

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present:	Mayor Brian Borchik	Chief Marty Nerber
	Trustee Jeffrey Koegel	Deputy Clerk Laura V Gonzalez
	Trustee Ronald Hartner II	Administrator James Lynch
	Trustee Jennifer Maxam	Absent Attorney Jeffrey Schiano
	Trustee Steven McBurnie	

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Mayor Borchik began the Board Meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00

### **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor Borchik asked the board if they were able to review the handbook and if they had any suggestions of anything that needs to be changed. Trustee McBurnie said that the only question he had was where the employee has to reimburse the Village if selected for jury duty, Mayor is going to look into this. Trustee Maxam, Trustee Koegel, and Trustee Hartner had no suggestions. Mayor said that Administrator Lynch had a couple of things regarding this matter, Mayor said that the possible changes are going to be presented at the next board meeting. Mayor also said that he was contacted from the Department of State regarding NY Forward Grant, the Village should be getting a letter with an outline from the Secretary of the State, contracts probably will be received during the fall which will have to be reviewed by the attorney and sign them, and after this we will begin the policy of getting quotes. He also was told that construction could potentially start as earlier as next spring.

Trustee McBurnie reported that this weekend is the benefit for Nico at the VFW from 12:00pm-5:00pm, also there will be motorcycle ride. The benefit is to raise funds for a handicap accessible van.

Trustee Maxam said that last Friday she attended Music in the Park and was a great turn out. The shed setup is working well, but she noticed that some kids were there after hours. Since there is an electrical box in the shed, she suggested to put a sign to keep kids away from it after hours.

Trustee Koegel said that Danny Dunn approached him regarding the Fire Sign being moved from where the fire originated. Mayor stated that he was not aware that the sign was moved and asked for some input, Administrator Lynch said that the Village's thoughts, when the pocket park was developed between the buildings of Laundromat and Larkins, were that more people congregate at this location. Mayor said that if the board does not like where it is located they can have a discussion.

Trustee Hartner had nothing.

### **Department Comments**

Chief Nerber said that he would like to see a great turn out for Nico's benefit. Chief said that recently there was some rumors due to some people getting overly involved and spreading those rumors at Henley Park. Chief said if you hear anything call 911. Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for the morning of August 4, 2024 at Henley Park's pavilion. Chief also brought up the issue of fishing on the docks, there is a local law regarding this and he believes that if the Village is going to enforce the law the

Village should update and include the law in the signage. Administrator Lynch said that the Village should designate a spot for people to be able to fish.

Administrator Lynch said that at the last meeting he gave information regarding Pro-Housing resolution, this resolution is to score high for future grants. He asked mayor if this could be brought up at our next Board meeting. He also said that at the last Conference of Mayors the speaker from the CNY Regional Development presented possible grant opportunities for Villages that are classified as Clean Energy Communities. The Village of Phoenix classifies as a Clean Energy Community, we need one more bench mark to get a \$10,000 grant. The Village of Phoenix is in the process of fulfilling the bench mark by doing a fleet inventory between the DPW and the Police Department. After the inventory is performed, Administrator Lynch will present the Board with eligible projects that the Village can do. Also, the next Conference of Mayors is August 15, 2024 at the Tavern on the Lock, Administrator Lynch asked the Board to confirm their presence. Lynch also said that grinding and the paving of State St and Cherry St will be done by Barrett Paving was scheduled for July 7, however, they are running behind their schedule but hopefully they will start anytime soon.

### **Abstract**

Abstract #10 dated July 16, 2024 in the amount of \$76,816.39. Trustee McBurnie made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 261-299; water fund vouchers 270-298; sewer fund vouchers 270-298; library fund vouchers 59-72 and trust and agency fund vouchers 60-67, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes July 2, 2024 was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Koegel abstain, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

### **Public Comments**

Donna Dates, 11 Cherry Street, enquired regarding the grant funding workshop that was postponed back in June. She asked if the Board has a new date. Mayor said he sent an email to our grant writer and probably the workshop will be before a board meeting in September.

Larry Rawson, 25 Volney Street, asked the board regarding the grant workshop. He also asked the Board for an update on the Library status, and when the Village is going to make a decision. Mayor Borchik explained that we are waiting on the library to make a decision whether they want to be a municipal library or a free association library.

Mayor Borchik asked resident Danny Dunn if he has any update for the commemoration of Trooper Emerson Dillon on October 24. Mr. Dunn said that he is in touch with the family and will get back to us once the family makes a final decision regarding the wording.

Motion was made by Trustee McBurnie to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:43 pm, seconded by Trustee Maxam aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura V Gonzalez  
Village of Phoenix  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer