THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING BOARD PACKET AT THE VILLAGE HALL OCTOBER 11, 2023 18:30:00/6:30:00 At 18:30:00/6:30:00 MAYOR SOUVA CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, THOSE IN

ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- PRESENT WERE: MAYOR MARK SOUVA
- TRUSTEES: SHAREEK STOKELY, KIM VOGT, KERRY COLTON, PATTY BATES
- CLERK: KIMBERLY AUGUSTINE
- DPW: SUPERINTENDENT ROSS, DAVID POTOCKI
- GUESTS: SCOTT ALEXANDER, GAIL ALEXANDER, BILL ST. LOUIS, JUDY ST. LOUIS, DEAN VOGT, MATT COOPER, LEWIS ALEXANDER, KAITLYN VALDEZ, GERALD CARTER

RACOG: KAITLYN VALDEZ



Chris Barboza is no longer our Associate Circuit Rider. If you know of anyone that might be interested in contracting with RACOG for this position please let me know.



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RACOG UPDATES (Continued)

Membership

Town of Watson has asked me to come to their October 11, 2023 meeting to talk about RACOG. They have interest in possibly looking to join.

• Digital Radar Signs

The village of Lowville has ordered two, village of West Carthage is looking at ordering a couple, town of Croghan is looking to order two, and the village of Croghan is looking to order one. I believe there are some others also looking to purchase one or two.

• LED Lighting

The application for the LGEG grant fund reimbursement has started. Communities should have gotten information back in late spring on what they should be receiving from an email from me.

Comprehensive Plans

Town of Wilna, and the villages of Carthage and Deferiet are planning on a joint comp plan. Also, the town of Denmark and villages of Castorland and Copenhagen are also exploring doing a joint plan.

University at Albany Policy Research Center

I filled out a new survey they put together and they will be getting a new one together for RACOG municipalities.

TRAININGS

• Solar Installation in Agricultural Areas Webinar Series

This series of webinars will explore the continued push for development of solar energy projects in agricultural areas of the Northeast.

Location: Webinar

Dates: Various Dates (Next One - October 12, 2023) Website/Registration:<u>Click Here</u>

• Infrastructure Roundtable

Learn about funding opportunities for safe and clean water management and other community investments from state and federal agency representatives. Lunch will be provided. **Location:** Jefferson Lewis BOCES Howard G. Sackett Technical Center

Dates: November 9, 2023 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Website/Registration: <u>Click Here</u>

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DEC "Regenerate NY" Forestry Cost Share

The purpose of this grant program is to assist private landowners to support the regeneration of forests. **Due Date:** October 6, 2023

Website: https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/119950.html

Community Forest Grants

Municipalities can use this funding to purchase land or conservation easements to create new or expand existing community forests and protect land from development.

Due Date: October 11, 2023 Website: <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/124345.html</u>y

Invasive Species Projects

This grant program, supported by the Environmental Protection Fund, is designed to advance projects that target both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species, with six funding categories that address invasive species spread prevention, early detection and rapid response, research, management planning, and education and outreach.

Due Date: November 1, 2023 Website: <u>Click Here</u>

• Lewis County Facade Grants

TLewis County is launching Round 3 of the Façade and Streetscape Improvement Program, an initiative that incentivizes property owners, non-profits, business owners, and municipalities to perform façade improvements and streetscape enhancements in downtown areas across Lewis County. **Due Date:** November 3, 2023

Website:

<u>https://lewiscountyny.gov/departments/planning-and-c</u> <u>ommunity-development/facade-and-streetscape-improv</u> <u>ement-program/</u>

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TRAININGS

Cornell Local Roads Workshops
Fall workshops are now available for registration.
Location: Different Locations
Dates: Various Dates
Website/Registration: <u>Click Here</u>

GRANTS

• Northern Border Regional Commission 2023 Catalyst Program

The Catalyst Program is designed to stimulate economic growth and inspire partnerships that improve rural economic vitality across the four-state NBRC region. **Due Date:** Unknown

Website: https://www.nbrc.gov/content/Catalyst

NYSDEC Launches Green Purchasing Communities
Program

The program provides an easy to administer green procurement program for local governments and provides the community with recognition for implementing it. **Due Date:** Unknown **Website:** Unknown

• FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program

Under the FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program, Empire State Development will provide up to \$200 million in grants to prepare and develop sites to jumpstart New York's shovel-readiness and increase its attractiveness to large employers, including high-tech manufacturing, particularly semiconductor manufacturing, interstate distribution and logistics businesses **Due Date:** Unknown **Website:** <u>https://esd.ny.gov/fast-ny</u>

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DPW

DPW Report for October 2023

- Lead & Copper water sampling is completed
- Phone line at Sewer Plant is working
- Mowed all of the Village properties
- Weed wacked around Band Wagon Park
- Watered all flowerpots and hanging flowerpots at Band Stand
- Turned on Furnaces at both Water Plants
- Furnace at sewer plant operational
- Picked up extra furnace filters for Village Office and Woodbattle Water Plant
- Checked to make sure we had spare belts for the High Lift Station Pumps
- Exercised Pony motor at High Lift Station
- Called and scheduled for the Loader to be serviced
- Flexed air supply lines in both lagoon's
- Weed wacked under guard rail across from the Fire Station
- Replaced two pieces of damaged siding at Waste Water Plant
- Cut away brush that was blocking the 30 MPH sign next to Peter Jones farm
- Cut away brush around electrical pole at Waste Water Plant
- Loaded brush took it to Town of Denmark's green site
- Found main water valve next to Fire Hydrant number 8 on Deere River Road
- Stocked up on Hypo for the month
- Cleaned interior of High Lift Station
- Took over all the scrap metal that was in the shop over to Woodbattle scrap pile
- Weed wacked inside and out around well heads at Stoddard Road Water Plant
- Turned water off to both Cemeteries for the season
- Lubed up all pad locks and door locks at all village properties
- Washed windows on garbage truck
- Cleaned bathroom at Sewer Plant and flushed floor drains
- Made sure cancer bow bulbs were all working and installed it at the Band Stand
- Pulled drain plugs on big flower pots to get ready for winter storage
- Greased fittings on garbage truck
- Washed all windows inside and out of F-250
- Ordered reagents and lab supplies for Water and Sewer Plants
- Put new toilet bowel gasket on toilet at Sewer Plant as old one was leaking
- Called in six UFPO's for pole replacement on Route 12
- Sent monthly Water reports to DOH for the month
- Picked up and swept out shop at Village Hall
- Knocked down Cobwebs around Village Hall porch
- Repainted water valve covers at Woodbattle Water Plant
- Started to cut down brush along fence line at Sewer Plant

- Loader is serviced and ready for this upcoming winter fury
- Took monthly Water and Sewer samples to Converse Labs
- Washed down all cobwebs and spiders at Sewer Plant main entrance

PURCHASE OF KUBOTA TRACTOR

DPW HAS STATED THAT, INSTEAD OF BUYING A NEW TRACTOR (MANUFACTURER) AND TRACTOR COMPONENTS FOR VILLAGE DAILY TASKS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO STAY WITH KUBOTA. THEY FEEL IT IS THE RIGHT SIZE AND POWER TO DO THEIR JOB EFFICIENTLY. THEREFORE THEY WOULD LIKE JUST TO TRADE IN THE CURRENT KUBOTA, FOR A REPLACEMENT KUBOTA; IN THE LONG RUN SAVING THE VILLAGE MONEY.

RESOLUTION 48-2023

A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE STOKELY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE COLTON, TO PURCHASE DPW A NEW KUBOTA TRACTOR UNDER STATE CONTRACT FOR THE GROSS AMOUNT OF \$14,120.80; NOT INCLUDING THE TRADE IN VALUE.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE
ALL IN FAVOR, MOTI	ON CARRIED.

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HANDHELD COUNTY RADIOS

DPW HAS PUT INTO MOTION THAT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR VILLAGE/DPW TO SWITCH OVER TO HANDHELD COUNTY RADIOS. THEY COST ROUGHLY \$2200 EACH. SUPERVISOR ROSS WILL SUPPLY MORE DETAILED PRICES WHEN WE GET CLOSER TO THE BUDGET TIME PERIOD.

COPENHAGEN CARES - NO UPDATE AT THIS TIME

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE- NO UPDATE AT THIS TIME

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

RUTLAND FD

A PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 8TH FOR 18:00:00/6:00:00 PM. THE PURPOSE IS FOR RENEWAL OF FIRE CONTRACT. VOTING ON SAID CONTRACT WILL BE AT BEGINNING OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BATES, TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2023, AT 18:00:00/6:00:00.

TRUSTEE STOKELYAYETRUSTEE VOGTAYETRUSTEE COLTONAYETRUSTEE BATESAYEMAYOR SOUVAAYEALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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COPENHAGEN FD INC.- NO UPDATES AT THIS TIME

NEW BUSINESS

CAMPANY, MCARDLE, & RANDALL PLLC

CLERK AUGUSTINE HAS RECEIVED THE BILL FROM THE OFFICE OF CAMPANY. McARDLE, & RANDALL, FOR HOURS CLOCKED JULY 20, 2022– APRIL 2, 2023. CLERK AUGUSTINE REQUESTED THE BOARD DECIDE WHICH BUDGET LINE THIS WOULD BE PAID FROM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, TO PAY CM&R OUT OF BUDGET LINE A1990.4 CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE
ALL IN FAVOR, MOTI	ON CARRIED.

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OLD BUSINESS

BARTON & LOGUIDICE

CONTRACTOR ON THE SEWER PROJECT, HAS BROKEN GROUND. YOU WILL SEE MOVEMENT THERE AS THEY HAVE PUT IN A ACCESS DRIVEWAY. THE CREW OUT THERE HAVE FOUND BEDROCK SHALLOWER THAN THE GEO TECHNICAL CONSULTANT PREVIOUSLY CONCLUDED. AMENDMENT NO. 6 HAS BEEN SENT OVER FOR THE INCREASE OF ESTIMATED HOURLY FEE TOTAL FOR SUBCONTRACTED SERVICES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BATES, TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE
ALL IN FAVOR, MOT	ION CARRIED.

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THE FIRST PAYMENT IS DUE TO DUDLEY CONTRACTORS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BATES, TO PAY DUDLEY CONTRACTORS.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE	
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE	
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE	
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE	
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE	
ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.		

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TIMELINE WISE DUDLEY CONTRACTORS WANT TO HAVE THE BUILDING UP AND CLOSED UP. EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE ARRIVING MID WINTER, AND HAVE IT FINISHED BY MAY 1ST DEC DEADLINE.

THE WATER PROJECT IS STILL UNDER A 6 MONTH SUSPEND, UNTIL THE PRELIMINARY WATER STUDY IS DONE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER.

JEFF SPRINGS WHOM WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN REFERENCE TO THE COPENHAGEN STATUE, WILL BE COMING OUT OCTOBER 26TH WEATHER PENDING.

LEWIS COUNTY DRAINAGE- NO UPDATES AT THIS TIME

ANCA

TRUSTEE VOTE HAS SUBMITTED

LED CAMERAS

TRUSTEE VOGT WILL BE FOLLOWING UP OCTOBER 12TH.

RETAINING WALL

AS MENTIONED IN SEPTEMBER MEETING, GERALD CARTER SAID THE RETAINING WALL BEHIND MAPLE AVE, ALONG THE DEER RIVER, IS IN NEED OF SERIOUS ATTENTION. SUPERVISOR ROSS HAS EVALUATED THE AREA, HE CONCLUDED THAT ACTIONS NEED TO BE TAKEN AS WELL. THERE IS CONSEQUENTIAL EROSION. HE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP IN THIS MATTER.

WINDSTREAM

CIRCLING BACK AROUND TO SEPTEMBER MEETING WERE IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN WOULD NOT BE PAYING THE OUTRAGEOUS BILL, AND TO PASS DOCUMENTS ON TO KENDALL, WALTON, & BURROWS TO HANDLE. HOWEVER IN THE MEANTIME, DOCUMENTATION WAS FOUND IN EMAIL AND MEETING MINUTES FROM LATE 2021 THAT SUGGEST WINDSTREAM DID INFORM US TO FIND A NEW COMPANY FOR NETWORK AND VOICE TECHNOLOGIES. THIS INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. OUR CURRENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES WOULD STILL LIKE TO CHALLENGE THESE ASTRONOMICAL CHARGES, IN REFERENCE THAT THE COMPANY SAID THEY WERE PROVIDING US FIBER OPTIC CABLES, WHEN IN FACT THEY ARE NOT. MAYOR SOUVA WILL BE FOLLOWING UP.

DEAN VOGT

MR. VOGT ASKED TO PUBLICLY SPEAK WITH THE BOARD WITH REGARD TO LAST SEPTEMBER MEETING CONCLUSION. HE HAS PAID WATER BILL IN FULL, BECAUSE IN FACT HE DID HAVE A LEAK THAT WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY. DESPITE THAT FACT HE WOULD LIKE A BREAK ON HIS SEWER BILL. THE VILLAGE WATER/SEWER SYSTEM GOES OFF THE SAME USAGE OF WATER (WHAT GOES IN, MUST COME OUT). HOWEVER WATER RATE IS \$5.20 AND SEWER RATE IS \$8.00. THE WATER LEAK WAS WELL BEFORE THE HOUSE, AND WAS NEVER TAKEN IN CONSUMPTION, THEREFORE WAS NEVER EXPELLED AS SEWER. THE BOARD AGREED THOSE STATEMENTS WERE TRUE. THEY AGREED TO LET CLERK AUGUSTINE AVERAGE A BILL FOR MR. VOGT THAT MORE ALIGNED WITH HIS NORMAL SEWER BILL. FOR ALL OF THAT, IT WAS DECIDED THE BOARD IS MOVING FORWARD TO PUT INTO NEW LAW THAT NO ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR WATER NOR SEWER IN THE NEW YEAR (2024).

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A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BATES AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE COLTON, TO HAVE CLERK AUGUSTINE AVERAGE A BILL FOR MR. VOGT THAT MORE ALIGNED WITH HIS NORMAL SEWER BILL.

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TRUSTEE VOGT	ABSTAIN
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE
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APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BATES AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER MINUTES.

TRUSTEE STOKELY AYETRUSTEE VOGTAYETRUSTEE COLTONAYETRUSTEE BATESAYEMAYOR SOUVAAYEALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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TREASURER REPORT

10/05/23 10:11:42

MONTHLY REPORT OF TREASURER

TO THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN:

The following is a detailed statement of all moneys received AND disbursed BY me during the month of September, 2023:

DATED: Octob			21-144 - 14 - 14 - 14 - 14 - 14 - 14 - 1	TREASURER	
		Balance 08/31/23	Increases	Decreases	Balance 09/30/23
A GENERAL FUND -	TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING		243,850.21	2,671.40	15,862.95	230,658.6
CASH - SAVINGS		644,399.80	4,986.53	0.00	649,386.3
PETTY CASH		209.96	0.00	0.00	209.9
	TOTAL	888,459.97	7,657.93	15,862.95	880,254.9
F WATER FUND					
CASH - CHECKING		104,975.57	2,424.67	13,558.70	93,841.54
CASH - SAVINGS		123,683.14	6.21	0.00	123,689.3
	TOTAL	228,658.71	2,430.88	13,558.70	217,530.8
G SEWER FUND					
CASH - CHECKING		66,367.12	27,384.30	2,176.59	91,574.83
CASH - SAVINGS		101,261.20	5.10	0.00	101,266.30
	TOTAL	167,628.32	27,389.40	2,176.59	192,841.13
SF FIRE DISTRICT					
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TA TRUST & AGENCY					
CASH - CHECKING		491.28	9,600.48	9,361.76	730.00
	TOTAL	491.28	9,600.48	9,361.76	730.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		1,285,238.28	47,078.69	40,960.00	1,291,356.97

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MATT COOPER LEFT MEETING @19:55:00/7:55:00

PAY BILLS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, TO PAY SEPTEMBER BILLS.

TRUSTEE STOKELYAYETRUSTEE VOGTAYETRUSTEE COLTONAYETRUSTEE BATESAYEMAYOR SOUVAAYEALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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HALLOWEEN

THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO ADMINISTER A CURFEW FOR HALLOWEEN, AND FOR IT TO BE AT 20:00:00/9:00:00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, TO PUT INTO EFFECT A CURFEW ON HALLOWEEN AT 20:00:00/9:00:00.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE
ALL IN FAVOR, MOTIO	N CARRIED.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BATES AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE
ALL IN FAVOR, MOTIO	ON CARRIED.

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