

Board of Trustees of the Village of St. Johnsville

End of Fiscal year Meeting. May 29th, 2025 5:45 pm

Present: Mayor White, Trustee Warn, Elwood and Baker. Absent Trustee Eisele

Auditor John Lull,

Public: Dennis Clark, Charlie Straney, Art Dockerty, Janice Zoller, Jeff Swartz, Bob Dennison, Nino Polidori

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor White
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said
3. **Public comment:** Charlie Straney commented on the movement of funds from the Village Fire Truck Fund back into the General Fund where it was taken from in error to pay for the new vehicle. Noted as it is Reserve Funds it could be used for emergency funds if something comes up later in the year.

John Lull responded to Mr. Straney, noting that it was essential that the funds be repaid to the general fund.

Trustee Elwood commented that there was not a public meeting when the truck was purchased for notification of the public that Reserve funds were being used.

Dennis Clark inquired if the 12 East Main Street property was for sale, who owns it, and if we have had any offers on it. He also asked if the Demolition had been paid for.

Mayor White responded the Village holds the Deed to the property, and that a check is waiting for the demolition company to pick up. Offers have been received, but not entertained at this time.

Trustee Elwood commented that if there were any interested parties, they could make an offer to the Village.

Trustee Warn responded that we are trying to interest a developer in purchasing the property to build something of benefit to the Community.

4. **Old Business:** Ayers Animal Shelter Contract reviewed. Trustee Baker notes that she has checked with other Shelters and none have space at this time.

Motion by Trustee Elwood to accept \$3,500.00 contract with Ayres Shelter for housing of animals for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Second by Trustee Warn, all ayes, motion passed.

5. Consent Agenda-A motion is needed to accept the Consent Agenda consisting of 4/15 Public Hearing minutes, 4/15 Regular meeting minutes, 4/30 Budget Review minutes, 5/1/25 Budget acceptance minutes, 5/5 bid opening minutes, and the 5/8/25 Bid Opening minutes.

Motion by Trustee Elwood to accept minutes as noted, Second by Trustee Warn, all in favor, motion passed.

6. A motion is needed to accept the Claims of \$81,152.60 as presented. Motion by Trustee Elwood, Second by Trustee Warn, All in favor, motion passed.

New Business: The Resolution for the BAN was discussed by Mayor White and Auditor Lull. The funds are already available.

A motion to accept Resolution # 13 for a BAN in the amount of \$136,000 is made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn, all in favor, Resolution passed.

A motion is needed to move the \$50,397.09 from the Truck Reserve fund to the General Fund. Motion by Trustee Elwood Second by Trustee Baker. All in favor, motion passed.

Date for Water shut offs discussed date set as 6/2/25

Request from the owner of Monte's Shop to pay the water bill for his building so water won't be shut off to his business. Will pay \$3,400.00 on 6/2 and the remaining \$17,000 on 6/30/25 with penalties.

Motion to accept this payment plan by Trustee Elwood second by Trustee Warn, all in favor, motion passed.

Juneteenth discussed as a floating holiday. The DPW requests to work on 6/19, and take Friday off instead.

Letter from WWTP read concerning urgently needed repairs.

Mayor White explained we are waiting for release of funds from EFC, but she will contact Delaware Engineering.

Frank Erno noted the cost could be up to \$16,000.

Art Dockerty spoke up that Dennis Clark is a local licensed electrician who has worked on WWTP's. Trustee Elwood spoke to Mr. Clark and the board approved him looking at it and putting in a bid.

The topic of fund raising by the Fire Department and the Community for the FDD was discussed.

Public Comment: Art Dockerty asked about County Grant money for Marina Music Program. Mayor White responded that she is working on this with the county.

Donna Springer asked what the funds can be used for.

Trustee Warn responded that it for music. She also asked that budget amounts be discussed in amounts rather than percentages, and when we can expect WWTP monies.

Dennis Clark inquired about the new Treasure's hours and pay.

Nino Polidori asked about minutes being presented within 2 weeks of meetings.

Next meeting on June 16th for discussion of fire Contracts from 5-6 pm and increase in water and sewer rates from 6 to 7 pm. Trustee Elwood will contact Supervisors of the towns we have contracts with.

Regular monthly meeting on June 17th T 5:30 PM

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Elwood and second by Trustee Warn. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Notes taken by Fran Hulbert-Shaut.