

Present: Mayor: James Cheney
Trustee: Brian Hemminger Trustee: Joe DeBrock
Trustee: Howard Hughson Trustee: Greg DeRuyter

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer: Jill Seifert; DPW Superintendent: Ken McAllister, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Melissa Westfall; WWTP Operator: Adam Lotyczewski; Code Enforcement Officer: Jim Murphy; Police Chief: John Storer & Fire Chief: Ron Nieskes.

Public: Scott Lord, Chris Howard, Roger Westerman, Debbie Fisher, Larry Williamson, David Gruschow & Michael Cheney

Mayor Cheney opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Cheney invited Scott Lord to address the Board. Scott is attending the meeting to express his frustration regarding garbage on his property located behind the North side of Main Street. Due to other peoples dumpsters being on his property this has caused an accumulation of mattresses, couches, chairs, t.v.'s etc; he has received multiple violation notices from the Village. Recently, he has marked off his property line with orange paint; moved said dumpsters to the far Northwest corner of the municipal parking lot, disposed of the accumulated furniture at his own expense (\$500.00) and parked his brother's registered motor home on his property line. Scott indicated that this will be the last time he cleans up the mess and strongly suggests the Village and the other property owners come up with a plan of some sort. In addition, Scott feels that the dog feces that are all over the grassy area at the entrance to the municipal parking and on his property (bushes along 116 Main Street) need to be addressed. Chris Howard responded; acknowledging that one of the dumpsters is his for his tenants and while sometimes it is his tenants leaving furniture and debris behind when they move out, he has paid for disposal of accumulated items multiple times himself. Chris indicated that the Astoria Restaurant has moved their dumpster onto the only space available for Chris's on his father's (Ray Howard) property. While he doesn't know what the solution is, he is informing his tenants that security cameras are being installed and that fines will be applicable. Mayor Cheney interjected that this has been discussed previously, with the Village holding a meeting and suggestions of a fenced in area for dumpsters being proposed. The Village will hold a meeting for the property owners to hopefully facilitate a solution.

Scott continued with his next topic of discussion; he has an opportunity to sell the building located at 120 Main Street which housed Weslor prior to them relocating to Lyons. Scott indicated that he feels the variances issued for the manufacturing business (welding) and retail sales (welding supplies) back in 1990 & 1991 should be applicable to the use being proposed by the potential buyer (service fire trucks & equipment, sale of fire trucks, fire apparatus & turnout gear etc, embroidery of jackets etc, office space for the same) and that the buyer should not be required to appeal to the Zoning Board and Planning Boards. Currently, this application is on the Zoning Board's schedule for February as the applicant missed the January meeting cutoff date. Scott indicated that when the zoning changed to Business & Office (B-O) he was assured that this change would not prevent him from selling this property for what the building was intended for; Mayor Cheney responded that the manufacturing variance has remained with the building as was discussed at the time. Further discussion followed between Mayor Cheney, Scott, Jim Murphy and Debbie Fisher; with Scott, Deb and Roger leaving the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Cheney asked the remaining public if they had any business to discuss with the Board prior to continuing the meeting. Larry Williamson (Halco Representative) is here to report immense growth within Halco and the services it now offers; wants everyone to be aware of the programs that are available to homeowners to insulate, replace furnaces etc all offered following a NYSERDA energy audit which takes roughly 3 hours. If he can be of any service please contact him, packets available; energy costs are not going to decrease.

REPORTS:

Police: 1. December reports – Busy month; John indicated that Dave Frasca is back working often. Mayor Cheney indicated that he has a loose ticket that was given to him that needs to be returned to the Police Dept.; apparently it blew off of a vehicle.
2. January schedule.
3. Court fees - \$15 for November.

8 Banta Street: 1. Briefly discussed issues with toilets and furnaces.

DPW, WWTP & Water:

1. December report: no questions. Ken indicated that the redundancy he was hoping to build into the lift stations is done, shipped out the pumps to be rebuilt, soon the plant will be in a more secure place in case of emergencies/failures. Presented pictures of truss damage to digesters roof, faulty design and/or long term neglect; will need substantial repairs and should be budgeted for.
2. Tractor Insurance Claim – Jill and Mike from Selective keep missing each other's calls; per Mayor Cheney, get Frank involved if need be.
3. NYS DOT – Shared service agreement; received a request to sign an annual agreement. Per Ken and Jill's conversation with Greg Kerrick, Resident Engineer at Newark Office of DOT; area municipalities have been doing this with the local DOT offices for years, and Albany now wants a paper trail. Greg indicated we could sign it or not as he sees it being reworked sometime in the future. Motion by Trustee DeBrock, 2nd by Trustee Hemminger and unanimously carried authorizing Ken McAllister, DPW Superintendent to sign on the Village's behalf.

- 4. Street Sweeper – As discussed in recent emails, Mayor Cheney was approached by Clifton Springs Village Trustee Dan Blondell about the possibility of purchasing a Street Sweeper with them. Ken indicated that he and Jason Lannon (DPW Superintendent) have been talking about this for a few years but with an entirely different plan; Ken and Jason have discussed a \$10,000 - \$15,000 5 year contract for street sweeping 3-4 times each year. Clifton currently sweeps Main Street for us just prior to Sauerkraut Weekend. Ken feels that the first couple of sweeps of the entire Village will be the most time consuming but after that it will be more of a maintenance type thing. The Board is ok with Ken and Jim discussing this option with Dan.

Redfield Park: 1. Nothing to report.

Crooked Bridge Park:

- 1. Millstone – base pieces are ready to be welded together; need some input about the size and color of the plaque(s) prior to powder coating.

Code Enfmt: 1. December reports: no questions. Jim has finished three year cycle of dwelling unit inspections.

Fire Department:

- 1. December report – No questions.
- 2. Annual report – No questions.
- 3. 2015 Year End Captains Equipment Report – No questions.

YP&R Comm: 1. Greg indicated that we need to look for a replacement for Mary dePorter. As Mayor Cheney informed the Board last month, Greg is gathering information regarding splitting up the summer recreation duties and the yearlong event duties of YPR Recreation Leader, perhaps having Sarah & BDTC handle the yearlong events and hiring someone or contracting with PCC to run summer recreation.

Treasurer Rpt: 1. December report – Briefly discussed sewer rent being down from budgeted amount; the new rate went into effect in November instead of August, this would be the roughly \$4,000 difference.

Minutes: 1. Minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular meeting – Motion by Trustee Hughson, 2nd by Trustee Hemminger, and carried accepting the minutes as modified; with Trustee DeRuyter abstaining.

Correspondence:

- 1. Time Warner Cable – 12/16/15 & 01/06/16 - Station & technical changes.
- 2. Thank you letter – County Administrator Mary Krause expressed her thanks to the Village for its help with the radio system deployment at the Mary Street Water Town site.

New Discussion:

- 1. Interstate Refrigerant Recovery / Union Scrap Metal – Jill reported that the amount paid for scrap in the last year would have paid for the expense of the refrigerant removal; Ken cautioned the Board that breaking even or making money on this program would be based solely on a volatile market. Motion by Trustee DeBrock, 2nd by Trustee Hughson and carried to continue this program with Interstate Refrigerant and Union Scrap while removing Casella’s from the equation. Jill to contact the involved parties.
- 2. Street Sweeper – discussed previously.
- 3. Mayor’s appointment of Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics; Motion by Trustee Hemminger, 2nd by Trustee DeRuyter and carried accepting Mayor Cheney’s recommendation of appointment of Linda B. Nieskes, Registrar and Peggy Scharett, Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

4. RESOLUTION #1 – 2016

Motion offered by Trustee Hemminger; 2nd by Trustee DeRuyter:

STATING THE POLLING PLACE AND THE HOURS POLLS WILL BE OPEN FOR THE MARCH 15, 2016 VILLAGE ELECTION

The Board of Trustees wishes to state the polling place and the hours the polls will be open for the March 15, 2016 Village election;

WHEREAS, the Village Meeting Room at 8 Banta Street, will be available;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Phelps, authorizes as follows: The next General Village Election for offices will be held on March 15, 2016. The Village Board of Trustees hereby designates the Village Meeting Room, 8 Banta Street, Phelps, NY, as the polling place, and the hours of the election will be from 12:00 noon until 9:00 PM.

		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor:	Jim Cheney	XX	_____
Trustee:	Joe DeBrock	XX	_____
Trustee:	Brian Hemminger	XX	_____
Trustee:	Greg DeRuyter	XX	_____
Trustee:	Howard Hughson	XX	_____

5. RESOLUTION #2 – 2016

Motion offered by Trustee DeRuyter, 2nd by Trustee Hughson:

APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS FOR THE MARCH 15, 2016 VILLAGE ELECTION

The Board of Trustees wishes to appoint the following inspectors for the March 15, 2016 Village Election:

WHEREAS, Chairperson Mary Jane Bree, Carol DeBrock and Theresa Ross (alternate) are willing to be appointed as Inspectors at a rate of \$9.50/hr;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Phelps, authorizes the above appointments and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees, that if Mary Jane Bree is unable to be an inspector, Carol DeBrock would become Chairperson, and Theresa Ross would become an inspector.

		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor:	Jim Cheney	XX	_____
Trustee:	Joe DeBrock	abstains	_____
Trustee:	Brian Hemminger	XX	_____
Trustee:	Greg DeRuyter	XX	_____
Trustee:	Howard Hughson	XX	_____

- Old Discussion:
1. Crosswalk at PCC/Old Mill.
 3. Parking Code.
 4. BDTTC Room Rental – Greg reviewing.

Transfers: None.

Vouchers: Motion by Trustee DeRuyter, 2nd by Trustee Hughson and carried to pay the following vouchers as presented.

Abstr#08	General	Ck #'s: 14463 – 14513	In the amount of:	\$ 24,873.57
Abstr#08	Water	Ck #'s: 10975 – 10983	In the amount of:	\$ 1,153.68
Abstr#08	Sewer	Ck #'s: 11551 – 11568	In the amount of:	\$ 35,303.40

Adjournment: 8:50PM: Motion by Trustee DeBrock, 2nd by Trustee DeRuyter and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill K. Seifert
Clerk/Treasurer