

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAURENS
February 6, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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

Absent: Trustee Starr Liddle

Others: Marie Iannotti, Monica Kovacs, Jim Loudon

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Trustee Kovacs made a motion to approve the January minutes. Seconded by Trustee Halstead. Approved 4-0.

Financial Reports: The December financial report was reviewed. Trustee Kovacs made a motion to approve the financial report and Abstract #9. Seconded by Trustee Heelein. Approved 4-0.

The clerk reported that next year we will have to use a bookkeeping service to process the W-2 forms due to IRS requirements for e-filing. By April we must report the village's ARPA expenditures.

Water Report – Dale Bullock: Water usage for the month was 500,000 gallons which is very low. The average usage for the month was 16,129 gallons. Aqualogics will replace the soft starts on 2/19. The water quality report will be posted on the village website. Lead line replacement is a work in progress. In the engineering reports, 60 properties do not have the copper pipe field completed. Ninety properties need to be checked. A plan must be developed for the water department to enter people's homes. Appointments will be needed. Thirty-two homes outside of the village need to be checked. Mayor Pinter and Dale will meet on 2/21 to develop a plan. Meter reads will take place on March 15th. Letters will be mailed with water bills. Municipality water charges will be posted on the village website.

Committee Reports

Parks, Property & Sidewalks – Trustees Liddle and Halstead

Trustee Halstead will not be able to continue to mow in the parks. The Laurens Cemetery Association has a lawn mower that they are not using. They may sell it to the village. Trustees will mow the parks on a rotating schedule.

Community Engagement

Into the Streets will be held on May 4th. SUNY Oneonta students are available for 4-6 hours to assist with a service project. The village will request assistance to paint the benches at Knapp Park.

Old Business

Elections – On a motion made by Frank Kovacs, seconded by Jonathan Heelein, the following was adopted___

Be it hereby resolved this 6th day of February 2024 that village elections will be held on March 19, 2024 from 12:00 – 9:00 PM at the Laurens Presbyterian Church, 3 Main Street. Peggy Liddle and Fran Toombs are appointed as election inspectors at the rate of \$10.00 per hour. Approved 4-0.

108 Main Street – Mr. Drayton can't retain ownership of this property. Mayor Pinter is trying to work with him.

Pool Fills – The pool fill application will be revised.

New Business

Arts Grant – Past recipients must make meaningful changes to their grant application. We discussed student musicians and a partnership with ARC Otsego.

2024 Budget – The draft budget for 2024-25 will be presented on March 5. The public hearing will be on April 2.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erica LaBuz
Village Clerk