

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Brian Borchik
Trustee Paul Griser
Trustee Ron Hartner II
Trustee Jeff Koegel
Absent Trustee David Pendergast
Chief Marty Nerber
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
Absent Administrator James Lynch
Attorney Jeffrey Schiano

1 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 he knows that the trustees and Lynch are putting some ideas together for the eclipse, they will be putting additional troopers in the village on that day as they are expecting a lot of people coming in. Regarding the flag, we're two meetings into this and no one has shown up, the majority of the people did like one design, a handful of people on social media didn't, but they aren't here and everybody has had a chance for input for 6 months or more now. He asked the board for their opinions. Trustee Griser said he'd like to present additional looks, there were a lot of votes for one of the designs, he also said that Administrator Lynch has provided some additional ideas. Trustee Hartner said either way he'd like to get support with it, maybe have a committee with people in the village and come up with their ideas and then we can vote on that. Trustee Koegel said I guess work on it a little bit, but not too long, like you said there's no one here tonight to even discuss it.

Trustee Griser had nothing.

Trustee Hartner had nothing.

Trustee Koegel asked about the telephone poles that are to be removed. Mayor Borchik received a phone call a couple weeks ago that all the remaining poles have been surveyed and orders have gone out, they have 30 days, hopefully by April it should be completed, fingers crossed it's only been 20 years in the making.

Department Comments

Chief Nerber spoke to emergency management for the eclipse, they'll hand out glasses but only to police, fire, EMS. Chief also said you'll notice it's been quiet, the car thieves have been arrested. Trustee Koegel said that Mary Ellen Chesbro was at our meeting on January 16th and said he county will be handing out glasses for the eclipse.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Schiano reported that the proposed election ballot that Roxanne sent over looks fine. We will have two spots for a two year term and one spot for a one year term. The one year term will be strictly a write-in vote.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to approve a resolution to grant the Mayor the authority to sign a building permit after Codes Officer Lynch has approved the permit but is not here to sign it, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Trustee Koegel aye. Motion approved.

Abstract

Abstract #24 dated February 20, 2024 in the amount of \$91,261.86. Trustee Koegel made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 713-748; water fund vouchers 717-745; sewer fund vouchers 717-745; library fund vouchers 157-160 and trust and agency fund vouchers 203-208, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from February 6, 2024 was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Facility Use request for the auditorium from Stephanie Powell March 3, 2024 from 12:00-5:00pm for a birthday party, facility use Chandra Paskell March 9, 10 & 23, 2024 12:30-5:00pm Easter Bunny Photos. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Koegel, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Borchik updated the board that Ron Johst has resigned from Chairman of the Planning Board which he has accepted and would like to be a planning board member, he would like to appoint Ron Johst for a 5 year term as a member, and appoint Doug Deeb as Chairman of the Planning board for the remainder of Ron's term which expires on December 17, 2024.

Public Comments

Steve McBurnie 50 Spring Street is going to run for the one year term for Trustee as a write-in.

Motion was made by Trustee Koegel to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:18pm, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer