malone, Mark Speccio, Rick Schwenzer, DPW Superintendent Scott Tracy.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Haywood.

The October 17, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes were approved with the change from “vacation” to “vacant” with a motion by Trustee Wiedrick, seconded by Trustee Nagle. Vote:

4-0, approved.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

1. **Danielle Rider, Cannabis** – Danielle discussed again the desire to have a store on Main Street, which is against the current zoning requirements made by the Village. She reported that it would not be onsite usage at this time. They are still interested in having onsite cannabis usage in the future. Trustees expressed their concerns for various reasons. She stated that New York State laws nullify local zoning laws. It was noted that any requests for changes in zoning laws need to be presented to the Zoning Board. There would also need to be a Public Hearing held. Tammy Malone and Trustee Perkins will be attending a webinar on the current information and laws.
2. **Quinn Golden** – He discussed wanting a sidewalk committee to be formed regarding sidewalk issues in the Village. After discussion, Mayor Haywood stated that any sidewalk issues should be referred to DPW Superintendent Scott Tracy at this time. The Mayor stated that the Village needed to develop in the budget a 2-3 year plan for sidewalks that still need to be fixed/replaced.

Mayor’s Comments/Correspondence: Mayor Haywood

1. **Village-Owned Property Sealed Bids** – Mayor Haywood discussed the Village receiving two bids for property sales that the Village owns. One bid was from Rebekah Dockstader at $3,000 for the Gray and Nelson Street properties. The other bid was from Mark Speccio at $2,275 for the Bank Street properties. A motion was made by Trustee Perkins to accept the two bids and sell the properties as submitted, seconded by Trustee Wiedrick. Vote: 4-0, approved. The status of the remaining two properties for sale will be readdressed after the holidays.
2. **Grant Received for Castle on the Hill** – Mayor Haywood discussed a grant background received relating to the Castle on the Hill. The possibility of it being named a historical site was discussed. He reported that it is all exploratory at this point and the grant received for $20,000, half of the amount needed to do the feasibility study.
3. **Association of Village Board Dinner** – Mayor Haywood received an invitation to the December 14, 2023 dinner at the Avon Inn. The Mayor will get copies out to the Board members.

**Committee Reports**:

1. **Village Clerk/Legislative**: Mayor Haywood

The Village Clerk/Treasurer reported that investments with NYClass have yielded approximately $38,000 interest to date.

1. **Code Enforcement**: Trustee Perkins

Trustee Perkins discussed possible alternative areas within the Village to dump snow instead of the Clara Barton parking lot. He felt that, as the snow melts, it creates an eye sore coming into the Village. DPW Superintendent Tracy noted that it was very costly to truck snow to Poags Hole. Trustee Perkins asked if there is a cost savings to have Dansville Town trucks haul snow vs. Belanger’s Gravel.

Trustee Perkins discussed upcoming sidewalk shoveling season and any possible alternatives. Trustee Nagle discussed residents helping each other. The Mayor discussed how some changes can create new issues with sidewalks. Trustee Wiedrick discussed the possibility of using volunteer groups as an idea.

Volunteers are needed for the Comprehensive Plan and Mayor Haywood suggested Nancy Nice contact him to discuss this issue.

1. **Budget, Finance & Audit**: Mayor Haywood

Approval of Bills - Mayor Haywood asked for approval of the bills as presented in the agenda. A motion was made to approve the bills by Trustee Wiedrick, seconded by Trustee Nagle. Vote: 4-0, approved.

Sick Time Update – Mayor Haywood requested the Clerk/Treasurer contact the Auditor and set up a date for a meeting with the Board, Department Heads, Union Representatives, etc. to discuss the sick time audit.

1. **Public Safety** –
2. Fire Department – Fire Chief Brian Wood gave his report with 17 calls for the month.
3. Ambulance – nothing.
4. Police Department – Chief Shannon Griese reported finding past errors with lack of payment to some of the officers. Per the Union contract, officers need to receive back payments amounting to approximately $7,500 for Officer Burley, Vandunk and Chapman.

Chief Griese has been researching new vehicle prices by going online. He thinks it is important to have a pick-up truck in the fleet for multiple reasons. The prices are continuing to go up, including equipment/graphics for the vehicles. May be approximately 25% increase for next year. The fleet currently has six vehicles. Trying to use the older vehicles to save on the Durango and two Chargers. Two chargers would be up for replacement in 2026. New vehicle would replace the 2019 (423). No decisions were made and will discuss further.

1. **Parks and Recreation** – Trustee Nagle

Trees are being purchased through the Lions Club for Winter in the Village and will be decorated. The electric is set for the trees. One block will be closed off on Main Street.

1. Trustee Perkins discussed two pumps for Maple Street that need to be installed. Fix Dansville is due back money after renters paid for water and sewer bill. There was a $6,000 charge for the pavement on Crestwood Circle that was discussed.
2. Public Works – Trustee Wiedrick asked about bids for the filters. DPW Superintendent Tracy reported that MRB will bid them next week.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cotter

Clerk/Treasurer