

Board of Trustees of the Village of St. Johnsville

Regular Meeting June 17, 2025 5:30 PM

Present: Mayor White, Trustees: Melissa Baker, Steve Elwood, Gary Warn, Julie Eisele, Village Attorney Norman Mastromoro, Auditor John Lull and Village Clerk Derinda Greif

Public: Nino Polidori, Kim Snell, Donna Springer, Larry Schoff and Dennis Clark

Meeting was called to order by Mayor White at 5:30 pm.

Public Comment: Nino Polidori addressed NY State law concerning municipal meeting minutes.

Kim Snell expressed concern over the increase in water bills.

Donna Springer inquired about whether any feedback has yet been given from Delaware Engineering. Mayor White replied that there was a resolution found dated July 2024 approving the bond to cover the expenses for the wastewater plant. Those minutes will be reviewed.

Dennis Clark raised questions regarding said bond for the wastewater treatment plant and questioned whether any possible mistakes made in the recording of past meeting minutes should be corrected. Attorney Norman Mastromoro noted that any mistakes found would be recorded in the current meeting minutes after a review of the minutes in question.

Department Heads:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Chris Weaver stated that there were 21 calls this month. He reported flooding in the back room of the fire house and that a copy of the pumper tanker purchase agreement has been sent to Mayor White. Report received.

DPW: Bill Vicciarelli received an estimate for the possible paving of upper North Division Street for roughly \$56,000, not including the milling on it beforehand. Inquiry was made about an employee policy book and the summer employee work schedule was discussed. Report received.

WWTP: Report received. Nothing new to add.

POLICE: Police Chief Chad Manley asked for a motion to be made for the board to approve a conditional hire of an Auxiliary Officer, pending background check. Motion to accept by Trustee Warn, 2nd by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, motion carried. Report received.

CODES: Codes Officer Cliff Dorrough stated that four properties were red tagged. No report.

MARINA: No one present. The question was raised about pricing of marina fuel. No report.

DOG CONTROL: No report.

Treasurer: No one present. Report received.

Legal:

Old Business:

Mayor White received emails from the Army Corp of Engineers regarding approval for dredging of the sand bar and from Delaware Engineering regarding permitting for putting docks in. The board notes there is no money to fix the docks at this time.

Consent Agenda: Amotion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the minute of the 5/20/25 Regular Meeting minutes and the 5/29/25 Fiscal Year-End Meeting minutes was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried.

Audit of Claims: A motion to **accept** the claims as presented to the Board as approved to the Board by the deputy Clerk, in the amount of \$300,728.26 was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

- General Fund \$ 248,965.72
- Cemetery Fund \$ 4,511.31
- Marina Fund \$ 6,689.35
- Water Fund \$ 7,460.38
- Sewer Fund \$ 33,101.50

New Business:

A motion was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Elwood to raise the price of building permits. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Elwood to appoint the new clerk, Derinda Greif. All ayes, motion carried.

Decision was made to hold a public hearing on Monday June 23rd at 5:30 pm to discuss the use of reserve funds for repairs at the Community House and to purchase software for the Village Office.

A motion was made by Trustee Warn and seconded by Trustee Elwood for Fire Chief Chris Weaver to proceed with the purchase of a used pumper truck. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to take bids for building a hadicapped ramp for the Marina office. Motion denied.

A motion was made to hire an architect for Community House repairs. Motion tabeled.

Mayor White noted there could be a possible increase in village health insurance costs. Other options will be explored.

Public Comment:

Inquiry was made about the new clerk's term length.

Larry Schoff had questions about the cameras at the ballpark, to which Chief Manley responded.

Nino Polidori asked whether the Board would be instituting Roberts Rules in their proceedings. To which the response was made that for the size of the municipality the set of rules is too complicated, so we would be staying with our local rules as was voted on last year.

Dennis Clark raised questions about the bond anticipation notes and FEMA money. Mayor White addressed his concerns.

Other:

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session was made by Trustee Elwood to discuss police equipment and personnel at 7:16 pm. Seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

The board came out of executive session at 8:27 pm.

A motion was made for the promotion of Officer Reska to Police Sergeant and for him to receive one extra vacation day a year based on the vacation accrual table. The motion was made by Trustee Warn and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made approving a vacation time payout for any unused time accrued prior to the position being split to part time for the previous clerk/treasurer. The motion was made by Trustee Eisele and seconded by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made for the approval of repairs to be made to the Police department vehicle by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to keep Chief Manely at four weeks vacation this year due to an error in his contract. The motion was made by Trustee Warn and seconded by Trustee Eisele. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Baker. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting- July 15th at 5:30 pm