

Village of Franklinville

April 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the village office at 7pm. Members present were Mayor Harvey Soulvie, Trustee Ashley Schumaker, Mike Sikora and Steve Pockey. Trustee Scott Hillman participated via zoom. Others present were SPW Cary Hatch, Chief Mark Slavinski and Jim McAuley.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Sikora to accept the March 22, 2021 minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scheduled Guest-

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Schumaker to go into public hearing to discuss the building located at 7 Park Square. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Soulvie explained that the Board had passed an emergency resolution and all appropriate notifications have been sent to the property owners regarding the repairs that need to be done on the façade of the building as soon as possible. The owners have not responded, and the building is continuing to deteriorate. Jim McAuley said he would like to know if the village can do something to get the repairs done because the public is walking in the road due to the sidewalk being closed because the building façade is crumbling. Mayor Soulvie said now the Village will take steps to repair the building and bill the owners for such repairs as soon as possible. Trustee Schumaker moved, 2nd by Trustee Sikora to go back into regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Schumaker moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey authorizing Mayor Soulvie to hire a contractor to make necessary repairs to 7 Park Square and bill the owner on record, Kristin Dewitt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Schumaker to go into public hearing to discuss Local Law #1 of 2021-overriding the 1.31% tax cap as set by NYS. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Schumaker stated that the board has found it necessary to increase taxes by 3% to balance the 2021-22 budget, this requires the village to go over the NYS tax cap set at 1.31% for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Sikora to go back into regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Schumaker moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to pass Local Law #1 of 2021-to override the tax levy limit established in New York State General Municipal Law 3-C. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reports from Department Heads-

Chief Slavinski stated that he is getting volunteers to serve on a police reform plan committee as required by New York State, he will pass the information on to Mayor Soulvie at which time Mayor Soulvie will appoint the committee members. Chief Slavinski will then hold a meeting with the committee to go over the draft reform plan. Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Schumaker to hold a public hearing April 26, 2021 at 6:30pm to present the Village of Franklinville Police Reform Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Soulvie- read CEO Al Fish's letter of resignation effective April 30, 2021. Trustee Schumaker moved, 2nd by Trustee Sikora to accept CEO Al Fish's resignation effective April 30, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brad Sick, Larson Design Group sent an update on the water and wastewater projects.

A budget workshop will be held immediately following tonight's meeting.

Reports from Board members-

Trustee Schumaker is currently working on the April newsletter and asked for any input to be sent to her as soon as possible.

Trustee Schumaker moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to accept the bills totaling \$39,732.11 from the General Fund, \$10,753.26 from the Water Fund and \$19,882.17 from the Sewer Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hillman moved, 2nd by Trustee Sikora to adjourn meeting and go into a budget workshop. All ayes. Motion carried.