

Village of Liverpool
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 20, 2023

A regular meeting of the Village of Liverpool Board of Trustees was held on March 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM at 310 Sycamore Street, Liverpool NY.

Present: Gary White Mayor
Christina Fadden Trustee
Matthew Devendorf Trustee
Dennis Hebert Trustee
Richard Andino Attorney
Mary Ellen Sims Village Clerk

Absent: Michael LaMontagne Deputy Mayor

Also present was Russ Tarby, Eagle News, Chief Unger, members of the police department, Judge Lavalle, Sam Doubleday from Omni Renewables and one other person.

Mayor White called the meeting to order and Mayor White asked all those present to join in the pledge of allegiance.

Swearing in Officer Dominic Albanese as Full time Police Officer

Mayor White asked Officer Albanese to come to the front of the room for his official swearing in as a full time police officer.

All present congratulated Officer Albanese.

Presentation – Omni Renewables

Sam Doubleday presented Omni Renewables solar energy plan for the Village Board of Trustees to consider. Solar energy is a mean to create more electricity within our own boundaries.

The Community Solar Subscriber Agreement provides a simple way to support solar energy and save money on electricity. The Village would receive 10 % bill credits each month, in exchange for a monthly subscription fee equal to 90% of the monetary value of those bill credits. The subscription fee will be automatically taken from the credits that the Village receives on the utility bill. There are no other fees charged. The Agreement's term is 25 years.

Sam Doubleday stated that, based on our current usage, the village may receive approximately \$2,800 a year.

Trustees asked a series of questions regarding this plan. This will be on the April Agenda.

Outstanding Issues Mayor White updated the outstanding issues as follows:

Main Street phase 3- Applications were submitted. Five projects were approved by Community Development for a total of \$279,752. The village will receive the amount of \$209,814 with the applicants paying 25 % of their project totals.

The Village requested \$ 502,095. Community Development did not approve funds for projects that were not completed in Phase 2 Main Street grant.

Trees- the tree committee is meeting tonight. Trustee Fadden stated that the tree committee is researching new trees to plant on Arbor Day for future use as the Village Christmas Tree.

Birch/ Sixth Street Playground- Equipment will be delivered Wednesday.

Public comment-

Nathan Holiday, 302 Fourth Street, asked to speak to the Board regarding upgrading and installing pedestrian crosswalk facilities at several locations within the Village of Liverpool. Specifically, at the intersections of Oswego Street and 6th Street, Tulip Street and 6th Street, Oswego Street and 4th Street and Tulip Street and 4th Street.

Mayor White stated that he contacted Onondaga County DOT and they indicated that they would paint the school crossing intersections at Oswego and 6th Street and Tulip and 6th Street.

The NYS DOT paints the crosswalks on Route 370. Mayor White stated the Village has never painted crosswalks on County or NYS Roads.

Mayor White stated that the Village is looking to purchase solar flashing signs for the area in front of the Liverpool Elementary School. Cost for each sign is approximately \$8,300. Mayor White will ask Trustee LaMontagne to contact Onondaga County regarding placing the signs in their right -of-way.

Nathan Holiday thanked the Board for their consideration of his requests.

Correspondence

Letter received March 13, 2023 from Tree city USA congratulating the Village on 4 years as a Tree City USA.

Letter received from Costello, Cooney & Fearon, dated March 16, 2023 demanding payment from Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Construction Company related to engineering services for repairs to Village of Liverpool Sewer Infrastructure undertaken on the NYS Thruway in the amount of \$2,605.06.

Change April 17th meeting due to public hearing on 2023- 2024 Budget needs to be held Before April 15th

Motion was made by Trustee Fadden, seconded by Trustee Devendorf, to reschedule the April 17th meeting to April 10th, at 7:00 PM. Motion Passed.

Presentation of 2023-2024 Tentative Budget

Clerk Sims presented the 2023-2024 tentative budget to the Board of Trustees. The 2023-2024 proposed budget totals \$3,614, 489. The tax rate is the same as last year's rate at \$11.95 per thousand.

This budget has the following capital purchases/ projects included:

Police vehicle, DPW mini- dump truck, comprehensive plan update, cemetery mower, funds to help pay for the HVAC for Village Hall roof, funds for the Seventh Street Project and funds for the contingent account. All the above purchases/projects total approximately \$ 502,000. The budget, as proposed, contains no raises to date and would take \$ 455, 789 from fund balance to balance the budget.

The tentative sewer fund 2023-2024 Budget totals \$ 155,252.00 with \$13,762 from unexpended fund balance to balance the budget.

Mayor White asked Board members to review the budget and get together with department heads to discuss their budget proposals. Mayor White stated that he would like to lower the tax rate a little. Mayor White proposes to endorse the capital projects/purchases use of fund balance, in order to lower our unexpended fund balance.

Judge LaValle requested to be part of an executive session to discuss possible raises.

Call Public hearing – 2023- 2024 Budget

Motion was made by Trustee Hebert, seconded by Trustee Fadden, to call a public hearing for the 2023-2024 budget for April 10th, 2023 at 7:01 PM. Motion Passed.

Discussion on a proposed local Law- Senior citizen Exemption to increase the income limit for eligibility.

Mayor White stated that he would like the Board to consider a proposed local law to increase the income limit for Senior citizen exemptions. Currently, the Village has a cap of \$ 37,400 for income eligibility. Town of Salina raised their limit to \$58,400 in December 2022. The Village could do a graduated scale up to the max of \$58,400.

Mayor White requested Clerk Sims to contact Town of Salina Assessor to inquire what the possible impact would be on our tax income.

This will be on the April Agenda.

Call public hearing for revocable license agreement – 208 Birch Street

The owners of 208 Birch Street are requesting a revocable license agreement for the front steps and landing that encroach five feet unto Village Right of Way.

Motion was made by Trustee Devendorf, seconded by Trustee Hebert, to call a public hearing for April 10th at 7:02 PM for revocable license agreement for 208 Birch Street to allow the five foot encroachment unto Village right of way. Motion Passed.

DPW Garage- potential projects

Engineer Sgromo presented, via email, a list of improvements to the DPW Garage and the costs associated with these repairs and upgrades. The estimated cost is \$297, 902.00.

Mayor White stated that the Village could use some of the American Rescue Plan funds to help pay for the repairs and that perhaps Senator Mannion would also help with the costs associated with the repairs and upgrades to the DPW Garage.

Authorization to receive bids for the Seventh Street Drainage Project on April 27th at 1:00 PM

Motion was made by Trustee Devendorf, seconded by Trustee Hebert, to authorize bids for Seventh Street Drainage Project be received on April 27th and opened at 1:00 PM. Motion Passed.

Approve use of the meeting room for Republican Caucus April 27th 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Motion was made by Trustee Fadden, seconded by Trustee Hebert, to approve use of the meeting room for the Republican Caucus on April 27th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Motion Passed.

Police STATS

Trustee Devendorf gave the following STATS for the Police Department for the month of February:

173	Traffic Stops
141	Tickets issued
3	DWI arrests
7	Accidents Investigated
3	Parking Tickets issued
44	Residential Property checks
193	Business Checks
503	Incidents/ Calls for service/ Incidents

The Liverpool Police Department arrested a total of 24 individuals with 34 charges filed.

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Overnight parking is now in effect. The parking of a vehicle is prohibited on all highways within the Village between 12:00 am and 8:00 AM from November 1st to April 15th. The parking of a vehicle in the Village business District is prohibited between the hours of 2:00 am and 8:00 am from November 1st to April 15

DPW STATS

Mayor White presented the following STATS for the DPW Department for the month of February:

Yard Waste- Begins the first Monday in April (April 3rd). Yard waste will be picked up the first and third Monday each month through October.

9 UFPO's for month of February

6 Sewer Maintenance calls

Sewer Repairs –none

Tree work- None

Park Requests

All of the listed Park Requests are approved:

Masonic Easter egg Hunt- April 8, 2023 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM- Johnson Park

Liverpool First United Methodist Church- Good Friday annual Cross Walk in and around Johnson Park April 7, at noon

Liverpool First UMC Flower Sale- May 13th 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Johnson Park

Flame Concert Friday July 21, 2023 5:00PM to 6:30 PM – Johnson Park

CODES REPORT

Trustee Hebert read the following STATS for the month of February:

- A. New Project Application Reviews 8
 - B. Permits Approved or Extended 4
 - C. Construction Inspections 6
 - D. Certificates of Compliance 6
 - E. Complaint Inspections 1
 - F. Fire Code Inspections 5
 - G. Miscellaneous Inspections 2
 - H. Rental Dwelling Inspections 9
 - I. Violation Inspections/ Re-inspections 26
 - J. Letters / Notices / Citations 49
 - K. Signs Removed From Village Property 0
 - L. Miscellaneous Recorded Actions 51
- Total: 167

Total Construction Project Values: \$ 61,321

Total of All Fees Collected: \$ 972.00

Financial – Approve Abstracts

Motion was made by Trustee Fadden, seconded by Trustee Devendorf to approve Abstract # 10 General fund claims # 592-637 in the amount of \$58,272.30 and Sewer Fund claim # 636 in the amount of \$ 76,189.37.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Fadden	Yes
Trustee Devendorf	Yes
Trustee Hebert	Yes

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Trustee LaMontagne	Absent
Mayor White	Yes

Motion Passed.

Monthly Report of Treasurer

Clerk Sims presented the Board with the monthly report for February 2023...

Transfers

Motion was made by Trustee Fadden, seconded by Trustee Devendorf, to approve the transfers 1-25
Motion Passed.

Approve Minutes February 27, 2023

Motion was made by Trustee Fadden, seconded by Trustee Devendorf to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023. Motion Passed.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Devendorf, seconded by Trustee Hebert, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Sims, Village Clerk