### Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Caleb Sweet Trustee Brian Borchik Trustee Danny Dunn Trustee Paul Griser Absent Trustee David Pendergast Sergeant Dan Ferazzoli Village Clerk Roxanne Demo Administrator James Lynch Absent Attorney Jeff Schiano

7 Public in Attendance

Mayor Sweet began the Board Meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M.

## **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor Sweet stated as you may know last week we had the honor of receiving a grant from NYS and we hope to put that to good use. Mayor Sweet said March 10<sup>th</sup> the Albany crew will be coming in. Trustee Borchik had nothing. Trustee Dunn had nothing.

Trustee Griser said the winter newsletter is complete.

#### Departments

Sergeant Ferazzoli handed out the police calls for service stats for February 8 – 20, 2023. Ferazzoli said still maintaining high visibility in the school zones. He said that the local law needs to be updated regarding blocking fire hydrants. He also stated that Albany has new standards for hiring, and policy on official misconduct, he and Chief have been working on implementing some new policy, reporting of misconduct and new hiring standards, background check. We are good on reporting that.

Administrator Lynch spoke about the justice court office has been cleaned out, the historical office has been moved into an office off the auditorium, it's been painted and new carpet tile put in. Lynch said that DPW Jim Reinhardt's last day is February 28<sup>th</sup> and if anyone is interested we'll be taking him to lunch and if you'd like to join us he will let everyone know the date and time. Lynch spoke about the NY Forward Grant, now that we've been awarded this grant we'll be assigned a team from Albany from the Governor's office to put together some strategic investment planning to move forward with our projects or change it up or add to it or whatever, and this will take about a year. We'll build a village committee with residents, business owners, the board, himself and Roxanne. It's exciting! We'll have our grant writer Kristy LaManche come in after the fiscal year to update us on existing grants and we will get organized and up to date with each project. We have DOT sidewalk grant also. We are still waiting on the money for our pond grant.

We had the leak detection team from OCWA come in. They come in around 3:00am when there's less traffic and they have detected around six locations, one is on Main Street by Pine Street and that has been repaired, also one on Jay Lane that the owner quickly had repaired, we're making progress on the water issue. A representative from Master Meter is looking to calibrate our master meter at the pump station to make sure we're getting charged correctly for usage.

## Abstract

Abstract #24 dated February 21, 2023 in the amount of \$113,447.41. Trustee Griser made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 783-803 water fund vouchers 782-801; sewer fund vouchers 789-803; library fund vouchers 152-158 and trust and agency fund vouchers 197-201, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Dunn to approve meeting minutes from February 7, 2023 seconded by, Trustee Borchik, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

Donna Peters is not able to work the village election, motion to appoint election inspector Bonnie Frawley for Village Election on March 21, 2023 was made by Trustee Borchik, seconded by Trustee Dunn, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Facility Use – March 18, 2023 for Ralph Lybolt from 3-7pm – motion was made by Trustee Borchik to approve and to waive the fee, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

# **Public Comments**

Stacey Lawson 35 Jefferson Street had questions for the board regarding the NY Forward Grant and small business grants.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:23pm, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Roxanne Demo Village of Phoenix Clerk/Treasurer