**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

Mayor Dennis Lutes presiding

MEMBERS: Judy Einach, Josh Freifeld

EXCUSED: Johanna Kelley, Blake Maras

OTHERS: Vince Luce, Becki Paternosh, Chris Reese, Ed LeBarron, Andrew Webster, Andrew Thompson, Corbin Meleen, Marybelle Beigh, Bonnie Rae Strickland, William Christ, David Haskin, Lynell Ellis, Susan Clawson, Carol Best, Stephanie Blount, Adam Duckett, Tom Herr, Lynlee Cunningham, Heather Luce, Tonia Frudd, Jeremy Gross, Margaret Ransom

**MAYOR/BOARD**

MINUTES

**The board made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2024 by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #2-2024 EXTEND MORATORIUM/CRYPTOCURRENCY

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to approve the following Resolution.**

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE COMMERCIAL CRYPTOCURRENTY MORATORIUM LOCAL LAW AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees does hereby extend the moratorium for the second, three (3) month period, pursuant to Section 6. Term, of the VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD LOCAL LAW #1-2023, A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL CRYPTOCURRENTY AND BLOCKCHAIN OR SIMILAR DATA MINING OPERATIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the second extension period will run from FEBRUARY 27TH, 2024 to May 27th,2024 based on the effective date of filing with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY GATEWAY B-2 DISTRICT MORATORIUM

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing for March 4th @ 7:00 p.m. for Community Gateway B-2 District Moratorium.**

APPROVAL TO HIRE M2 TREE SERVICE

**The motion was made by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to hire M2 Tree Service to conduct the Urban and Community Forest Management Plan.**

FIRST FRIDAY PLAN

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to approve the Chamber of Commerce outline for First Friday Activities for 2024.**

REQUEST EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS

REQUEST EXECUTIVE SESSION/COURT PERSONNEL

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to approve the Police Report for January.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**The board made a motion to approve the Monthly Fire Department report by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

NEW MEMBER

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to approve the addition of new member Brenda Parker to the Fire Department.**

FEMA GRANT FUNDING

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to approve to provide 10% FEMA matching funds for FEMA Grant to replace E291.**

SURPLUS ITEMS

**The board made a motion to approve declaring items as surplus by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

DOH INSPECTION REPORT

Chief Reese had previously submitted that the Department of Health Inspection Report had gone well.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**The board made a motion to approve the Recreation Monthly Report by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**The Code Enforcement Report was approved on a motion made by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

**HISTORIAN**

**The board made a motion to approve the Monthly Historian report by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

In answer to the question of the stakes with orange ribbons on them on N. Portage St., He stated they were for the surveyors to use where there are plans for new sidewalks being installed along N. Portage St. from the Storage Units down to the Thruway Motel.

**WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT**

**The board made a motion to approve the W&S Report by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and carried unanimously.**

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to approve the 35 kV line to Bourne St – Portage St. and**

**Cass/Clark St. Reconductoring dedicated circuit to Hospital & Bus Garage.**

**TREASURER**

REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORTS REVIEW AND APPROVAL

**The board made a motion to approve the Revenue and expense reports by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**

BUDGET TRANSFERS REVIEW AND APPROVAL

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to approve the Budget Transfers review.**

WARRANTS

**The board made a motion to approve the following warrants on a motion made by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and carried unanimously.**

Water W#49 $13,174.84

General W#40 59,147.98

Electric W#40 588,725.80

Sewer W#43 15,542.04

Electric W#4 344,352.83

General W#42 42,124.46

Sewer W#45 47,569.43

Water W#51 40,925.55

Capt’l Reserve W#3 23,600.00

**VISITORS**

34 GROVE STREET

A group of concerned citizens voiced their many concerns over the conditions of the property located at 34 Bank Street.

It was the general opinion of the residents in attendance that there are many issues including fire, health and environmental hazards; garbage, solid waste, etc. It appears there is drug trafficking and drug use as well which occurs at this location.

Many issues were noted regarding this unsafe area.

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to enter into Executive session to discuss Union Contract and Court Personnel.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Following discussion, the Executive Session ended on a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and carried unanimously. The board returned to regular session.**

ACTION TAKEN

Action taken resulting from the Executive Session is as follows:

**The board approved on a motion made by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously for the extension of 3 years to the Union Contract.**

**The board approved on a motion made by Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously, effective immediately to raise the wage for the Court Clerk to $17.00/Hr.**

**There being no further business to come before the board, the motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**