

**THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
NOVEMBER 8, 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:                       SHAREEF STOKELY, KIM VOGT, KERRY COLTON, PATTY BATES

CLERK:                           KIMBERLY AUGUSTINE

DPW:                              SUPERVISOR ROSS

GUESTS:                         GAIL ALEXANDER, BILL ST. LOUIS, JUDY ST. LOUIS,  
LEWIS ALEXANDER, GERALD CARTER, DIANE MAHAR  
SAM CARROLL, CHRISTOPHER BARBOZA, RONNIE VOGT,  
CLAY VOGT

**RACOG: CHRISTOPHER BARBOZA**

MR. BARBOZA HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE D.O.T. IN REFERENCE TO THE CROSSWALKS IN THE VILLAGE. A 2007 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PUT THE CROSSWALKS WHERE THEY ARE NOW. THE CROSSWALKS THAT ARE IN REVIEW INCLUDE: THE BANDSTAND CROSSWALK, MECHANIC & LOUD, AND MAPLE & MAIN.

D.O.T. EXPLAINED THE REASONING BEHIND THE BAND STAND CROSSWALK BEING SO FAR UP, IS BECAUSE THERE ARE WHEELCHAIR DIVOTS/RAMPS IN THE SIDEWALKS THERE. IF THE VILLAGE STILLS WANT TO MOVE THAT CROSSWALK CLOSER TO TOWN, WE WOULD NEED TO LOOK INTO INSTALLING THE WHEELCHAIR RAMPS IN DETERMINED LOCATION. IN DOING THAT WE WOULD LOSE THE CROSSWALK BY BAND STAND. D.O.T.'S LOGIC BEHIND THAT DECISION IS THAT IF THERE ARE CROSSWALKS TOO CLOSE TOGETHER IN PROXIMITY, IT WILL DESENSITIZE MOTORISTS TO PEDESTRIANS. THAT BEING SAID, D.O.T. HAS NO PROJECTS IN THE WORKS FOR US, AND WE WILL HAVE TO REQUEST A SPECIAL PROJECT.

TRUSTEE VOGT POINTED OUT THAT THROUGH THE EASY STREETS LEWIS COUNTY PROGRAM, TOWNS, VILLAGES AND THE COUNTY ARE SUPPOSE TO BE WORKING TOWARDS MAKING OUR ROADS MULTI-USER FRIENDLY; THAT BEING PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS, AND MOTORISTS.

SHE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE VILLAGERS IN ANY CAPACITY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY UP TO THE GAZEBO, TO USE THAT CROSSWALK, TO COME ALL THE WAY

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BACK DOWN TO MAPLE. AS WELL AS THE SNOWMOBILE RUN BEING PUT ON THE SAME SIDE AS OUR ONLY MEDICAL CENTER. IT IS UNSAFE FOR ANYONE TO CROSS THE STREET THERE AND HAVE TO USE THE OPEN SIDE OF THE BRIDGE, TO GET TO THAT END OF THE VILLAGE. THE SNOWMOBILES ARE PROTECTED, BUT THE PEDESTRIANS ARE NOT.

IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH CLERK AUGUSTINE, MR. BARBOZA AND HER HAVE TALKED ABOUT LOCATION FOR A SIDEWALK CROSSING OVER MECHANIC IN THE SCHOOL AREA. THE D.O.T. SUGGESTED THE BEST PLACE FOR THAT CROSSWALK WOULD BE THE CORNER OF LOUD ST. CROSSING OVER MECHANIC.

MR. BARBOZA PRIOR TO THE MEETING SENT OUT TO THE TRUSTEES ON HOW TO CREATE A *SCHOOL SITE PLAN*; IT WILL SHOW ROUTES CHILDREN TAKE TO SCHOOL AND FROM SCHOOL, WHAT CROSSWALKS THEY USE. THAT IS A TOOL THE D.O.T. USES WHEN THEY CONDUCT THEIR ANALYSIS. THE DOCUMENT ALSO DISCUSSED DIFFERENT KINDS OF CROSSWALKS THAT CAN BE USED: LIGHT-UP, PAINTED, STAMPED, ETC... THE BOARD WILL BE RESEARCHING ALL AVENUES.

THE NEXT RACOG BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 24TH, AT SIX IN THE EVENING. LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

MICKEY DIETRICH IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT RIDER. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE, THEY ARE LOOKING AT STARTING THIS POSITION AS EARLY AS JANUARY.

THE TOWN OF WATSON WILL BE JOINING RACOG.

**DPW UPDATE**

- Washed down all cobwebs at Sewer Plant main entrance door
- Pumped down discharge pit at STP with Pomerville Septic as Effluent Line was plugged
- Took garbage truck to Groff's for service
- Temporary fix on sidewalk over buy Louie Alexander's
- Temporary fix on sidewalk in front of Richard Bradstreet rental property
- Filled in hole at Louie Alexander's side lawn where sinkhole formed by Storm Drain

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- Put a piece of metal plate alongside of bridge rail by Louie Alexander's to divert rain runoff
- Picked up a small pile of dirt next to catch basin on Cataract Street
- Went to Converse Labs to pick up the last results of the Lead and Copper that were never sent
- Flowerpots were picked up and moved to the Sewer Plant for the winter storage
- Filled out Report for HAA5 & THM annual sampling
- Took F-450 Groff's for service
- Took hanging flower pots down to old white building for winter storage
- Knocked down cobwebs at Village Office main entrance
- Swept floor and cleaned over at Woodbattle Water Plant
- Brought over both portable heaters from Woodbattle Plant and will store them at the Village Garage
- Cleaned the inside of Garbage Trucks packer where main ram is and remove garbage build up
- Cleaned bathroom
- Whites stopped by and give us a new quote on the Kubota Tractor
- Installed new tailgate chains on the F-450
- Moved tow behind generator from Sewer Plant to Village Garage for winter storage
- Turned water off at Ice Cream shop for the season
- Removed center tree by parking lot at Village Office
- Took downed tree to Town of Denmark's green sight
- Wiped down and swept out F-450
- Mowed out back to mulch up leaves
- Washed windows on F-450

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- Dropped off barricades at bandstand to close Street for Monument repair
- Cleaned out drainage grates on Cataract Street
- Dropped off Kubota Tractor doors to Whites
- Put Vote Here sign down to old white building
- Took table up stairs that was out in the Shop Garage
- Monument is all repaired
- Read the Village's and Town of Denmark's water meters
- Took down Cancer Bow
- Put Flag at half-staff (per e-mail)
- Put Flag back up to full staff (per e-mail)
- Replaced water valve at Woodbottle Water Plant that feeds the Chlorine Analyzer
- Sent monthly water report to the DOH
- Drove around village to make sure everything is alright for Halloween Night
- Installed winter wiper blades on F-250 and F-450
- Painted old curb wrench to make it more visible when it gets loaned out
- Picked up six bags of ice melt
- Picked up Hypo for the month
- Put new American Flag up at BandWagon Park
- Took monthly Water and Sewer Samples to Converse Labs
- Purchased three new American Flags for the Bandstand from Chosen Flags
- Both molds are stored at the Office that are for the Monument at the Bandstand
- Picked up Barricades from the fixing of the Monument

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- EJP was here to help with installing the Fire Hydrant extension on High Street and turning the Bashful Fire Hydrant around the right way

SUPERVISOR ROSS ALSO SAID THAT THE LIFT STATION WAS PUMPED ON 11.8.23, AND IT WILL BE DONE SO ON A REGULAR BASIS, TO PREVENT DAMAGE.

SUPERVISOR ROSS LEFT AT 18:46/6:46 P.M.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER**

SEWER PROJECT: NO UPDATE

WATER PROJECT: NO UPDATE

**COPENHAGEN CARES**

NEXT CC MEETING NOVEMBER 9TH

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY IS 12.2.23 STARTING AT 17:00:00/5:00PM

PLEASE REFERENCE THEIR FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

THE MORATORIUM HAS BEEN SENT TO COUNTY, AND PERMITS FOR JUNKYARDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE ARE NO LONGER BEING ISSUED. THE BOARD WILL BE RECEIVING THE NEW LAW BACK FROM VILLAGE ATTORNEY SOON. MR. McKEEVER PREFERS THAT THIS NEW LAW BE ROLLED INTO THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LAW. NO REASON TO CREATE A WHOLE NEW LAW JUST FOR A SMALL SECTION ON JUNK YARDS.

MR. McKEEVER HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE GARAGE. KEEPING THE CAR LIMIT DOWN, NO VEHICLES IN THE STREET, AND KEEPING THAT WHOLE AREA SAFE AND EASY TO PLOW SNOW.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

RUTLAND FD: RENEWAL OF FIRE CONTRACT

PREVIOUS TO THE BOARDS REGULAR MEETING A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE RENEWAL FIRE CONTRACT WITH RUTLAND. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN LAST YEARS CONTRACT AND THIS YEAR IS A 2% RAISE. THE PAYMENT WILL BE SPLIT IN HALF TO BE PAID TWICE THROUGHOUT THE FISCAL YEAR.

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**RESOLUTION 50-2023**

A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, TO RENEW RUTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 YEAR, WITH A 2% INCREASE.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 50-2023 APPROVED NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

COPENHAGEN FD INC.

NO UPDATE

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**NEW BUSINESS**

SHAMBO HOLDINGS LLC

MR. & MRS. POWIS WILL BE SELLING THE COTTAGE INN LIQUOR LICENSE TO SHAMBO HOLDINGS LLC. THE COMPANY IS ASKING THE VILLAGE TO WAIVE THE 30 DAY ADVANCE ON THE TRANSFER OF THE LICENSE. IN DOING THIS, IT WILL PREVENT ANY SHUT DOWN, AND A SMOOTH TRANSITION.

**RESOLUTION 51-2023**

A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BATES, TO WAIVE THE 30-DAY WAIT PERIOD FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE COTTAGE IN LIQUOR LICENSE.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE

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MAYOR SOUVA                    AYE  
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EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

WE CURRENTLY HAVE EXCELLUS BLUE CROSS/ BLUE SHIELD FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE. OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM WHO HANDLES HEALTH INSURANCE IS MOVING TO A DIFFERENT BROKER, AND ASKS THAT WE JOIN THEM. THE NEW INSURANCE BROKER WILL BE *UNITED PROFESSIONAL BENEFITS LLC* BASED IN WATERTOWN. THE BOARD HAS ASKED CLERK AUGUSTINE TO TALK WITH EMPLOYEES ON THE SWITCH OVER, AND RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ON THE DIFFERENT BENEFITS/ COVERAGE.

WATER/ SEWER CHANGES

THE BOARD IS SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING, TO BILL SEWER AND WATER TOGETHER ON A QUARTERLY BASIS; WHICH IS WHAT MOST TOWNS AND VILLAGES DO. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE LATERAL ON WATER LINES WITH RESIDENTS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BATES AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE COLTON, TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, AT 18:00/6P.M. TO DISCUSS MOVING THE WATER/SEWER BILLING TO QUARTERLY, AND PUTTING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LATERALS COMING OUT OF VILLAGE HOMES ON THE HOMEOWNERS.

TRUSTEE STOKELY            AYE  
TRUSTEE VOGT                AYE  
TRUSTEE COLTON             AYE  
TRUSTEE BATES               AYE  
MAYOR SOUVA                AYE  
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**OLD BUSINESS**

JEFF SPRINGS

OCTOBER 28TH HE CAME UP FROM NYC, AND ATTACHED A NEW SWORD. WE NOW HAVE THE MOLDS FOR THE SWORD., SHOULD THERE THIS ISSUE IN THE FUTURE.

STEWARTS-SEQR DETERMINATION

**RESOLUTION 52-2023**

A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BATES, THAT STEWART'S SHOPS DOES NOT NEED A SEQR.

TRUSTEE STOKELY            AYE

TRUSTEE VOGT              AYE

TRUSTEE COLTON           AYE

TRUSTEE BATES            AYE

MAYOR SOUVA             AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 52-2023 APPROVED NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

LEWIS COUNTY DRAINAGE

EXPECTING AN UPDATE ON THE GRANT NEXT MONTH.

ANCA

NO UPDATE

LED CAMERAS

STILL WAITING ON ANY INFORMATION AND PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE CAMERAS.

DEER RIVER ON MAPLE AVE. RETAINING WALL

MAYOR SOUVA LOOKED TO GERALD CARTER FOR ANY QUESTIONS. HE IS CONCERNED ON DRAINAGE LOCATION ON MAPLE.

WINDSTREAM

MAYOR SOUVA HAS BEEN WORKING WITH NY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. HE HAS A PUT A COMPLAINT INTO THEM ABOUT WINDSTREAM. WINDSTREAM



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HAS ADDED A LARGE PHONE LINE ONTO THE LINES WE HAVE/HAD WITH THEM. WHAT THEY ARE CHARGING THE VILLAGE FOR IN SERVICE LINES, WE DO NOT EVEN HAVE.

WINDSTREAM WILL NOT BUDGE ON THE \$1,000'S THEY ARE CHARGING US. SO THAT IS WHY THE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN MADE.

**THE BANDSTAND**

THE ROOF ON THE BANDSTAND HAS BEEN REPLACED. THANK YOU TRUSTEE STOKELY FOR HEADING THAT UP.

**SNOW ON THE SIDEWALKS**

THE BOARD REVIEWED WHAT HAS BEEN COVERED IN PAST MEETING ON SNOW REMOVAL. THEY FEEL IT IS HARD TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE CORRECT ANSWER. THEY WOULD LIKE TO COMPROMISE WITH THE VILLAGERS ON DPW REMOVING SNOW AND VILLAGERS REMOVING SNOW; THEY WANT TO WORK TOGETHER.

**COMMUNITY BOARD**

THE COMMUNITY BOARD WILL BE GOING UP IN FRONT OF THE VILLAGE HALL. THIS WILL HELP WITH COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE VILLAGE. ANYTHING THAT THE VILLAGERS WOULD LIKE TO POST ON THE BOARD NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE CLERK FOR APPROVAL.

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**FINANCIALS & MINUTES**

**TREASURER REPORT**

THE REPORT HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE ACCOUNTANT BY THE MEETING TIME.

**NOVEMBER BILLS**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BATES AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, TO PAY NOVEMBER BILLS.

TRUSTEE STOKELY            AYE  
TRUSTEE VOGT                AYE

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TRUSTEE BATES            AYE  
MAYOR SOUVA            AYE  
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OCTOBER MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, TO ACCEPT OCTOBER MINUTES.

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

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GERALD CARTER PUBLICLY THANKED TRUSTEE STOKELY FOR HIS PUBLIC SERVICED.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED @ 19:55/7:55 P.M.**