

**VILLAGE OF DEXTER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE  
MINUTES  
DEXTER MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM  
509 LIBERTY ST  
TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2018 at 4:00pm**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & CALL TO ORDER at 4pm by Mayor James Eves**

**PRESENT**

Mayor James Eves, Trustees Bruce Nutting, Richard Stevenson, Daniel O Connell and Renee Stano.

**ALSO, PRESENT**

Stephen Lane Village Manager, Charlene Mannigan Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Patricia Lamon, Clerk Treasurer. Mr. Ward village resident.

**MINUTES**

**Motion** Trustee O Connell second Trustee Stevenson approving the 12/4/17 organizational and regular monthly minutes of the Village of Dexter Board and the special meeting 12/22/17. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

4pm Public Hearing for submission of applications for shoreline stabilization.

**Motion** Trustee O Connell second Trustee Stevenson to have Mayor Eves open the Public Hearing at 4pm to hear comments on Shoreline Stabilization for the village sewer tank, and to submit one or more community development block grants to NYS Community Renewal.

No comments.

**Motion** Trustee Stevenson second Trustee O Connell to close the hearing at 4:10pm. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

**Motion** Trustee Stano second Trustee Nutting to submit the needed applications to NYS Community Renewal. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORTS**

**Motion** Trustee Nutting Second Trustee Stano approving the Bank Statements, Treasurer’s Report for Revenue and Appropriation account balances for period ending 12/31/17 and the 12/31/17 & 1/16/18 transfers, bills, and abstracts. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

12/31/17	General fund	Abstract #11	voucher #296-324	\$5400.95
	Water fund		#52-55	\$1,324.27
	Sewer fund		#62-70	\$2,561.00
1/16/17	General fund	Abstract #12	voucher #325-350	\$46,900.14
	Water fund		#56-61	\$ 2,444.48
	Sewer fund		#71-76	\$ 3,751.42

**Sewer Capital Project**

December 2017 The following contractor bills have been submitted to USDA for payment

Falter	\$73,965.70
Lawman	\$80,780.33
Spencer	\$ 5,492.26

Bills for necessary maintenance equipment to be submitted in January to USDA for payment

McQuade & Bannigan	Back Pack Blower	\$ 484.95
McQuade & Bannigan	Generators	\$5,537.90
Hach	Do & PH meter	\$3,046.27
Bobcat	Bobcat	\$40,590.30
Ferguson	Line Locator	\$ 3,445.74

Village bills have been submitted to USDA for reimbursement

Subsurface Utility Imaging	\$2,211.21
Attorney Gebo	\$432.82

## **POLICE REPORT**

Motion Trustee Stano second Trustee Stevenson approving the Police monthly report, and timesheets for December. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

## **JUSTICE COURT**

Motion Trustee Stevenson second Trustee O Connell approving the Justice Court Fund report for December. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

## **INSPECTION REPORTS**

Mayor James Eves- Sewer Treatment Plant  
Falter had the furnace repaired. The sewer flows are down, There are homes with cellar drains still draining into the treatment plant.  
Contractors Falter and Lawman have closed out their contracts for the sewer project. Spencer Electric still needs to submit their paperwork.

Trustee Bruce Nutting – Water Plant  
The village was on DANC water one day this week.

Trustee Dick Stevenson- Sidewalks and ditches  
Sump pumps are draining on the sidewalks and freezing.  
A sump pump is draining into a neighbor's property, 213 E Kirby St. drains into 205 E Kirby St. The village manager will check village codes.  
Cars are illegally parking over sidewalks. The village will notify the village police.

## **MAYORS REPORT AND BOARD ACTION**

### **Feher Refuse and recycling**

The Mayor held 2 meetings 12/18/17 and 1/10/18 with Attorney Mark Gebo and the Village Mayors of Brownville and Glen Park discussing the issues of poor performance by Feher haulers. Trash has not been picked up on scheduled days, haulers do not have do consistent route each week, equipment is not maintained, trash pickup has been delayed for days. At the December meeting, the villages decided to have Attorney Gebo write to Feher Company, asking how the our issues will be dealt with. They were given 2-week deadline to respond. As of the 1/10/18 meeting there was no response from Feher. All three mayors want to bid for a new hauler.

(See meeting minutes). The 3 villages will advertise the bid at the same time, it may result in a lower cost for the villages

**Motion** Trustee Stevenson second Trustee O Connell to bid a 2-year contract for a new hauler. The specs will be for a contract June-May and single stream recycling must be included. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

### **Replacement of Street Lights**

The current 97 Street lights cost the village an average \$463 a year for each light. The LED lights will be cheaper to run and last 3 times longer. The village can apply for a no interest loan from Green Energy.

**Motion** Trustee Stevenson second Trustee O Connell approving the village submitting a letter to National grid requesting that all village St lights be replaced with LED lighting. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

### **Bridge to Fish Island Replacement**

On January 4, 2018 Jefferson County held an informational meeting here. The public was invited. The 1.5-Million-dollar project will start in the Spring of 2019 and be finished in the Fall of 2019.

The village office has the engineer designs available public view.

ENEL hydro may be considering a temporary portable bridge starting and ending on village property.

### **The Village of Brownville Bridge**

The bridge is in very poor condition. The Watertown Jefferson County Area Transportation Council will canvass the residents of Brownville for a better location for a new bridge. A meeting open to the public will be held in March to discuss the results.

### **Sewer Project budget**

The project budget accounts for Administration totaling \$24,757.28 include legal, bonding, lands and miscellaneous will not be fully expended. (see attached resolution #1 2018)

**Motion** Trustee Nutting Second Trustee O Connell approved the transfer of \$24,757.28 to the sewer project contingency. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

#### **4pm Mr. Ward 205 E Kirby St**

##### **The village web site**

The last web site post of board approved village board minutes was October 2017, Mr. Ward would like the minutes posted as soon as possible to keep up with what the board is working on.

##### **Village 4pm meetings**

At the village organizational meeting last year, the Board approved changing the time of meetings from 6:30 pm to 4pm. The regular monthly meetings are rarely attended by the public. The 4pm time was suitable to the Board.

##### **Tax Cap**

The Tax Cap can be over rided by the village board after a public hearing. The Village of Dexter as of the 2017 had assessments increased from 68% to 100%, so the Village tax rate was lowered from \$10.50 to \$7.25 and the village received \$30,000 more in tax revenue. Home owners had increases in their taxes depending on how much the value of their home increased. Mr. Ward would like the village to consider low income and fixed income residents when preparing the budget. Residents do not get a raise to be able to afford an item, the village should not increase taxes to buy a wanted and not needed piece of equipment. The village has purchased equipment by using shared service, each village being able to use the equipment and each village paying a portion of the cost of the equipment.

At budget time last year, the Village 3-million-dollar sewer project 0 interest loan payments to EFC were expected to range from \$80,000 to \$124,000. This payment was considered when the budget was developing The increase in revenues would help off set the payments.

Some NYS mandates are issued anytime during the budget year, with no concern on how a village can pay for it. After the village sewer project financing, was complete, the NYS DEC notified the village that a mandate for chlorification at the sewer plant instead of UV light to clean sewer waste would have to be done. This added expense will have to be budgeted this year. The village installed solar panels at the sewer plant to cut costs expecting the UV light mandate, not the more expensive unexpected chlorification mandate

##### **Storm water**

For the last 5 years Mr. Wards cellar floods during a bad rain. Mr. Ward did not have flooding during the last 2-day thaw. He has a spring in his cellar that trickles in and drains into the storm drain. Another home on E Kirby also had unusual overflow. The Mayors home on E Bradley also had unusual overflow during the last torrential rain.

On E Kirby the village and NYS drain pipes are the same size and on the same side of the road. The DPW will use a sewer camera to check for jams in the drain.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** Trustee Stevenson second Trustee Nutting to enter into executive session for **collective negotiation**. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

**Motion** Trustee Stevenson second Trustee Nutting to come out of executive session. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0

**Motion Trustee** to approve the following requests for the 3-year Union contract June 2018-May 2020

The maximum sick days for full time employees from 165 to 180 days, a pay raise of \$.65 hour, and an increase for work boots from \$100 to \$150. Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Mr. Millington did not submit a report.

## **CONFERENCES, WORKSHOP AND MEETINGS**

### **JCC conference March 29,2018**

Please let the office know by the February meeting if you want to attend.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

File is available for review

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** Trustee Stevenson second Trustee O Connell to adjourn at 5:00pm.

Ayes 5 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell and Stano. Nays 0