**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MEETING**

**APRIL 18, 2022**

Deputy Mayor Dennis Lutes presiding

MEMBERS: Judy Einach, Josh Freifeld, Blake Maras

EXCUSED: Mayor Michael VandeVelde

OTHERS: Vince Luce, Becki Paternosh, Ed LeBarron, Andrew Thompson, Don McCord, Joe Seminatore, Ann Kneer, Cassie Farrell, Lucy Knappenberger, Chris Chasse

**MAYOR/BOARD**

MINUTES

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously to approve the minutes of 4/4/22.**

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

**The board approved on a motion made by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously, the request by the Legion for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 30th as per the normal schedule and routines.**

RESOLUTION #14-2022/AUTHORIZING VILLAGE CO-APPLICATION

WITH NYS IEEP

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

AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD’S CO-APPLICATION WITH

THE NYS IEEP FOR NYSERDA RFP 4942-CATEGORY A

FUNDING FOR A SYSTEM RESILIENCY & PLANNING STUDY

WHEREAS, the Village of Westfield Electrical System reaches over 3,300 customers in both the Village and Town of Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York, and

WHEREAS, increasing severe weather-related events have impacted our electric system significantly over the last several years, culminating in a 24-hour system wide power outage beginning on the evening of March 23rd, 2022, and lasting completely through the late evening hours of March 24th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Westfield’s single radial feed to our community became unstable due to heavy winds and storms, causing two of the guy support wires to snap, two others to loosen significantly enough for the whole structure to list several feet to the east. Upon breaking, one guy wire crossed all three major conductors, damaging them and powering down our entire system; and

WHEREAS, it became evident that although our system is typically very reliable, having just a single power feed to our entire community did and will continue to be a system weakness and bottleneck that can cause major safety and reliability problems for our community; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Village of Westfield develop cost effective alternatives to ensure overall electric system redundancy and reliability to minimize the impacts of future weather events; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Westfield and the Municipal Electric Utility Association’s Independent Energy Efficiency Program (IEEP), as co-applicants, are applying for much needed funding for resilience planning for a study to help us find alternatives to the single radial feed transmission line we have now and which was earlier stated as an overall system weakness; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**,** that the Village of Westfield Board of Trustees does hereby authorize and support the Village’s joint application with the IEEP to the New York State Energy Resource and Development Agency (NYSERDA) for up to $100,000 in 4942-Category A funding for the intents and purposes as stated herein

JUNETEENTH DISCUSSION

**The board made a motion to approve for the Juneteenth Celebration to be held from 6/18-6/20/22 in either Welch Field or Moore Park contingent upon following up with Farmer’s Market etc. so there would be no conflicts.**

2022-2023 BUDGETS

ELECTRIC

**The board made a motion to approve the Electric Fund Budget on a motion made by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously.**

**WATER**

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

**SEWER**

**The board made a motion to approve the Sewer Fund Budget on a motion made by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

REPORT

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously to approve the Police Report as presented.**

RESIGNATION

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously to approve the resignation submitted by**

**Officer Joshua Peters.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

ELECTIONS

**The Board accepted on a motion made by Trustee Maras, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously, previously approved by the Fire Department, the positions of Chris Reese as Fire Chief; Josh Belcher as**

**1st Assistant Chief; Chris Chasse as 2nd Assistant Chief and Jamie Jaynes as the EMS Manager.**

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

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

**HISTORIAN**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

SPRING CLEAN UP

Ed noted that Spring Clean-up begins on Monday, April 25th through Friday April 29th. Items may be set out no sooner than Friday, April 22nd. He noted that once the truck goes by it will not return.

10 CLINTON STREET DEMOLITION

Ed reported the demolition of 10 Clinton Street will also begin on Monday, April 25th.

**TREASURER**

REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORTS

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to approve the Revenue and Expense Reports as presented.**

**CLERK**

WARRANTS

**The following warrants were approved on a motion made by Trustee Maras, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**

**General #18 $7,497.02**

**Water #63 2,593.02**

**Electric #54 173,376.53**

**Sewer #55 40,393.53**

**General #49 48,045.36**

**Water #62 1,538.76**

**Sewer #53 9,543.86**

**General #47 1,000.00**

**Water #60 14,253.58**

**General #46 42,321.47**

**Electric #52 82,021.57**

**VISITORS**

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Planning Board Chairman, Don McCord, presented handouts regarding the upcoming Downtown Improvement Program and requested that the Board review them to be discussed at the next meeting in May.

A Village resident inquired as to the process to paint the Fire Hydrants in certain appropriate sections of the Village.

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