

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, April 24, 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 David N. Even
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 Hartung to accept the minutes of April 10, 2023 as presented.

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

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Even that the vouchers numbering 6334 to 6359 in Batch #183 of fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$50,134.27 be paid as presented.

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

Comments from the floor of items not on the agenda:

- Margaret Woollatt (6945 E Quaker St) addressed 3 concerns and was going to follow up with a written copy to the Village Office.
 - Silt build up in Freemans Pond and the development upstream that may be adding to it.
 - Letter from NYSDEC to pond owners regarding deficiencies; Ms. Woollatt’s correspondence in response.
 - Reasons for keeping part of her property un-mowed.

There were no reports from Code Enforcement Officer John Gullo, Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer, Trustee Kaczor Rodo, Deputy Mayor Hartung, Trustee Even, Clerk Treasurer Jensen or Mayor Clinton.

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Even, that Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer be authorized to purchase a Bobcat Compact Track Loader from Bobcat of

Buffalo per NYS OGS Contract #PC 69396. The cost not to exceed \$74,000 from the Reserve for Equipment, is subject to Permissive Referendum.

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

Moved by Trustee Even, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, that Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer be authorized to purchase a 2023 John Deere Wheel Loader from Five Star Equipment, Inc., per NYS OGS contract #PC 69403. The cost, not to exceed \$214,595, from the Reserve for Equipment is subject to Permissive Referendum.

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

Moved by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, seconded by Trustee Hartung, that Manager of Public Works Wittmeyer be authorized to purchase a T480 Series truck from Kenworth Northeast Group, per Sourcewell Contract Bid #060920-KTC. The cost, not to exceed \$118,000, from the Equipment Reserve is subject to Permissive Referendum.

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

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Even, that Mayor Clinton be authorized to sign a Special Events Contract with the Orchard Park Veterans of Foreign Wars and Orchard Park American Legion to organize a parade and ceremony for Memorial Day on May 29, 2023.

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

Moved by Trustee Even, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, that the Village of Orchard Park establish the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time-keeping system records of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STANDARD WORK DAY</u>	<u>TERM BEGINS / ENDS</u>	<u>DAYS PER MONTH REPORTED</u>	<u>TIME KEEPING SYSTEM</u>
Part Time Clerk	Jessica Carey	6 hour work day	Term: 4/10/23- 4/08/24	1 day per month	No
Clerk to Village Justice	Marie Falzone	6 hour work day	Term: 4/10/23- 4/08/24	3.42 days per month	No

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

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Even, that

Whereas, on November 17, 2022, several Villages in Western New York were significantly impacted by an epic snow storm that led to over 7 feet of snow falling in our communities; and

Whereas, the impact of the storm was severe and led to the declaration of a multiple-day travel ban and, in some communities, required massive snow removal efforts; and

Whereas, FEMA has determined that communities impacted by the storm are eligible for reimbursement for certain costs but that costs associated with snow removal are deemed ineligible; and

Whereas, we believe that if a snow storm of this magnitude did not result in snow removal costs being eligible for reimbursement that perhaps the criteria for making this decision needs to be reviewed and/or revised; and

Now therefore be it resolved by the Orchard Park Village Board of Trustees that:

1} We believe that due to the severity of the November 2022 storm, snow removal costs should be considered as an eligible expense through the FEMA reimbursement process.

2} We request that our elected leaders assist our communities by reaching out to decision-makers at FEMA and New York State to review and revise the eligibility criteria as it relates to the eligibility of snow removal costs.

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

Moved by Trustee Even, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo, that Mayor Clinton be authorized to sign a 3-year contract extension agreement with Waste Management, Inc for the collection, hauling and disposal of mixed municipal solid wastes, bulky wastes and white goods; and collection, hauling and processing of recyclables.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2023.

Moved by Trustee Hartung, seconded by Trustee Kaczor Rodo to adjourn at 7:19.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Jensen, Village Clerk-Treasurer