

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF LAURENS**  
**July 2, 2024**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**Present:** Mayor Kelly Pinter, Trustee Jonathan Heelein, Trustee Frank Kovacs, Trustee Starr Liddle, Water Superintendent Dale Bullock, Assistant Water Superintendent Jarrett Hotaling, Clerk Erica LaBuz

**Absent:** Trustee Lois VanAlstine

**Others:** Doris Allen, Tasha Moody, Steve Pinter

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:** Trustee Kovacs made a motion to approve the June minutes. Seconded by Trustee Heelein. Approved 4-0.

**Financial Reports:** The May financial report was reviewed. Tax payments are coming in and will be on the June financial report. Abstract #2 includes payments to the bands for the summer concert series and the Community Day activities. There was discussion about the invoice from Suburban Propane. The charge is \$5.97/gallon which is double the rate paid in the past. Mayor Pinter will call the vendor. Trustee Liddle made a motion to approve the May financial report and Abstract #2. Seconded by Trustee Kovacs. Approved 4-0.

**Water Report** – Dale Bullock: Water usage was 626,000 gallons. In 2023 the amount was 555,000. Work was done at the spigot at Knapp Park by Natural Resource Services. There is an obstruction in a section of pipe so the work could not be completed. It would cost \$500-\$1,000 to repair. Since water is not being used in the park we will wait until the 2025-26 budget year. The area that was dug up will be seeded. Only 18 responses have come in for the lead pipe survey. Reminders will need to be sent out.

**Committee Reports**

**Parks, Property & Sidewalks – Trustees Liddle and Kovacs**

Trustee Liddle updated the board that he is coordinating the sidewalk work with Xavier from the Oneonta Job Corps Academy. The equipment has been placed on Main Street. Trustee Liddle stated that the \$7,000.00 budgeted was not a lot and wanted an increase in funds for sidewalk replacement. There was discussion about how much was budgeted and what the village was able to spend. Trustee Liddle informed the board that he and Ms. Liddle sent letters to homeowners regarding the sidewalks. He also stated that the OJCA would put aprons at driveways if homeowners requested them. The village would then bill the homeowner. The mayor and village clerk were not in office the last time sidewalks were completed in 2019 so this was new information and questions needed to be answered. There was discussion about the process, vendors, and expense. There was discussion about whether funds in addition to the budgeted amount should be spent. No specific amount was requested. Trustee Heelein suggested spending a total of \$10,000.00. No one made a motion to alter the 2024-25 budget to increase the sidewalk work. The budgeted amount of \$7,000.00 is what will be expended for sidewalk replacement.

**Community Engagement**

Mayor Pinter stated that volunteers will be needed to scoop ice cream at the July 3 concert. A sign-up sheet was handed out.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Pinter reported that a resident called about the property at 108 Main Street. This house is unsafe due to a fire several years ago. The Otsego County Safety Committee is working on this and will make a determination in regards to citing the homeowner.

**New Business:**

A resident would like to make a donation for an additional concert. The trustees were asked if they would like to accept the donation. Trustee Kovacs made a motion to accept the donation for an additional concert if we are able to schedule a band. Trustee Heelein seconded the motion. Approved 4-0

**Correspondence:****Public Comment:**

Tasha Moody reported she would like to set up a food truck. The mayor responded that she must comply with county codes and obtain the required permits. She is also concerned about the property at 108 Main Street. She tried to close the door to keep kids from entering. Doris Allen stated that the creek is a regulated trout stream and that a child is creating a dam in it.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

**Respectfully submitted,**

Erica LaBuz  
Village Clerk