

**VILLAGE OF VICTORY**  
**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
MEETING MINUTES  
~ September 10, 2024 ~  
6:30pm

CALL MONTHLY MEETING TO ORDER: Attending: Mayor Pat Dewey. Trustees Tim Healy and Leslie Dennison. Also attending: Clerk/Treasurer Maureen Lewsey.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes – Monthly Meeting – August 13, 2024. **A motion was made by Trustee Dennison and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2024 regular monthly meeting as submitted. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

**VILLAGE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCES:**

- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting: September 2024 at 6:30pm ~ TBD
- Planning Meeting: September 2024 at 6:30pm ~ TBD
- Schuylerville/Victory Water Board Meeting ~ September 16, 2024 in Victory at 6:00pm
- NYS Dept of Public Service: Niagara Mohawk filed amendments to electric and gas services to increase delivery revenue effective April 1, 2025.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

All reports are read as presented and highlighted as follows:

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

- CEO Larry Wolcott presents written report. Mayor Dewey reported that DEO Wolcott is still waiting for the judge to make a judgement.

B. DPW/SEWER/WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- MEO Logan Steele was absent and will submit report later.
- Approve increase in quote from Jointa Lime for paving 8/7/24 on Pine Street
  - Approved \$5,175.00 on 7/9/24
  - Invoice \$5,946.00 (overage \$771.00)**A motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the increase in the quote from Jointa Lime for the paving in the amount of \$771.00. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**
- Approve emergency repairs for the 2019 F350
  - VOS dpw to install brakes rotors calipers axle seals and axle joints
  - Materials \$1452.16**A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to approve the dpw to install brakes, rotors, calipers, axle seals and axle joints not to exceed \$1600.00. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chief Ryan Campbell provides written report. Chief/Asst Chief not present.
- Minutes from the August 5, 2024 meeting received and on file.
- Discussion of Fire Department Bylaws and status of final policy. Was tabled.
- QUOTE: 2) sets of Turn out Gear
  - MES quote received – Only one quote received. Mayor Dewey requests a second quote, as we need more than one price. The Board was concerned state contract may not be the best price. Another question, are harnesses included or needed?

D. WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Draft minutes from monthly meeting on August 19, 2024
- Draft minutes from special meeting August 26, 2024

E. VILLAGE TREASURER'S REPORT

- Monthly report ending August 31, 2024 was read.

F. PLANNING BOARD REPORT

- No meeting/no report

G. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

- Meeting on August 20, 2024 was cancelled

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Village Attorney Contract for FY 2024.2025

- a. Dates have been corrected.

**A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to approve the contract for the Village Attorney for FY24.25 with terms of one year fee at \$625.00/mo. or \$7500.00/yr. per the Village Attorney retainer agreement. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

B. Discuss Local Law for Property Nuisance Local Law

- a. To address property issues, compliance and enforcement
- b. Pending draft document and input from Village Attorney

The Board received just before the meeting. Mayor Dewey reviewed the past policy and suggests meeting for the sole purpose to review law by holding a special meeting.

C. Amend Sewer Application Form

- a. Adjust 7a limits to 1 million for independent contractor performing the work
- b. Remove 7b requiring personal liability to name the Village of Victory as additional named insured. Review liability limits.
- c. Increase the application fee to \$500.00 for permit application

**A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to increase the sewer application fee from \$200.00 to \$500.00, remove 7b requiring personal liability to name the Village of Victory as additional named insured and 7a now liability limit increase from \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 liability limit. A special meeting will be scheduled. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

D. Tree Removal Village Cemetery from storm event

- a. Goose Island \$3800.00 Includes removal of cherry tree (in cemetery and behind neighbors shed, including the brush and wood that has previously fallen.
- b. Dino's Tree Service \$800.00
- c. Sam's Tree Service – no quote was received after the meeting

**A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve the quote received from Dino's Tree Service in the amount of \$800.00. All in favor – aye.**

E. Discussion of Covid Leave. NYS will eliminate as of July 1, 2025. The Board needs more time to discuss. This has been tabled till next month.

F. Review Personnel Policy

- d. Fringe Benefits for Full Time Employees (anniversary date vs calendar date).

**A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy that as of August 1, 2024, fringe benefits for any new full time employee date would now be their anniversary date. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

**OPEN FLOOR:** Chris Dorr was interested in part time position/isn't anymore as water license is needed. He knows a couple interested that can operate equipment. But he is concerned manpower needed for snow plowing. Mayor Dewey stated there are two individuals who offered to help and was discussed in previous meetings.

#### **AUDIT CLAIMS**

- Abstract # 4 FY 24.25 ~ September 2024
  - General Fund \$ 50,644.88
  - Sewer Fund \$ 3,904.50

**A motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve the Abstract #4, September 2024 as submitted. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS**

- Special Meeting – September 23, 2024 at 6:30pm. – Nuisance Law
- Tuesday – October 8, 2024: Monthly Meeting ~ 6:30pm

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Dennison to adjourn the meeting. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*JoAnn Bielkiewicz*

Recording Secretary.