

Village of Phoenix Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM  
Sweet Memorial Building - 455 Main Street, Phoenix, NY 13135

Present:	Mayor Brian Borchik Absent Trustee Paul Griser Trustee Jeff Koegel Absent Trustee David Pendergast Trustee Sally Woolson	Sergeant Dan Ferazzoli Village Clerk Roxanne Demo Administrator James Lynch Attorney Jeffrey Schiano
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4 Public in Attendance

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

**OMNI Renewables – Dick Scheutzow**

Mr. Scheutzow presented to the board a community solar opportunity that the village can participate in. Estimated savings a year is around \$6,060. There is no cost to subscribe, long-term benefits for 25+ years at minimal risk. The board will discuss and get back to him.

**Mayor and Trustee Comments**

Mayor Borchik updated the board on the lift bridge, as of today they’re testing on Thursday, motors have been ordered, if all goes well everything will be operational and back to normal. We received phone calls regarding dead fish in the pond, also the river, it’s due to the heat with multiple 90 degree days. Trustee Woolson had nothing. Trustee Koegel asked if the school has any say into what goes next to their property on Volney St. Attorney Schiano said not really, the property owner can put there what he’d like if it’s within the zoning code. They can send representatives to the planning board meeting when plans are received if they have any concerns.

**Department Comments**

Sergeant Ferazzoli handed out the activity report for May 16-June 6, 2023. Ferazzoli said the Memorial Day parade went well with only two small incidents. Officers Doody and LaCourse have completed their field training. Regarding the village court, live scan booking station is set up, all Phoenix PD cars, Sheriffs cars, State Police cars their track system along with their station computers will be updated with our village court information before July 1. The local law tickets have been approved and will be sent out to be printed.

**Administrator Lynch**

The DPW was approved to put in a meter pit at North end and South end of Main Street to meter a few houses at the end that don’t have their own independent meters. On Oswego River Rd., the DPW discovered a significant water leak that was running into the catch basin, that’s been repaired and the pit was installed. Lynch said there hasn’t been a proposal or application for the proposed Dollar General, only emails back and forth, that’s as far as it’s gone. We’ve talked about updating our comprehensive plan and he received a quote from Saratoga Associates for \$50,000 which is a pretty heavy price tag on something that just needs to be updated. We have the file and will update it ourselves if anyone would like to work with him on that please let him know. Lynch handed out a packet from the BELL Home Team regarding the foster well property that the village

owns is 23 acres, we've talked about putting up for sale and what our next step should be. Mayor Borchik would like to get the property sold, it's potentially around \$100,000 that the village could use. Attorney Schiano the next step is to prepare a resolution to allow the Mayor to put the property up for sale, enter into any agreements or contracts in order to sell, then the board will take a vote on the resolution. Lynch said The Mock DWI presentation was held at the school, if you ever get a chance to see it it's definitely about as real as you can get.

Mayor Borchik said that Jim, Roxanne and I met with OCWA representatives, we hear often that our water rates are out of control, fact of the matter is they're really not, they're extremely comparable to Onondaga County rates. They're going to help to see if there's anything out there to help update our infrastructure.

### **Attorney Comments**

Attorney Schiano said there's been a lot of behind the scene work with the justice court and we're on course to start in July, it should be beneficial for the village. He has a draft of the local law for the peddler's law, revamping the code and hopefully this will address some of our issues. He'll email a copy to Roxanne and everyone can take a look at it before the next meeting, make any changes and then we'll set up the public hearing. The board can discuss the OMNI contract and he'll prepare the resolution.

### **Abstract**

Abstract #7 dated June 6, 2023 in the amount of \$109,438.74. Trustee Woolson made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 165-206; water fund vouchers 165-206; sewer fund vouchers 165-206; library fund vouchers 32-42 and trust and agency fund vouchers 42-49, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approved meeting minutes from May 16, 2023 was made by Trustee Woolson, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approved emergency meeting minutes from June 1, 2023 was made by Trustee Woolson, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Facility use from Maria Whelsky for a baby shower on June 10<sup>th</sup> 12:00-5:00pm. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Woolson, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

### **Public Comments**

Luann Denson 16 Kent St. asked for an update on the chickens. Attorney Schiano advised Luann that the Judge indicated to them that they had to start reducing the number of chickens by the next court date.

Jeff Keeler 187 Chestnut Street would like to receive information on future hookups for the water/sewer. Administrator Lynch said he'd connect with Jeff and discuss the process.

Motion was made by Trustee Woolson to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:13pm, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Pendergast aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo  
Village of Phoenix  
Clerk/Treasurer