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Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present:	Mayor Brian Borchik	Absent Sergeant Dan Ferazzoli
	Absent Trustee Paul Griser	Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
	Trustee Jeff Koegel	Administrator James Lynch
	Trustee David Pendergast	Attorney Jeffrey Schiano
	Trustee Sally Woolson	

11 Public in Attendance

Mayor Borchik began the Board Meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 P.M.

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor Borchik said that Sergeant Ferazzoli is not here tonight, he's actively searching for the lost child in the Auburn area and Chief Nerber is in training.

Mayor Borchik reported that on June 1, 2023 Administrator Lynch and Kristy LaManche reviewed the list of firms that submitted proposals through the NYS County Highway Superintendents Association Local Design Services Agreement. The top three firms that were reviewed more closely were Stantec, Fisher and C&S. All three of these firms have experience working with DOT-funded crosswalk and sidewalk programs; however, Stantec has some experience working with the Village. On July 19, 2023 Administrator Lynch received confirmation from NYS DOT (Matt Kelly) that the Village could select Stantec without creating a conflict due to Stantec's involvement in the Village's NY Forward program also on August 2, 2023 Administrator Lynch, Kristy LaManche and Mayor Borchik discussed the NYS DOT grant and the selection of Stantec. All agreed Stantec would be the best choice.

Mayor Borchik would like to formally designate Administrator Lynch as the Project Manager and authorize Lynch, as Project Manager, to prepare the scope of services to provide to Stantec so that they can prepare a proposal.

Mayor Borchik stated he's had the idea of a Phoenix Flag, an official flag that we adopt for the village, an article asking for ideas will be in the next newsletter. A form will be on our website.

Borchik said that Sergeant Ferazzoli asked him to cover, they had coffee with a cop and the kids. Senator Mannion and a couple of his staff came and gave a speech recognizing the program to Cathy Lee and the Bridge House Brats. Ferazzoli felt that the first court date went well, starting next month there will be a school zone safety blitz, he's asked the police department to do some sort of safety initiative every month.

The last week of this month our SRO's will be attending a weeklong conference in Syracuse.

Trustee Griser said the newsletter is ready to go out. The logo for the 175th anniversary of the village is ready, and will be promoted at Locktoberfest with t-shirts, mugs, stickers, hats, etc.

Trustee Pendergast asked about putting the firebird in the logo. Pendergast asked to go into Executive Session for a personnel issue.

Trustee Woolson had nothing.

Trustee Koegel had nothing.

Department Comments

Administrator Lynch

Administrator Lynch said the County is here grinding, paving will begin on Chestnut Street from railroad tracks

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to State Street and Cherry Street from Chestnut to Lock Street. Lynch reached out to a title company for the foster well property, their quote came in high. Attorney Schiano will provide some additional companies to contact. Lynch spoke about a village resident regarding the purchase of property behind their house that is village property. Lynch, the DPW, and village engineer Doug Miller had a meeting about the water usage on South Main St., there's a half dozen houses that are not metered, we've put in a meter pit, we would like to have a water district formed. We've also reached out to OCWA's leak detection team to locate the water leak.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Schiano provided the board with the resolution calling for a public hearing for local law #3 – Chapter 190 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”. Motion was made by Trustee Woolson to set the public hearing on September 5, 2023 at 6:50pm, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried. Attorney Schiano updated the board about the ongoing codes violation case that we've been dealing for some time now and hopefully has come to a resolution, the residence will be in compliance by September 6, 2023 that is the date the court has given.

Abstract

Abstract #12 dated August 15, 2023 in the amount of \$30,081.62. Trustee Woolson made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 317-359; water fund vouchers 328-356; sewer fund vouchers 328-360; library fund vouchers 73-80 and trust and agency fund vouchers 82-88, seconded by Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from August 1, 2023 was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Woolson aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried. Motion to approve the public hearing minutes from August 1, 2023 MS4 Annual Report was made by Trustee Woolson, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Facility Use for Justin Hart for the auditorium on September 10, 2023 from 2:30-4:30pm for a birthday party. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Woolson, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Danny Dunn 523 Main Street spoke about a crosswalk situation where a van almost hit someone. Danny asked how the first responder's memorial is coming. Trustee Woolson said the bricks are being done very shortly and then we'll plan to invite everyone down.

Paul Remington 14 Pine Street he'd like to know what we can do about the floods up there, there's a pole leaning now because of the water, he'd like to see something done with it. He's had backup of raw sewage in his basement.

Mark Locurcio 3 Pine Street said there's a large tree in front of his house and is asking about the status of his tree on the list. He also asked about putting mulch in basketball area instead of the small stone.

Larry Rawson 25 Volney St., he said on Volney there's a lot of speeders and school will be back in session soon. He asked about motorized scooters, are there any rules for them. Mayor Borchik said they need to obey traffic laws, he suggests you call 911 when you see something.

Margaret Sayles 91 Lock Street asked about the Dollar General. Borchik said the planning board has approved

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the project and the zoning board will meet on August 31st to approve a variance for the signage, they hope to start building in the next couple months and finished by this time next year.

Motion by Trustee Pendergast to move into executive session pursuant to open meeting laws. Matters leading to the employment history of a particular person or persons and also matters leading to the appointment, employment or promotion of a particular person or persons at 7:40pm, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Woolson aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to open the regular meeting at 8:42pm, seconded by Trustee Pendergast, Trustee Woolson aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:42pm, seconded by Trustee Woolson, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer