**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MEETING**

**JULY 15, 2024**

Mayor Dennis Lutes presiding

MEMBERS: Judy Einach, Josh Freifeld, Blake Maras, Johanna Kelley

EXCUSED: Andrew Webster, Dan Hogg

OTHERS: Rebecca Betts-Paternosh, Rebecca Jackson, Corbin Meleen, Andrew Thompson, Josh Belcher, Charles LaPorte, Don McCord, Tom Herr, Gigi Dube, Mark Bonacquista

**MAYOR/BOARD**

MINUTES

**The board made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/17/24 by Trustee Maras, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #15-2024/CHAUTAUQUA MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD ADOPTING THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, DATED JUNE 7, 2024**

WHEREAS the Village of Westfield Board of Trustees recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Village of Westfield; and

WHEREAS the Village of Westfield has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024, identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Village of Westfield from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Village Board of Trustees demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD, NEW YORK THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with approval by the Village Board of Trustees; adopts the Chautauqua County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated June 7, 2024. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

RESOLUTION #16-2024 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION

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

**Consolidated Funding Application**

**Resolution of Support & Authorization for the Village of Westfield**

**Water Quality Improvement Project, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements**

WHEREAS, the Village of Westfield, Chautauqua County, supports the submission of a 2024 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Village to complete improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and address Inflow & Infiltration within the collection system; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) provides a competitive statewide grant funding for wastewater treatment plant improvements to municipal wastewater systems to address documented water quality issues and the Village of Westfield considers this project a priority; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board, on behalf of the Village, identifies the Village Mayor as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for the grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board does hereby accept that they shall provide at least a 25% match of the total of any grant funding awarded as a local match in the form of in-kind services or cash contributions hereby appropriated and obligated from the Sewer fund and/or SRF Financing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board approves MRB Group to prepare and submit the WQIP grant application within the CFA portal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Westfield, recognizes and fully supports the submission of the CFA for a Water Quality Improvement Project application by MRB Group on behalf of the Village for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and to address Inflow and Infiltration within the collection system.

RESOLUTION #17-2024EXTENDING THE COMMERCIAL CRYPTOCURRENCYMORATORIUM LOCAL LAW AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS

**The following resolution was approved on a motion made by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Kelley and was carried unanimously.**

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees does hereby extend the moratorium for the third, 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 CRYPTOCURRENCY AND BLOCKCHAIN OR SIMILAR DATA MINING OPERATIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the third extension period will run from July 15th, 2024 TO October 15th, 2024.

RESOLUTION #18-2024 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD TO APPLY FOR FY 2025 NY SWIMS GRANT FUNDS FOR A NEW WELCH FIELD POOL BUILDING AND POOL DECK

**The following resolution was approved on a motion made by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Kelley and was carried unanimously.**

**AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD TO APPLY FOR FY 2025 NY SWIMS GRANT FUNDS FOR A NEW WELCH FIELD POOL BUILDING AND POOL DECK**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees does hereby authorize Mayor Dennis L. Lutes to sign all documents required to apply for NY SWIMs GRANT PROGRAM funding.

The estimated total project cost of $1,150,000 will be used to raze the existing 57-year-old pool building and replace it with a new ADA and Energy Efficient facility including the complete resurfacing of the entire level concrete surrounding pool deck. The Village requests $920,000 in funding from the NY SWIMS Grant Funding program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if funding is received under this program, the Village Board of Trustees hereby agrees to commit a maximum of 20% or $230,000 toward the total project cost as described above.

PHONE SYSTEM

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously to approve the new phone system for Eason Hall.**

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POLICY

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**The Police report was approved on a motion made by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Kelley and was carried unanimously**

The Chief also noted that a new Police car (a Charger) had been ordered.

GRANT AWARD

The Police Department was awarded a Grant in the amount of $60,125 for specific items.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**The board approved the Fire Department report as read by Trustee Josh Freifeld on a motion made by Trustee Maras, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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

ADDITION OF POSITION/SALARY TO EXISTING STAFF MEMBER AT WELCH FIELD

**The board approved for Seasonal worker, Sean Murphy to receive $14.50 for his position as P.T. Rec Aide which will be split with his current position of P.T. Lifeguard @ $15.50.**

**ZONING**

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

**HISTORIAN**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

TREE/STUMP BID AWARD

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously to approve, (as attached to these minutes), the bid for Tree & Stump removal among M2 Tree Service, Bentley Tree Service and Mathews Tree Service.**

REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS

**The board made a motion to approve for the transfer of funds from 2023-2024 Snow Removal Budget to 2024-2025 Asphalt for paving of the Fire Department & Eason Hall parking lot in the amount of $35,000.**

**WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT**

VACATION CARRYOVER REQUEST

**The board made a motion by Trustee Kelley, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to approve for Andrew Thompson to carry over 3 days of vacation time.**

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

115kV TAP SWITCH AWARD

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Kelley and was carried unanimously to award the work for de-energizing the 115kV tap switches to Ferguson Electric in the amount of $11,526.**

No other bids were received.

VACATION CARRYOVER

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously to approve the carryover of vacation time for Bill Begier of 17.5 days and Mark Kawski of 12 days.**

**TREASURER**

APPROVAL OF REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORTS

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

**The board made a motion by Trustee Maras, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to approve the budget transfers.**

WARRANTS

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

**Water W#7 $38.81**

**Sewer W#7 4.88**

**Sewer W#9 11,896.20**

**General W#8 32,837.21**

**Electric W#9 112,817.00**

**Electric W#8 50,507.05**

**Water W#9 12,266.83**

**Sewer W#11 25,021.33**

**Water W#11 20,353.59**

**Electric W#10 91,102.50**

VISITORS

Resident Tom Herr spoke of his conversation with the School Superintendent Cipolla and discussed beginning an inventory of the Gorge and where students could manage a long-term database project and journal and perhaps give reports back to the board. The school has hired a new environmental science teacher that will be coming to the school in the Fall. They would await his arrival to discuss moving forward with this, if the board is interested.

The Mayor noted it would be required to have a request or something in writing from the School and or from him. Be sure what we are going to start with and remember there are certain issues and conditions that would apply to that watershed area as it is protected by the State of New York Health Department.

PROPERTY ISSUE

There was discussion from a Village resident regarding private property issues.

ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION

A Village resident voiced his concern regarding the dangerous conditions which are becoming more troublesome as there begins to be more of the electric scooters, boards and bicycles. The alarm being there is no consideration or caution observed for pedestrians by the operators of these new modes of transportation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**At 8:20 p.m. the board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Kelley and was carried unanimously to enter Executive Session to discuss Policy.**

**Following the Executive Session the board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously to re-enter regular session.**

No action was taken following the Executive Session.

**There being no further business to come before the board the motion was made at 9:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**