

**VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 27, 2021, 2021 6:30 PM
@Village Hall

Mayor Mark Souva
Trustee Benjamin Snyder
Trustee Gerald Shambo
Trustee Kim Vogt
Trustee Shareef Stokely

Attendance

In Attendance: **CLERK:** Lori Wheeler **DPW:** David Potocki

GUESTS: Matt Cooper **Via ZOOM:** Eric Johnson, Jerry Flanders, Julie Deveines, and TJ Williams

Meeting called To Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Mark Souva.

Eric Johnson joined meeting via zoom to discuss if the Village could donate or buy a goal for AYSO Soccer Club 1674.

Resolution Trustee Vogt made a motion to help purchase goals and soccer balls for AYSO Soccer Club 1674, Village will donate \$800.00 out of Youth & Services Account.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Shambo. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mayor Souva and was seconded by Trustee Stokely to approve the April 29, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes and May 10th, 2021 Organizational Meeting Minutes.

Vote taken: All in favor, motion carried.

DPW Business

The Board reviewed the DPW Report.

- Trustee Shambo asked about how water levels were. Dave Potocki said all wells recovering well.

Fire Department

- Mayor Souva asked about drill team race car going to a parade, he thought that they were done with that. Mr. Williams stated that they were going to use the hauler and race car for Lewis County parade.
- Trustee Shambo asked if Mr. Williams could tell board if the fire department approved. The Village Board to have meetings at the Fire Department. Mr. Williams stated that they have approved the Village Board to hold meetings there. Mayor Souva stated that they had to have a clean up plan and would get back to them.

New Business

- Clerk Wheeler informed Board that the Village was now using the TCS Tax System that Lewis County offered as a free tax collecting system with the ability to collect credit card payments later. Clerk Wheeler explained that she had not had time to set up the credit card system because of the short amount of time she has had to set up the initial tax system.
- Trustee Shambo asked if Clerk Wheeler was going to post office hours or if she had them yet. Clerk Wheeler stated that office hours would be Tuesdays 9:00 – 4:30 and Thursdays 10:00-6:00, she hadn't had a chance to post them yet.
- Resignation of James Yuhas as Deputy Treasurer.
Motion to accept by Trustee Vogt
Seconded by Trustee Stokely.
All Ayes.
- Resignation of Doran Johnson as DPW Supervisor
Motion to accept by Trustee Vogt
Seconded by Trustee Snyder
All Ayes
- Discussion to roll over vacation for DPW worker David Potocki. Roll over two weeks.
Motion to approve by Trustee Snyder
Seconded by Trustee Vogt.
All Ayes.
- Discussion on giving former Clerk Suzette Parker a pay out of 114 hours of her unused vacation time.
Motion-Trustee Shambo
Seconded-Trustee Snyder
- Mayor Souva would like to appoint Sandy Jones.
Sandy Jones joined the meeting via Zoom. Asked if she would accept position. She agreed to \$15.00 an hour not to exceed 15 hours a week.
Motion to accept-Trustee Vogt
Seconded by Trustee Stokely
All Ayes.

- Richard Ross was hired as new DPW laborer to start June 7, 2021. Wage starting at \$18.00 an hour. \$19.00 an hour after 6 months. Benefits to include health insurance, vacation and retirement.
 Motion-Trustee Snyder
 Second by Trustee Shambo
 All Ayes
 Motion Carried
- To hire Robin Grunert from Grunert's Great Outdoors to do AUD report, audit village books and to Help set up Quickbooks, not to exceed \$2000.00.
 Motion to hire by Trustee Stokely
 Seconded by Trustee Snyder
 All Ayes
- Hiring of Property management person moved to old business.
- Mickey Deitrich informed Board that RACOG is still sponsoring Zoom for Board Meetings just not doing Special Meetings. Discussion on price of Zoom.
- Flower pots are in. Discussion on how nice they are. Trustee Vogt said they used all 7 pots at the gazebo. Kris Vogt and 4-H kids did a great job with helping with them. Thanks to Devere Rumble for going to Auburn to pick them up and setting them. Trustee Vogt will purchase flowers for the office and get reimbursed. Board approved and will reimburse next month.
- Approval for DPW Dave Potocki to purchase a tank to put in the back of the truck to water flowers from Tractor Supply.
 Motion to approve by Trustee Vogt
 Seconded by Trustee Shambo
 All Ayes
- Discussion on letter from CHIPS. Village has \$41,000.00 left over from Cataract Street project. Mayor Souva emailed Senator Griffo on what Village can do with that. Waiting for return email.
- Dustin Moyle from Central River Project asked if he could use water from the fire hydrant by the Hydro Plant for a rock stabilization project. The hydrant that he is asking to use is not in the Village, it is the Town of Denmark's responsibility.
- DPW Dave Potocki informed Board that Lewis County Landfill prices for tires and mattresses are going up. Board decided not to pick up these items during Spring Clean Up.

- DPW Dave Potocki asked if he could purchase Dewalt power drill and Sawzall as the ones he has are worn out. He got quotes from Lowe's and Home Depot. Board approved him to buy next month.

Old Business

- Matt Cooper provided the Board with both water and sewer updates. No update on Water. Mr. Cooper explained financing options for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Disinfection and Improvements Project.
- Discussion on getting a credit card system for the office.
- Discussion for putting the old Ford F350 on Auctions International with a minimum selling price of \$10,000.00.
Motion to accept by Trustee Vogt
Seconded by Trustee Shambo
All Ayes
- Discussion on what to do with phone booth located by the Copenhagen Post Office. There is no power to it, only phone line. Need to confirm with Verizon if still connected.
- Discussion on getting locks fixed and secured in Village Offices. Mayor Souva contacted a locksmith and never heard back from him. Mayor Souva is going to find another locksmith.
- Trustee Vogt confirmed that she did checking/savings account reconciliation.
- Discussion on date for Village Clean Up. The Town of Denmark will assist with clean up as they have in years past. Need to ask Supervisor Pat Mahar when they are available. Board is hoping for middle of June.
- Discussion on gazebo repair. DPW Dave Potocki scraped and cleaned floors. Trustee Shambo said he would contact three contractors to repair and handicap access. Dave Potocki suggested roof needs repair. Trustee Snyder suggested contacting Johnson Lumber for possible donations.
- Bandwagon Repair-Randy Nichol would like invite to next meeting so he can speak to board about repairs.
- New York State mandated that there cannot be any water shutoffs for lack of payment.

- Waiting for quotes from SuitCoat for redoing Mill Street, Stoddard Street, and Grove Street.
- Discussion on fixing culverts on Mill Street and Grove Street.

Open Forum

Jerry Flanders joined via Zoom. Informed Village that the Lewis County Fair Board has requested The Copenhagen Fire Department to attend because it is the 200th anniversary.

Julie Deveines joined via Zoom. Asked why the meeting was not held at Fire Hall? Mayor Souva explained that the Village was waiting to find out what clean up entails. She also requested the video of May 10, 2021 Organizational Meeting. She was asking why Village used Summer Rec money to buy flower pots? Board explained that they were not taken out of Summer Rec Funds that there was a line in the budget for that.

Approval for Claims and Bill Payment

The Board reviewed the bills, and a motion was made by Trustee Shambo and was seconded by Trustee Stokely to pay the bills that are listed on Abstract # 12. Vote taken: All in favor, motion carried.

Account	Voucher	Amount
General	293- 308	\$11,644.40
Water	124-130	\$8,586.93
Sewer	108-113	\$1357.36


A motion was made by Trustee Vogt and was seconded by Trustee Snyder to enter into Executive Session at 9:04 pm to discuss former employee matter. Vote taken: All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Vogt and seconded by Trustee Shambo to exit Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. Vote taken: All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Vogt and seconded by Trustee Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.. Vote taken: All in favor, motion carried.



 Mayor



 Clerk