

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAURENS
May 7, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

Present: Mayor Kelly Pinter, Trustee Jonathan Heelein, Trustee Frank Kovacs, Trustee Starr Liddle, Trustee Lois VanAlstine, Water Superintendent Dale Bullock, Clerk Erica LaBuz

Absent: Assistant Water Superintendent Jarrett Hotaling

Others: Marie Iannotti, Steve Pinter

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Trustee Kovacs made a motion to approve the March minutes. Seconded by Trustee Heelein. Approved 5-0.

Financial Reports: The March financial report was reviewed. Trustee Liddle made a motion to approve the financial report. Seconded by Trustee Kovacs. Approved 5-0. Trustee VanAlstine made a motion to approve Abstract #12. Seconded by Trustee Heelein. Approved 5-0.

Water Report – Dale Bullock: There is a leak at 22 Main Street which was discovered by a contractor working on the property. The water needs to be turned off and the line to the house needs to be terminated. Chemicals will be ordered soon. A low valve will be installed at Knapp Park so that there is water there. The valve will be lockable. There was discussion about the disposal of the old generator. The fire department would like a propane generator. The village could offer it to them. If we want to sell it, Auctions International was a recommended site. Lead pipe survey letters will be sent with tax bills. A response is requested by 7/1/2024. The village must publish results on its website. The survey must be done annually until we know that all pipes have been changed.

Committee Reports

Parks, Property & Sidewalks – Trustees Liddle and Kovacs

A board was loose on the bridge causing someone to trip. The Job Corps has the village on its list for sidewalk replacement. Mayor Pinter requested quotes for mowing in the parks from Stretch's, Wright and Epic Landscaping. Stretch's will mow both parks and trim edges for \$40.00 each. The total for six months is \$1,920.00. Wright's offer was \$70.00 for Knapp Park and \$40.00 for Schlee Park. Epic's total was \$2,732.40. Trustee Heelein made a motion to accept the quote from Stretch's. Trustee Heelein seconded the motion. Approved 5-0

Community Engagement

Community Day will be on July 27th. The arts grants have not been announced as of this date. The trustees agreed to go forward with 4 concerts. Students from the Into the Streets program at SUNY Oneonta painted the tables and benches at Knapp Park on May 4th.

Mayor's Report:

Correspondence: The owner of 94 Main Street questioned the amount of his water bill. Mayor Pinter explained how debt service was calculated in her reply. The water project was completed in 2007 which incurred bond payments.

Public Comment: Steven Pinter said that the clean up in the park was a big job. There were trees down, branches to clear and weed trimming. He recommended donating the generator to the Laurens Fire Department. Trustee Kovacs made a motion to offer the generator to the Laurens Fire Department. Trustee Liddle seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erica LaBuz
Village Clerk