Present: Mayor Baker, Trustee Tartaglia, Trustee Cristelli, Trustee MacPherson, Trustee Hoskins

Staff: Deputy Clerk Mary Hiller, WWTP Chief Operator Shane Nordberg, Grant Admin Clarissa Walrath.

Guests: Denise Singlar, Vince Spruill, John Woodyshek, Ellie Robinson, Jason Preisner-Lamont, Lorrie Roach – Shade Tree Committee, Andrew Cantor – The Reporter.

Mayor Baker opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Denise Singlar follows-up from last meeting inquiry on the Green Plain, each time reach out to the consultant the fee is $11,000 will this expense be covered by the grant. Mayor Baker is researching the Green Plain expenses, grants, requirements etc. and will have information in October.

John Woodyshek inquired on what the rate increase will be once the water project is completed, based on the most current information the annual water rate could potentially increase from $176 annually to $332 annually. John wants to know when will the village water consumers be notified of the rate increase. Mayor Baker will discuss with the Board of Trustees to determine when the appropriate time is to notify the public of the rate increase.

Ellie Robinson thanks the DPW for installing a “Do Not Enter” street sign on Smith Street. Also has concerns regarding the continuous yard sale and overall mess at 10 Smith St. Reported there are people living in the Gazebo, pavilion, and tents along the river. Police Chief Oliver has walked walking trail in KCP park, there are no tents up. Do we have a Board of Health? The Village did in the past. Current Building codes do let the Village issue a code violation for outside maintenance, inside structure is more difficult to determine.

Trustee MacPherson moved, Trustee Cristelli seconded the motion adopting the September 11, 2023, minutes as written. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee MacPherson moved; Trustee Tartaglia seconded the motion to not take on the Prospect Cemetery winter sidewalk maintenance. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Mayor Baker thanked Jason (Lamont), Shane Nordberg and Clarissa Walrath for the research and compiling the information on the water project.

Mayor Baker appoints Thomas Hoskins as Village Trustee, filling the vacancy left by Jeremy Matviak, until elections to be held in March 2024.

Mayor Baker announced the Planning Board now has a vacancy, if anyone in the village is interested, please let Mayor Baker know.

Jason Preisner-Lamont provided historical information and Project Budget/Cost Certification on the current Water Project. Current projected debt service is $5,852,638.

Trustee Tartaglia moved, Trustee Cristelli seconded the motion approving the recommendation of Lamont Engineers to award Contract 3B-New Transmission Mains to R.B. Robinson Contracting, Inc., for a total price of $2,069,865.00 and adopt the resolution following role call voting. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Public Safety - Fire Contract with the Town of Unadilla is due, it was a One Year Contract, Mayor Baker would like to have it go back to a Three-Year Contract. Mayor Baker has asked the Finance Committee to work with the Clerk/Treasurer on this matter.

Trustee Cristelli moved, Trustee MacPherson seconded the motion approving the attendance of Michael Lapp, Brandon McEwan, Blake Green, Anthony Ferrara, Toby Umbra and Brett French to the Southeastern New York Water Works Conference held in Sidney, NY on October 12th. .

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee MacPherson moved; Trustee Tartaglia seconded the motion approving the purchase of 6 trees by the Shade Tree Committee in the amount of $1,809.00. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee Cristelli moved; Trustee MacPherson seconded the motion Authorizing the Sidney Village Court to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant in the 2023-2024 grant cycle up to $3,776.59 for new computer. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee MacPherson gave update on Recreation - soccer is in full swing, all going well and will wrap up on 10/14/2023. BCBS is happy with their sponsorship and placement of banners and has reached out to do more in the future. The remaining Porta Johns will be picked up once soccer season ends. Recreation has discussed with DPW adding wood chips to the playground area, maintenance is necessary to keep the area looking good. Clean up the press box and storage shed and draft ideas for next year’s sport registrations and hard deadlines for signups.

KCP bathrooms vandalized again, toilet paper stolen on daily basis, this is an ongoing issue. Use signage as a deterrent “Surveillance with Cameras” Possibly do cameras with solar panels and Wi-Fi, tied into the police dept so they can monitor more closely. Place near bathrooms and playground. Trustees MacPherson and Tartaglia will research the idea and cost of cameras for the park.

Other Business – Sale of the 2 vehicles not in use, the Ford Expedition and Dodge Dakota – may need to order replacement title for the Ford Expedition. Once paperwork is in order will place on Marketplace for 2 weeks, sealed bids returned to Clerks office.

Trustee MacPherson moved, Trustee Cristelli seconded the motion authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to pay the Abstract #6 dated September 25, 2023, from the following funds:

**Fund Audit**

General $ 95,643.31

Water $ 6,124.69

Sewer $ 12,639.56

Community Development $

Trust & Agency $ 1,861.50

Capital $ \_ 1,405.52

**Totals $ 117,674.58**

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Vince Spruill inquired on the status of streaming meetings on-line, the Mayor and Trustees prefer the open meeting format and welcome residence to attend the meetings in person.

Trustee Tartaglia moved, Trustee MacPherson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. French, Village Clerk/Treasurer