# BOARD MEETING MINUTES VILLAGE OF LAURENS July 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

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

Others: Marie Iannotti, Monica Kovacs, Steve Pinter

\*The trustee absences were due to the fact that we were unaware that the building doors locked on a timer so the trustees were not able to enter the building.

## Pledge of Allegiance

**Minutes**:

**Financial Reports**: The May Financial Report was reviewed. Abstract #2 was approved 5-0 via email. The Village is switching its energy supply company to NYSEG. American Power and Gas rates have been high.

**Water Report** – Dale Bullock: Usage was 18,500 gallons per day. An electronic meter was installed at 118 Main Street. The water was turned on at 93 Main Street. Hydrants will be flushed on July 25<sup>th</sup>. A notice will be sent to The Daily Star and posted in the Post Office. A list of items for the water system to be purchased with ARPA funds was presented. Lead and copper testing will be done in August.

**Concerts:** We will receive a donation for an additional concert. Small Town Big Band agreed to perform on 8/2/23. Next year's concerts begin on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Small Town Big Band will perform. They will be a good band to get into the 4<sup>th</sup> of July spirit.

**Community Day:** The Village engaged Bubblemania and the Utica Zoo Mobile. They will need space on the front lawn of the school.

## **Committee Reports**

# Parks, Property & Sidewalks - Trustees Liddle and Halstead

A village sign has been installed. The clean up after your dog signs have been hung in the parks.

### **Community Engagement – Trustee Kovacs**

#### Mayor's Report – Kelly Pinter

The website domain name will expire on 8/1/2023. Mayor Pinter will create the website. VillageofLaurensNY.gov

**Correspondence:** Otsego Now recommends opting out of Real Property Tax Law 487 to receive taxes in full for an energy project. If the Village does not opt out, there is a 15-year tax exemption on properties that are reassessed after installing an energy system. The exemption would be on the additional taxes for the reassessed value.

**Public Comments:** Monica Kovacs is recruiting vendors for Community Day

# Respectfully submitted,

Erica LaBuz Village Clerk