

**Village of Afton**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY**  
**June 12, 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 12, 2023 in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm, by Mayor Dedman.

**Present:** Mayor Dedman, Trustee D. Lawrence, Trustee Humphrey, Trustee Winans, Trustee T. Lawrence, DPW Supervisor DeBetta and Village Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Butler.

**Absent:** Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier and Officer in Charge Stanko.

**Visitors:** Donald Ouimet, Linda Matthews, Susan Weibel, Susan Wainwright and Keegan Winans.

- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers. Seconded by Trustee Winans.  
All in favor, motion passed.

**General Fund Voucher's # 1 - 30, totaling \$43,896.76.**

**Water Fund Voucher's # 1 – 11, totaling \$2,788.45.**

- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or correction, made by Trustee Humphrey.  
Seconded by Trustee T. Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.

**Monthly Report:**

- DPW/ Water: DPW Supervisor DeBetta informed the Village Board of Trustees that he has contacted the tree removal service to obtain estimates. The DPW crew attended a water class in Sidney, last week. A line painter was purchased for the village streets. The crew has been working on updating sidewalks on Spring Street. Discussions were had on the charges to residents for un-mowed properties, which are mowed by the DPW crew. The DPW Supervisor, when possible will try to contact residents of sidewalk repairs that may be done in front of their homes as a courtesy.
- Police Department. Report distributed.
- Code Enforcement: Report distributed, read aloud by Code Enforcement Officer Butler. Mr. Butler informed the Village Board of Trustees that he had reached out to the Code Officer in Greene to gather information about village violations and the issuing of appearance tickets. He was able to get a supply of door tags from the Code Enforcement Officer in Sidney. The village will be looking into acquiring them for Mr. Butler for placement as needed for any possible violations.
- Planning Board: Trustees Humphrey informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Planning Board had held their Organizational Meeting. The Planning Board had discussions of the propane filling station for Buell's Fuel, located at 214 Main Street. It was stated that a propane filling station is safer than pumping gas into your car. Buell's Fuel ensures that all employees are properly trained, currently they have

obtained a permit from Chenango County allowing them to fill propane tanks. The Planning Board voted unanimously to allow for Buell's Fuel to move forward with a propane filling station at this location.

- Finance/Insurance: Remains the same.
- 4 Towns Forward: No report.
- Historian Report: Report distributed.
- Dog Control Officer: - No report.
- Afton Central School – No representative.

#### **Old Business:**

- Discussion of meeting procedures and election poll watchers is an ongoing, as more information is gathered.
- Discussion of Norfolk Southern Corporation Lease Agreement, is ongoing as communications continue.
- Discussion of proposed fence code, has been sent to the attorney for review before moving forward.

#### **New Business:**

- A motion made by Trustee D. Lawrence to move a total of \$1276.67 from (8340.44- Building Maintenance) out of Water Budget for the following Budget Appropriations:  
(8310.11 – Clerk Treasurer –for \$604.65).  
(8310.43 – Association Dues – for \$29.00).  
(8340.11 – Superintendent – for \$377.42).  
(8340.12 – Employees Salary – for \$265.60).  
Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to move a total of \$509.80 from (A5110.41– Street Maintenance, Contractual) out of General Budget for the following Budget Appropriations:  
(A5110.20 – Equipment/vehicle Repair & Maintenance – for \$90.31).  
(A5110.42 – Material for Road Repair / Signs – for \$78.01).  
(A5110.43 – Fuel & Diesel – for \$47.79).  
(A5410.40 – Sidewalks – for \$293.69).  
Seconded by Trustee Winans. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to move a total of \$398.40 from (A5011.12– Street Maintenance, Personal Wages Overtime) out of General Budget for the following Budget Appropriations:  
(A5110.10 – Street Maintenance Personal Services – for \$398.40).  
Seconded by Trustee T. Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to move a total of \$138.10 from (A5011.12– Street Maintenance, Personal Wages Overtime) out of General Budget for the following Budget Appropriations:  
(A5010.10– Supervisor Personal Services – for \$138.10).  
Seconded by Trustee D. Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.

- A motion made by Trustee Winans to move a total of \$303.60 from (A5110.47– Misc./Sup./ Training) out of General Budget for the following Budget Appropriations: (A5010.10– Supervisor Personal Services – for \$303.60). Seconded by Trustee T. Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee D. Lawrence to move a total of \$123.20 from (A5110.41– Street Maintenance, Contractual) out of General Budget for the following Budget Appropriations: (A5010.10– Supervisor Personal Services – for \$123.20). Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee T. Lawrence to move a total of \$1.29 from (A8560.40– Street Maintenance, Tree Removal) out of General Budget for the following Budget Appropriations: (A5010.10– Supervisor Personal Services – for \$1.29). Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee D. Lawrence to move a total of \$748.00 from (A1920.40 – Municipal Dues) out of General Budget for the following Budget Appropriations: (A1325.11 – Clerk Treasurer Personal Service – for \$748.00). Seconded by Trustee Winans. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to move a total of \$98.00 from (A6410.40– Publicity Contractual) out of General Budget for the following Budget Appropriations: (A1325.11 – Clerk Treasurer Personal Service – for \$98.00). Seconded by Trustee T. Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee T. Lawrence to close out the 2022 /2023 budget, forward any remaining balances over to the new 2023 /2024 budget to continue bill pay. Seconded by Trustee Winans. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to close office on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in observation of Independence Day. Seconded by Trustee Winans. All in favor, motion passed.
- Trustee T. Lawrence informed the Village Board of Trustees that he is in possession of a 275 gallon tank that could be donated to the Glenwood Cemetery for the potential used to hold water for the purpose of watering the plant vegetation. DPW Supervisor DeBetta could place a spicket and possibly fill it one to two times a month. The placement of the tank, would be pending approval and discussion with the Cemetery Association.
- Trustee T. Lawrence informed the Village Board of Trustees that he’s in the process of putting together a U10 baseball tournament, he will be using Davey’s Field for the tournament. He would like to utilize the Youth Sports budget line within the village budget appropriation, providing he is submitting the billing receipts for reimbursement. The tournament is planned for the first week in August and expected to last one to two days. He will be carrying his own insurance policy for the event.

### **Recognition of Visitors:**

- Visitor Donald Ouimet informed the Village Board of Trustees and those in attendance that our Town / Village Historian, Kathy Ouimet has had a new book published on the East Side Cemetery. She has copies available for those who are interested.

- Visitor Susan Weibel inquired about the length of the grass on the un-mowed lawns, before a notice is sent to the land owner. She asked about the fence code as well, as she is thinking of placing a fence on her property. Code Enforcement Office Butler, stated that he'd come take a look at it.
- Visitor Linda Matthews informed the Village Board of Trustees that she and Mr. Gerry Matthews can supply the village board with information from the County regarding poll watchers, as they have the up to date information.
- Code Enforcement Office Butler asked the Village Board of Trustees about the boat ramp, are there any plans to update or relocate the current boat ramp. Mr. Butler was informed that any decisions would involve the DEC.
- Trustee T. Lawrence brought up the discussion of a walking trail. He expressed that if the DPW Supervisor could get some millings from the town, perhaps they could use them to build a walking trail on the village property behind the well house. Trustee T. Lawrence indicated that he would reach out to the Park Committee to discuss the walking trail.
- Visitor Susan Wainwright expressed her concern over the sidewalks located at the Afton Edge Apartments. DPW Supervisor DeBetta will look at that this location.
- Mayor Dedman expressed that he is looking to form a committee to organize the Memorial Day Parade. The idea is to stagger the time frame of the parades from town to town.
- A motion made by Trustee Humphrey to enter into executive session at 8:14 pm to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Trustee Winans. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee T. Lawrence to exit executive session at 8:32 pm. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Humphrey to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:34 pm. Seconded by Trustee Winans. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trustee D. Lawrence