

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present: Mayor Caleb Sweet
Trustee Brian Borchik
Trustee Danny Dunn
Trustee Paul Griser
Trustee David Pendergast
Sergeant Dan Ferazzoli
Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
Administrator James Lynch
Attorney Jeffrey Schiano

14 Public in Attendance

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

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Mayor Sweet had nothing.

Trustee Borchik as police department liaison you know we've had issues with police coverage. We've come up with some incentives that Sergeant Ferazzoli will speak about that should alleviate our coverage issues.

Trustee Dunn is still getting complaints for potholes.

Trustee Griser said we had a picnic with the staff and had a nice little get together, hoping to maybe do that again in the fall.

Trustee Pendergast asked Attorney Schiano about the fees from the Town Court. Schiano said generally it's a contractual agreement, is there a contract in place, that's what we need to find out. Schiano is working on the Village court, he's reached out to NYCOM and they're going to help us out.

Departments

Sergeant Ferazzoli handed out June 2022 calls report. Ferazzoli approached the board regarding the scheduling concerns and presented some preliminary salary and AFLAC options to incentivize our current employees for providing additional coverage.

Administrator Lynch told the board that the radar signs have been ordered. The boater donations for dock usage has been positive so far. Attorney Schiano is working with Windstream on deeding property for 1st Responders park. Lynch announced that we received a \$500,000 grant from NYS DOT for Phoenix pedestrian improvements.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Schiano handed out to the board a draft agreement for the West Phoenix Sewer District.

Abstract

Abstract #9 dated July 5, 2022 in the amount of \$49,429.85. Trustee Griser made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 276-298; water fund vouchers 278-298; sewer fund vouchers 278-298; library fund vouchers 58-65 and trust and agency fund vouchers 53-61, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Dunn to approve meeting minutes from June 21, 2022 seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Borchik aye, Trustee Pendergast aye, aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Ratify phone poll taken on June 22, 2002 for the purchase of a jack hammer for the backhoe, Trustee

Griser made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Dunn aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Public Comments

Rebecca Shearer 20 Kent Street addressed the board regarding the chicken law and her notice from Code Enforcement regarding a neighbor complaint.

Tina Bennett 21 State Street commented on the DOT Grant, provided opinions on Police Department issues and addressed the board about a cat issue that she has in her backyard.

Mike Henry 1 Jay Lane has a concern regarding a particular flag at the docks downtown, the yellow “don’t tread on me” flag, unfortunately that flag is a controversial one, and the meaning of that flag has changed. He asked the board to consider removing this particular flag.

John Halstead 73 Lock Street thanked the police department, Jim Lynch and board for all they do. He suggests in the next village newsletter you could put hints for keeping cats out of your yard, certain plants etc.

Motion to go into executive session was made by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Borchik, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion to open executive session at 8:30pm was made by Trustee Pendergast, seconded by Trustee Dunn, Trustee Borchik aye, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion to close executive session at 8:58pm was made by Trustee Griser, seconded by Trustee Dunn, Trustee Borchik aye, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion to reopen regular meeting was made by Trustee Borchik at 8:58pm, seconded by Trustee Dunn, Trustee Pendergast aye, Trustee Griser aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Pendergast to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:58pm, seconded by Trustee Griser, Trustee Dunn aye, Trustee Borchik aye, Mayor Sweet aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer