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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 18, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor William F. Brazill
Trustee John M. Abbott
Trustee John H. Champagne (*Absent*)
Trustee Eric S. Christensen
Trustee J. Robert (Bobby) Schepp
Clerk Treasurer Lisa DeVona
Attorney Courtney Hills, Esq.

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Macko, Jeremiah Butchko, DPW Superintendent Tom Petterelli, Robert Krol, Connie and Victor Oliver, Fire Chief Don Grevelding, Pat Abbott

Mayor Brazill opened the village board meeting at 6:30 pm and Trustee Christensen led those present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ONONDAGA
COUNTY
LEGISLATOR
MARK OLSON
DISTRICT 10**

Legislator Mark Olson thanked the board for the opportunity to present his report to the community of Minoa. Mr. Olson stated he is a committee member of the Public Safety, Planning & Economic Development, Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Soil & Water Conservation District Board, Stop DWI Advisory Board and Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC)

2025 Onondaga County Budget

- 9% property tax rate reduction
- Continued investment in housing initiatives
- Continued investment in mental health programs in county schools
- \$450,000 for the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office (vehicles & training)
- 15 new positions in the Department of Children and Family Services
- 4 new positions for the Board of Elections
- Substantial investments in foster care and daycare programs
- Increased funding for lead initiatives (*on top of the County's \$14 million dollar 'war chest' for lead remediation*)

- County accepted federal grant funding and used county dollars to replace the County's Mobile Emergency Command Vehicle
- Authorized the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office to be part of a joint cooperative law enforcement effort - the Central New York Contraband Interdiction Team
- Authorized the acquisition of property in Elbridge for a communications tower
- Currently discussing a new county program related to drivers who do not

Public Safety

A comprehensive EMS study will be conducted and will look at everything from 911 dispatch through hospital care. It will examine what is currently done with input from local EMS providers, hospitals and emergency management/911 officials. The study is expected to be complete in about one year and will result in recommendations on how to improve our EMS service while looking at how to best sustain it for the long term and continue providing vital services to residents.

In the 10th District we are fortunate to have Minoa, Fayetteville and Manlius as transporting EMS agencies.

For more information visit: <http://www.ongov.net/legislature/members.html>

Mayor Brazill thanked Legislator Olson for his time and presentation.

**CLERK-
TREASURER**

MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 7, 2024

Tabled.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Abbott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen acknowledging receipt of Treasurer's Report for period ending October 31, 2024. All in favor; motion carried.

REQUEST TO WAIVE AMBULANCE BILLING DUE TO HARDSHIP

Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Schepp to waive \$250.00 ambulance bill due to hardship. All in favor; motion carried.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED / INCREASED STATE AID FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abbott to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments

Whereas, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

Whereas, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

Whereas, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

Whereas, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Minoa calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

Be it further resolved, that the Village of Minoa urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abbott approving the following budget amendments:

A5110.40	STREET MAINTENANCE	\$ 7,437.53	A5410.4	SIDEWALKS	\$ 7,437.53
A1640.41	CENTRAL GARAGE	\$11,564.79	A8160.47	REFUSE & GARBAGE	\$11,564.79
A9710.7	BONDS - INTEREST	\$ 51.60	A9730.7	BAN - INTEREST	\$ 51.60
A9710.7	BONDS INTEREST	\$ 1,492.96	A9710.6	BONDS - PRINCIPAL	\$ 1,492.96
A6989.4	GRANT WRITING	\$11,798.54	A8020.41	PLANNING - SPDES	\$11,798.54
A1420.4		\$10,000.00	A1640.48	ATTORNEY	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL	\$42,345.42		TOTAL	\$42,345.42

All in favor; motion carried.

AFFIDAVIT OF VILLAGE TAX COLLECTION

Trustee Abbott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Schepp to Certify the 2024-25 Village Property Tax Collection:

2024-25 Tax Warrant	\$2,797,166.78
Taxes Collected	\$2,759,324.75
Penalty & Fees Collected	\$ 6,043.88

Unpaid taxes, late notice fees and penalty \$39,916.26

All in favor, motion carried.

REQUEST FOR SUBDIVISION WAIVER PURSUANT TO CODE 140-19

Robert Krol, property owner of 118 Kensington High Street request the board waive subdivision requirements for the purchase of Lot 246 in Minoa Farms Development. A motion was made by Trustee Schepp and seconded by Trustee Christensen to approve Robert Krol, property owner of 118 Kensington High Street, request to waive requirements pursuant to Village of Minoa Code, Article VII. Variances and Waivers, Section 140-19 Waiver of Requirements, so that Mr. Krol may close on the purchase of Lot 246 in Minoa Farms Development, Section 5. All members of the board were in favor; motion carried.”

PURSUANT TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK SECTION 36, PERMISSION TO SELL BACK 40 HOURS VACATION

A motion was made by Trustee Schepp and seconded by Trustee Abbott to approve request for T. Petterelli and J. Landry, pursuant to Employee Handbook Section 36 to “sell” back one week (40 hours) of 2024 vacation time to the village. All in favor; motion carried.”

2024 -27 ONONDAGA COUNTY SNOW CONTRACT

A motion was made by Trustee Schepp and seconded by Trustee Abbott authorizing Mayor to execute 2024-2027 Onondaga County Snow Contract. All in favor; motion carried.”

**CODES
ENFORCEMENT**

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION- 321 Edgerton Street

Trustee Abbott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Schepp to approve property owners request to extend repairs to garage until June 1, 2025. All in favor; motion carried.

DPW

PERMISSION TO HIRE P/T LABORER – WILLIAM WAY

Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Schepp to approve the William Way, P/T Laborer, \$23/hours, effective November 19, 2024. All in favor; motion carried.

FIRE

PERMISSION FOR DUTY CREW TO STAGE OUTSIDE OF FIRE DISTRICT

Trustee Schepp made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen to approve Duty Crew to stage outside of Minoa Fire District on December 23, 2024 6pm – 10pm at Golden Spike for the MFD, Inc membership holiday party. All in favor, motion carried.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS
ABSTRACT #012
DATED 11/18/2024**

A motion was made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee ABBOTT the claims on **Abstract #012** have been reviewed and approved for payment: General Fund, voucher(s) 442 - 495 in the amount of \$222,871.25
Sewer Fund, voucher(s) 165 - 177 in the amount of \$35,179.40
Trust & Agency, voucher(s) 137 - 147 in the amount of \$48,555.41
All in favor; motion carried.

**ATTORNEY
REPORT**

Nothing new to report.

**TRUSTEES
REPORT**

Nothing new to report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no new business in front of the board, a motion was made by Trustee Abbott and seconded by Trustee Schepp to adjourn the village board meeting at 7:10pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa DeVona

Lisa DeVona, Clerk-Treasurer