

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAURENS
November 9, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

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

Absent: Assistant Water Superintendent Jarrett Hotaling

Others: Steve Pinter

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Resolution to Apply for a Musical Grant for the 2024 Laurens Summer Concerts in the Park:

On a motion made by Jonathan Heelein, seconded by Frank Kovacs, the following was adopted:

Be it hereby resolved this 9th day of November, 2023 that the Laurens Village Board does hereby resolve that the Village of Laurens will cooperate with the procurement of a musical grant and to appoint Erica LaBuz and Kelly Pinter to act as representative for the Village of Laurens to submit an application for the 2024 Broome, Chenango, and Otsego County Statewide Community Re-grants Program (SCR). The successful award of this grant, along with a contribution of \$350.00 (three hundred fifty dollars), by the Village of Laurens, will be used to fund the 2024 Laurens Summer Concerts in the Park Series.

Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Pinter	Aye <u>x</u> Nay ____
Trustee Halstead	Aye <u>x</u> Nay ____
Trustee Heelein	Aye <u>x</u> Nay ____
Trustee Kovacs	Aye <u>x</u> Nay ____
Trustee Liddle	Aye <u>x</u> Nay ____

Resolution to Waive the Fee at Knapp Park for the 2024 Laurens Summer Concerts in the Park Series

On a motion made by Starr Liddle, seconded by Tom Halstead, the following was adopted: _

Be it hereby resolved this 9th day of November, 2023 that the Laurens Village Board does hereby resolve that the Village of Laurens will waive the fee of \$25.00 per each use of Knapp Park for the 2024 Laurens Summer Concerts in the Park Series. The concerts in the park will take place on the following dates:

July 3, 2024
July 10, 2024
July 17, 2024
July 24, 2024

Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Pinter	Aye <u>x</u> Nay ____
Trustee Halstead	Aye <u>x</u> Nay ____
Trustee Heelein	Aye <u>x</u> Nay ____
Trustee Kovacs	Aye <u>x</u> Nay ____
Trustee Liddle	Aye <u>x</u> Nay ____

Financial Reports: The September financial report was reviewed. Trustee Halstead made a motion to approve the financial report. Seconded by Trustee Liddle. Approved 5-0. An invoice from Trustee Halstead for gas for

mowing in the parks was added to Abstract #6. Trustee Heelein made a motion to approve Abstract #6. Seconded by Trustee Kovacs. Approved 5-0.

Water Report – Dale Bullock: The average usage for the month was 16,800 gallons. The lead/copper results are in and should be good for 3 years. Water was turned off at 96 and 112 Main Street. There are new owners at 14 Main Street. Hydrants are repaired and back in service. Suitkote gave an estimate of \$5,000.00 to pave the steep part of the road to the pumphouse. It will be past the right of way. The generator for the pumphouse has been delivered. A factory authorized representative must be present for installation. Mayor Pinter handed out a report on municipal water usage fees. Late payment fees vary from 5-10%. Some charge a flat rate. Trustee Heelein suggested that we raise the price of usage since prices have increased. Additional penalties shouldn't be added if people are having trouble paying bills. Dale suggested raising the rate in increments to see how much it will bring in.

Committee Reports

Parks, Property & Sidewalks – Trustees Liddle and Halstead

Sidewalk estimates range from \$56.00 to \$89.00 per linear foot. We will need to do an RFP in the spring. Job Corps can do the work if they have students in the program.

Community Engagement – Trustee Kovacs

Trunk or Treat was successful. There were 25 vehicles and over 200 people.

Mayor's Report – Kelly Pinter

The flags have been taken down and put away for the winter. Letters of violation of local law in regards to property maintenance have been sent to the property owners of 108 Main Street and 26 Craft Street. The property owners have 5 days to begin remediation. Step 2 is involving county code enforcement. Step 3 is a public hearing.

Announcements:

Laurens Together is hosting a village holiday event on December 16 at 5:00 PM. There will be caroling, wagon rides, and the tree lighting at the gazebo. Santa in the Park will be held for grades 1-3 on December 20th. The clerk reported that fire district elections are on December 12th from 6-9:00 PM. There are three commissioner openings. The tax levy in the adopted 2024 fire district budget is incorrect. The board used the 2023 bond payments instead of the bond payment schedule. A debt reserve and tax cap reserve were omitted from the budget.

Adjournment: Trustee Liddle made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Kovacs. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erica LaBuz
Village Clerk