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Village Board of Trustees June 12, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Aurora Firehouse meeting room at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jim Orman; Trustees JD Balloni, Matt Bianconi, L. John Miller, and Janet Murphy

Others Present: Clerk Ann Balloni

Call to Order: Mayor Orman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Teter Updates

Generator Grant: Mr. Teter explained the process for the FEMA generator grant, administered through Homeland Security. The Village sent a Request for Qualifications that was published on May 28, 2024 and May 30, 2024 in the Citizen newspaper. Mr. Teter submitted his proposal for the Trustees consideration at their regular meeting next week. No other proposals were received.

Sherwood Road Water Tank: The upgrade project is approximately 50% complete.

Right of First Refusal: Mr. Teter noted the Wells College properties along the lakefront that the village retains right of first refusal. The village acquired right of first refusal from the Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation for all the Wells College lakefront properties south of the Theresa Hickey House. The Village waived their ROFR for the property across from McGorden House, purchased by Kevin Fitzgerald, and the three properties at the south end under purchase contract by Grace Bates. Ms. Bates intends to gift the three properties to the village for a public park.

Wells College Water Plant: Mr. Teter updated the Trustees on the status of the \$3,000,000.00 WIIA grant for water plant upgrades. Originally, the grant was intended to build a new water plant at Long Point State Park. When Wells College was awarded two grants to upgrade the existing plant, the Village had to reconsider the how to best utilize the funding for the Wells plant and stay within the parameters of the award.

With the announcement of Wells closure, Mr. Teter is corresponding with State officials for assistance moving forward. All agree that the best option is for the village to take over the plant. A lease arrangement was discussed but, the State is hesitant to award funds to the village for a water plant that it doesn't own, mainly for security reasons.

Trustee Bianconi referred to an email from his sister, Mary Beth (attached). Ms. Bianconi has colleagues who are experienced with college closings and recommended that the village attorney contact Chris Andreucci at Harris Beach law firm for advice.

On motion by Trustee Bianconi, seconded by Trustee Miller, the Village Board voted to authorize Village Attorney, Tom Blair, to contact Chris Andreucci at Harris Beach law firm for consultation on the Village negotiations with Wells College.

AYES: Balloni, Bianconi, Miller, Murphy, and Orman

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Law: Kari Terwilliger from Cayuga County Planning strongly encouraged the Village Board to move forward with the filing of the revised zoning law. Ms. Terwilliger noted that the current Institutional designation hamstrings all development, including recent purchases on the periphery of the campus. Ms. Terwilliger added that there are regulations in place and an educational zone can be added later if that is the Board's preference.

Trustee Bianconi expressed concern about the campus proper and reiterated the Board's intent to retain the main campus as institutional.

The Board agree to review with the village attorney before making a final decision.

Adjournment: On motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Bianconi, the Village Board voted to adjourn the special meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Balloni
Village Clerk