

Minutes
Village of Orchard Park
Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Orchard Park was held on Monday, March 13, 2023 in the Municipal Center, 4295 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York. Mayor Clinton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members present:

Mayor Jo Ann Litwin Clinton
Deputy Mayor Matthew J. Hartung
Trustee Francis T. Hogenkamp
Trustee Lauren Kaczor Rodo

Others present:

Clerk-Treasurer Mary Beth Jensen
Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer
Code Enforcement Officer John Gullo

Members excused:

Trustee Dale T. Pyne

Mayor Clinton made the following announcement:

“Fire exits are located at the rear in the Board Room and at the doorway to the lobby. In the event of a fire, you will be notified by announcement on the public address system. If notified, please move in a calm and orderly fashion to the nearest exit.”

Moved by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, seconded by Trustee Hogenkamp to accept the minutes of February 27, 2023 as presented.

On the question: 3 voting “Aye” 0 voting “Nay” Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo that the vouchers numbering 6255 to 6280 in Batch #30 of fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$65,675.60 be paid as presented.

On the question: 3 voting “Aye” 0 voting “Nay” Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

Comments from the floor of items not on the agenda.

- Sally Zelasko (60 S Shore Dr) spoke in support of No Mow May, an initiative to provide food for pollinators. She asked the Village Board to consider suspending Village Code regarding long grass in May.
- Margaret Woollatt (6945 E Quaker St) spoke regarding Freeman’s Pond.
 - Pond owners would like to see a copy of the Grant application.
 - Some pond owners have been investigating “mini dredging” and were wondering if the Village has any information on that concept.

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo that the reports of the Village Justice, Water Department and Treasurer for the month of February 2023 and the reports of the Associate Village Justice for the month of January 2023 be received and filed.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye" 0 voting "Nay" Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

- Code Enforcement Officer John Gullo had nothing to report.
- Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer had nothing to report.
- Trustee Kaczor Rodo
 - spoke on the GO Buffalo Niagara grant awarded to the Village; 10 bike racks will be installed throughout the Village.
 - wished everyone a Happy St Patrick's Day, reminding those who are planning to drink that there are free rides available.
- Deputy Mayor Hartung reported that
 - the Village Elections are March 21st from noon to 9 pm.
 - the parking ban is still in place until April 1.
 - The Village of Orchard Park is an open container community.
- Trustee Hogenkamp commented, as a Beekeeper, that a big threat to pollinators are the chemicals used on lawns.
- Clerk Treasurer Jensen had nothing to report.
- Mayor Clinton congratulated Trustee Kaczor Rodo on being awarded the grant she applied for through GO Buffalo Niagara.

Mayor Clinton asked for a motion to schedule a public hearing on a Local Law to override the Tax Cap. The Village has annually done this, just in case there is a need to go over the cap.

Moved by Trustee Hogenkamp, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo that a public hearing be scheduled and advertised for March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comment on a Local Law, overriding the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye" 0 voting "Nay" Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

Moved by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, seconded by Trustee Hartung that a public hearing be scheduled and advertised for March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comment on a Local Law to amend Chapter 194 of the Code of the Village of Orchard Park.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye" 0 voting "Nay" Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Hogenkamp that the Annual Organizational Meeting be scheduled for April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye" 0 voting "Nay" Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

Moved by Trustee Hogenkamp, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo that a public hearing be scheduled and advertised for April 10, 2023 following the annual organizational meeting, to review the 2023-2024 tentative budget.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye" 0 voting "Nay" Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

Moved by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, seconded by Trustee Hartung that the 2000 Case Backhoe (JJG0304337) be declared surplus and Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer be authorized to trade it in.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye" 0 voting "Nay" Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

Moved by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, seconded by Trustee Hartung that the 2009 International 430 Dump Truck (1HTJTSKL79H122693) be declared surplus and Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer be authorized to sell it at auction or trade it in.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye" 0 voting "Nay" Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Hogenkamp that the following budget adjustments be authorized for the 2022-2023 fiscal year:

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| Increase budget in General Expense accounts | |
| Street Maintenance Equipment by | 2,999.99 |
| Bank Fees by | 50.00 |
| Central Garage Computer by | 500.00 |

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| Decrease budget in General Expense accounts | |
| Snow Removal Equipment by | 1,000.00 |
| Snow Removal Equipment Rental by | 999.99 |
| Central Garage Equipment by | 1,000.00 |
| Central Garage Heat by | 500.00 |
| Erie County Sewer Fees by | 50.00 |

On the question: 3 voting "Aye" 0 voting "Nay" Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2023.

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Hogenkamp to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

On the question: 3 voting "Aye" 0 voting "Nay" Carried
Trustee Hogenkamp
Trustee Hartung
Trustee Kaczor Rodo

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Jensen, Village Clerk-Treasurer