

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

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

4 Public in Attendance

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

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor Sweet said the Christmas tree lighting went off nicely a lot of people showed up. Trustee Pendergast asked if we'd be setting up the ice skating rink downtown at the park. Roxanne said I believe that skating will just be just at the pond.

Trustee Borchik said he had an update from Administrator Lynch, the state has contacted us for the grant that we received for the crosswalks it will now be discussed with a committee. He also asked about the Lysander sewer district. Attorney Schiano said it is not finalized yet, were waiting on revised language for the section "maintenance", the Town will still handle routine maintenance. Borchik said we have a hand full of houses that have flat fees for water, they're outside the village, we need to get them metered. Attorney Schiano will get together with Justin and our village engineer on a conference call. We've been invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Oswego County Federal Credit Union. Regarding the court, there will be a new court clerks office under the balcony. Motion was made by Trustee Borchik to approve up to \$2,000 from the contingency account A1990.400 to build the clerks court office, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Pendergast nay, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried. We have desks, filing cabinets and chairs that will be donated. There was discussion regarding making the building handicap accessible. Justin Hart has brought to his attention a possible potentially serious issue at the WWPT, tank built in 1978 is rotted to the point of no repair possible, John Kerfien is looking into pricing to have it rebuilt. Trustee Pendergast said there was talk some time ago of a having a third tank.

Borchik said at the next board meeting December 20th we'll have two officers receiving commendations along with two business owners. Borchik would like to amend the village parking law, current time is 2:00-6:00am no parking on the streets from November 1 to March 31, he would like to change it to 12:00-7:00am to provide advantage to the DPW to have more time to clean the roads. Motion was made by Trustee Borchik to set a public hearing to be held on December 20, 2022, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Griser spoke with Justin DPW and they would like to use surplus money for a cold patch storage building and tools. Motion was made by Trustee Griser to approve up to \$10,000, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried. Griser said preliminary discussions have started for the DPW's new contract, figures will be provided to the board shortly.

Andrew & Emily from Hive & Honey at 79 State Street introduced themselves to the board. They wanted to thank everyone for the generous donation of the gift cards to give out at the Christmas tree lighting. They have a full fledge salon, hair service, Emily an aesthetician, she does eye brows, eyelashes and Andrew is running the smoothie bar, teas, parfaits and snacks. He appreciates coming in to say hello to everybody.

Departments

Chief Nerber said on December 22nd we'll be having our CHOOSE event for our senior citizens.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Schiano we had the public hearing regarding amending out local law chapter 177 – 2 “Senior Citizens Exemption”, which provides a tax exemption for our senior citizens, it coincides with the county and the Town of Schroepel schedules in terms of the income vs valuation exempt from taxation. Motion to approve the local law was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried. Schiano said if we don't hear from Town of Lysander on the sewer agreement this week we'll send them a proposed draft.

Abstract

Abstract #19 dated December 6, 2022 in the amount of \$246,169.24. Trustee Borchik made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 620-654; water fund vouchers 618-641; sewer fund vouchers 617-649; library fund vouchers 122-126 and trust and agency fund vouchers 154-162, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to approve meeting minutes from November 22, 2022 seconded by, Trustee Pendergast, aye, Trustee Borchik aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Ratify phone poll taken on November 17, 2022 to approve the purchase of one crosswalk sign system in the amount of \$3,500, motion was made by Trustee Borchik, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Pendergast aye. Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Public Comments

Margaret Sayles 91 Lock Street when you talking about changing times for parking for the winter what would be the cost to change the signs. Borchik said it's minimal and it has been discussed. Margaret asked about the ribbon cutting for the opening. It will be on December 13th at 11:00am. She was on the corner of Lock & Main at the crosswalk and 22 vehicles went past her not stopping.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45pm, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer