

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 16, 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

Sergeant Dan Ferazzoli  
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo  
Administrator James Lynch  
Attorney Jeffrey Schiano

7 Public in Attendance

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

### **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor Borchik asked for a motion to approve Local Law #1 – 2024 Tax Cap, motion was made by Trustee Koegel, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Borchik asked for a motion to approve Local Law #2 – 2024 Volunteer Fireman’s and Volunteer Ambulance Exemption, motion was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Borchik asked for a motion to approve the 2024-25 budget with a tax increase of \$1.00 per thousand, motion was made by Trustee Koegel, seconded by Hartner, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Griser made motion to approve the resolution establishing the polling location and hours of voting for Village Elections on March 19, 2024 from 12 noon to 9pm at the Enterprise Fire Department 457 Main St. Phoenix, NY, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Griser reached out to Judge Godkin to see how they’re doing, Judge Godkin said he is appreciative of the support from the Mayor, the board, DPW and Jim Lynch for all their support and assistance to get them up and running. He also has spoken with DPW Justin Hart, so far it’s been a mild winter and they’re good so far. The flag is ready to go and it can go out on the website and social media to make their selection.

Trustee Hartner went with Administrator Lynch around the village and it was informative. He’s picked up the package for the first memorial bricks.

Trustee Koegel thanked Sergeant Ferazzoli and the police department for additional patrols around the schools.

### **Department Comments**

#### **Sergeant Ferazzoli**

Sergeant Ferazzoli handed out the calls from January 2-January 16. He reported that there has been an increase of larcenies of vehicles, he reminded everyone keep your car doors locked any don’t leave any valuables in the car. The suspects are just taking what they can carry, the police department is following up on tips they’ve received. Ferazzoli has received a letter of resignation from Officer Maynard, he and Chief will be getting together to do a recruitment drive. Mayor Borchik continues to offer installing ring cameras for residents that have purchased them.

#### **Administrator Lynch**

Administrator Lynch asked the board if they want to move forward with selling the property on Co. Rt. 12 where the old Foster well was. The board approved to move forward. The Consolidated Funding Application “CFA” next

round is coming up in the next 6 months, don't hesitate to reach out to him or Kristy LaManche, if you have any ideas, once that application is available we should try to have our ideas on paper. On April 8<sup>th</sup> is the solar eclipse, we should plan to have something on the island, if the board has any ideas let him know. Lynch let the board know from his list he provides the board each meeting to please reach out if they have any questions or updates. Mayor did speak with the assessor and he's dealt with all the issues that he and Administrator Lynch have brought up.

### **Attorney Comments**

Attorney Schiano said he'll begin the process of selling the property at the Foster well in terms of deeming it as surplus property.

### **Abstract**

Abstract #22 dated January 16, 2024 in the amount of \$132,949.45. Trustee Koegel made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 650-679; water fund vouchers 651-679; sewer fund vouchers 651-679; library fund vouchers 143-148 and trust and agency fund vouchers 183-187, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 2, 2024 was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Facility Use requests for the auditorium from Marilee Gorton, February 3, 2024 12-5pm baby shower, Jacquelyn Grant, February 17, 2024 4-8pm birthday party, Jacquelyn Grant, February 18, 2024 8am-3pm baby shower, Desiree Perkins, February 24, 2024 1-3pm birthday party and use of Henley Park from Cherie Shaw, July 9, 2024 10:30-3:00pm picnic, motion to approve was made by Trustee Koegel, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

### **Public Comments**

Justin Engle 4 Chestnut Street has experienced a lot of water runoff, he has found a pipe on his property once the river was low enough that runs into the river, he wants to know who owns the pipe and who maintains it. Lynch said with speaking with the county and our DPW they believe we cannot go on private property, we will help with a culvert pipe but anything that's on the owners property is their responsibility. Attorney Schiano stated that if there is no easement on the property it belongs to the owner. He will look into it further to see if we have any authority to do anything.

Motion was made by Trustee Griser to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:27pm, seconded by Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer