

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

Present:	Mayor Brian Borchik	Absent Chief Marty Nerber
	Trustee Jeffrey Koegel	Village Clerk Roxanne Demo
	Trustee Ronald Hartner II	Administrator James Lynch
	Trustee Jennifer Maxam	Absent Attorney Jeffrey Schiano
	Trustee Steven McBurnie	

Public in Attendance

Mayor Borchik began the Board Meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01

Mayor Borchik said the ipad isn't working to record the meetings, if we wish to continue to put the meetings online we need to look into a new system.

We are hoping with the pending NY forward award we're close to funding the treatment plant upgrades, the IDA and County have decided they will split the difference with us which is \$77,216, we need to come up with that money, probably bond for it, the project is an \$11 million upgrade. Lynch said it's that amount plus what we previously said what we would commit. We'll need to have a resolution written up and vote on it. Dave Turner is still actively searching for additional funding.

Enterprise Fire Department

Deputy Chief Mulderig reported that they had 43 calls in April with five people per call. They're almost ready to move the trucks back in the station on Main.

Bridge House Brats Program

Megan Swidowski introduced herself to the board as the new director of the program. Her plan is to run the program as close to as Cathy used to run it, there is some changes, some paperwork and organization, but the foundation the Bridge House Brats, which is supporting of the community service of youth and teaching life skills will stay the same. Mayor Borchik said anyone that would like to volunteer there will be background checks for everybody, we're going to keep things a little tighter this year. There will be a meeting at the bridge house for a child that would like to be a brat on Saturday, May 11th at 11:00am and also May 20th at 6:00pm.

Mayor and Trustee Comments

Trustee McBurnie said with the VFW we have the Memorial Day weekend coming up soon so we are getting everything together for that, he needs to still meet with the American Legion.

He updated with the police side we're trying to catch the people with the motorcycles, it's not as easy as people think, we're doing the best we can, and we'll keep trying. Mayor Borchik added we do not chase them.

Trustee Maxam had nothing.

Trustee Koegel had nothing.

Trustee Hartner advised that the planning and zoning board had meetings last month regarding the DG Market.

Department Comments

Administrator Lynch spoke about the WWTP capital improvement funding and we have to come up with funding for public projects with NYS forward grant, there is also a monetary investment there as well. He'd like to have KL Consulting come in and speak to the board about the CFA application. The owners of Thrive Café would like to have local artisans and a farmers market, they'd like to have it inside as well as their front sidewalk and behind the building. The Mayor said the board is very receptive to having it.

We are still waiting on the CREST grant for the Sweet Memorial Building, we need to put in \$15,000 to receive a \$100,000 grant. We have quoted a wheel chair lift, two new boilers, we are receiving quotes for new windows. The TAP grant which is the DOT grant for sidewalks and crosswalks, there is procurement policy to go through to hire a professional designer, we received a quote that was way higher for the project, the second vendor respectfully decided to not give a proposal, the project is too small, and we're waiting patiently on the third. We're going to go back to ask the DOT if we can use our own engineer and staff. Mayor Borchik said he spoke with Kristy and they'd like to have an informational meeting for business owners, there's a lot of grants available and people don't know how to get them. Mayor asked everyone to please work on their newsletter articles.

Abstract

Abstract #5 dated May 7, 2024 in the amount of \$53,253.16. Trustee Koegel made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 115-155; water fund vouchers 116-153; sewer fund vouchers 116-153; library fund vouchers 26-34 and trust and agency fund vouchers 29-37, seconded by Trustee McBurnie, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Maxam aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Ratify phone poll for Abstract #4 dated April 16, 2024 in the amount of \$70,173.20. Trustee Koegel made the motion to approve, general fund vouchers 80-114; water fund vouchers 83-114; sewer fund vouchers 89-114; library fund vouchers 21-25 and trust and agency fund vouchers 23-28,

Motion to approve the meeting minutes March 5, 2024 was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Maxam aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

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

New Business

Mayor Borchik asked for a motion to set a public hearing on May 21, 2024 at 6:50pm for regarding a Restore NY Application and Property Assessment List which includes 15 Culvert Street, motion was made by Trustee McBurnie, seconded by Trustee Maxam, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Danny Dunn 523 Main Street spoke about having a dedication of the First Responders Memorial and to also have a dedication and a stone placed for trooper Emerson Dillon, who was killed in the line of duty October 1974.

Mayor Borchik asked for a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to open meeting laws. Matters leading to the employment history of a particular person or persons and also matters leading to the appointment, employment or promotion of a particular person or persons, motion made by Trustee McBurnie at 7:37pm, seconded by Trustee Maxam aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Koegel to open the executive session at 7:42pm, seconded by Trustee McBurnie aye, Trustee Maxam aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Maxam to close executive session at 7:50pm, seconded by Trustee McBurnie, Trustee Hartner aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion to reopen the regular meeting at 7:50pm, seconded by Trustee Koegel, Trustee McBurnie aye, Trustee Maxam aye, Trustee Hartner aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McBurnie to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50pm, seconded by Trustee Hartner, Trustee Maxam aye, Trustee Koegel aye, Mayor Borchik aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Demo
Village of Phoenix
Clerk/Treasurer