# REGULAR MEETING VILLAGE OF CANDOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES 138 MAIN STREET, CANDOR, NY September 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Village of Candor Board of Trustees was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Halstead at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance on September 6, 2016 at the Village Hall, 138 Main Street, Candor NY.

Those in attendance included Mayor Eric Halstead; Board of Trustees Gwen Isham, Gary Consalvi, Nancy King, Eric Lang, DPW Supervisor; Jennifer Bennett, Clerk/Treasurer; Lynne Roberts, Deputy Clerk Treasurer and Nathan VanWhy, Attorney/Coughlin & Gerhart.

Absent: Chad Edwards, Trustee & Attorney Robert McKertich.

Guests: Rick Stilson, Candor Chronicle, Residents Everett & Violet Swansbrough.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Stilson apologized for not attending previous meetings he has been sick.

Everett & Violet Swansbrough expressed concern regarding an old tree in front of their residence located on Stowell Ave. in the Village. The tree is in the Village right-of-way and would like someone to look at it. Eric Lang, DPW Superintendent stated that he looked at it and there are some branches that need to be trimmed. He will take care of it.

## **MINUTES**

No meeting in August due to vacations and not having a quorum.

A motion was made by Trustee Consalvi and seconded by Trustee Isham to approve the minutes of the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. A vote was taken and Trustees King, Consalvi, and Isham voted aye. Motion was approved and carried.

Trustee Gwen Isham made a motion to accept the July 19<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Consalvi. A vote was taken: Mayor Halstead, Trustee Isham, Trustee King and Trustee Consalvi voted aye. The motion was approved and carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

<u>Water Projects</u> - Mayor Halstead stated that we no longer have any water bills in the Village that is estimated. Everyone has a meter. Eric Lang will start the end of Main St. and work his way around reading the meters. Eric Lang, Superintendent DPW, stated that the hydrant by the Town Barn on Humiston St. is fixed.

<u>Library Roof Repairs</u> - Mayor Halstead & Deputy Clerk Lynne Roberts met with REAP in early August. They were informed that five Counties in New York State qualified for applying for this grant and our County was one of them. Yes we could apply for 15% of cost of the roof. Mayor Halstead was asked how the Village of Candor was financially. Mayor Halstead stated that we are doing well financially. If you're financially sound they won't give you a grant. Trustee Consalvi stated we should apply, if we get turned down we get turned down. Mayor Halstead stated the problem is the roof is leaking now, if we apply for the grant we would have to wait until next year to do the repairs and there is no guarantee that we will receive it. After much discussion it was decided that we need to move forward with this project. Mayor Halstead stated that we had a pre-bid meeting today at 4:30 PM. Three contractors showed up. The bid opening will be September 19, 2016 here at the Village Office. Hunt Engineers & Lawyers will review the bids to make sure they meet the specifications put forth in the bid. Do we want to have a special meeting to award the bid to move the project

along a little faster? Everyone was in favor of holding a special meeting on September 22, 2016 at 5:30 PM. Nate

VanWhy, Coughlin & Gerhart Attorney, asked if we needed someone from their office to attend. Mayor Halstead stated that he didn't think it was necessary, he will fax the information after the meeting. A discussion took place regarding other funding sources to help with this project. Rick Stilson, Reporter with the Candor Chronicle stated that Finger Lakes & Community Foundations South Central NY award construction grants. Jim Douglas is working with the Community Foundations South Central NY; he probably could give us some information regarding the foundation and the application process. Trustee Isham stated that the Hooker Foundation is another source we could look into. Mayor Halstead stated the representative from REAP also mentioned that. Trustee Consalvi stated that we need to make sure Trustee Edwards is notified of the Special Meeting.

Fire Protection Agreement - Mayor Halstead presented a copy of the Fire Protection Agreement for the Trustees to review. Mayor Halstead stated that in the 2<sup>nd</sup> "Whereas", states that the Village dissolved the Village fire department upon a positive public vote. There wasn't a public vote; there wasn't even a public hearing. Trustee Isham stated the first three paragraphs in the agreement needs to be clearer, what are Village Trustee and Village Public. Nate VanWhy stated that in the agreement when it refers "the Village" it means the Trustees acting for the Village. Nate VanWhy, Attorney, stated that the language regarding "upon a positive public vote" was in documentation sent to his office. It was in a letter dated 2007 or 2008. Mayor Halstead stated there wasn't a vote. Nate VanWhy, Attorney stated that if the board wants we can change the language to "upon a positive public vote which did not occur". The Trustees agreed that it needed to be clarified. Trustee Isham stated that it needs to be clarified for someone that receives a copy of the minutes and sees this attachment. Trustee Consalvi inquired about the payments for the fire district. Mayor Halsted stated that we will have one payment due the first of January and one due in June. We have to decide if we are going to pay for that out of this year's budget or the 2016/2017 budget. Trustee Isham asked if the fire credit for the Village will show up on the January taxes. Mayor Halstead stated that there will be a reduction for the Village of Candor residents. Nate VanWhy, Attorney stated that if the State does take action we can dissolve this agreement. If this agreement is terminated the Village will get refunded.

Mayor Halstead stated that he wants to make sure we have fire protection. Mayor Halstead stated that hopefully the NYS Fire Commission will approve our agreement. The Fire Commission is meeting the 13<sup>th</sup> and they should be reviewing the agreement. Mayor Halstead stated that we will have a joint meeting with the fire district. That meeting date has not been determined.

<u>Christmas Lights</u> Mayor Halstead stated that due to NYSEG removing the electric pole by the school that had our power supply attached to it; we need to do electrical work in order to run the Christmas lights. We received one quote from Patterson Electric and we are expecting another quote soon. Trustee King asked why we have to pay for it, NYSEG are the ones that removed it. Mayor Halstead stated that it's because it's their pole. After some discussion it was decided to table this for now and discuss it in October.

<u>Paving</u> - Mayor Halstead stated that this year's paving of Humboldt St. and Rte 96 end of Park Drive is scheduled for the third week of September. Eric Lang, Superintendent of DPW, stated that he would notify the school in case they have a bus traveling in this area.

<u>Catch Basins</u> - Eric Lang, Superintendent DPW, stated that he hasn't ordered them yet because he needs to talk with Marty VanEtten to schedule a time to do it.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Police Report - Mayor Halstead submitted the police report for the month of August.

<u>Justice Report</u> - Mayor Halstead submitted the Justice Reports for the month of July. A motion was made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Isham, to approve the Justice Report as presented. A vote was taken Mayor Halstead, Trustee Isham, Trustee Consalvi, Trustee King voted aye. The motion was approved and carried.

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Water Reports - The Water Reports were handed out for the Board to review.

<u>Bills</u> - A motion was made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Consalvi, to approve the bills as presented. A vote was taken Mayor Halstead, Trustee King, Trustee Isham, Trustee Consalvi voted aye. The motion was approved and carried.

<u>Insurance Quote</u> - Mayor Halstead submitted the insurance quote for NYMIR. Mayor Halstead stated that there is an increase of \$414.00 due to re-evaluation of our structures & cyber security. Trustee Isham made a motion to accept the new insurance rate as presented, Trustee Consalvi seconded the motion. A vote was taken Mayor Halstead, Trustee King, Trustee Isham, Trustee Consalvi voted aye. The motion was approved and carried.

<u>REAP Representative</u> - The Village and Town of Candor are two municipalities that don't have representatives. Mayor Halstead asked if anyone was interested in being a REAP Representative. The meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Mayor Halstead stated that he approached Chris Brown and she said she might be interested. The meetings are at noon and they serve pizza and wings.

<u>Dodge Pickup</u> - Mayor Halstead presented the board with a quote to fix the 2001 Dodge Pickup from Finishline. The cost was \$1,682.31. Mayor Halstead stated that we will get two more quotes and we can discuss it in October. Mayor Halstead stated that he will go to Moore's Tires and Keith Hills for the other quotes. Trustee Consalvi stated that if we want to continue to have a truck like this we might want to consider budgeting for a replacement pickup truck.

<u>Hydrant Flushing & Brush Pickups</u> - Mayor Halstead stated that we will be flushing the hydrants October 17<sup>th</sup>. Brush pickup will be October 24, November 7 & 21, December 5 and January 16<sup>th</sup> (this includes Christmas trees).

<u>NYCOM</u> - Mayor Halstead stated that he, Jennifer Bennett, Clerk/Treasurer and Lynne Roberts, Deputy Clerk Treasurer will be attending the conference for Mayor's & Clerks in Saratoga Springs September 12-16<sup>th</sup>. We will have to close the office for the week. We will post the closing of the office in the Bank, Post Office and on the office door.

<u>New Business</u> - Trustee Consalvi asked who the Deputy Water Commissioner was due to Jennifer Bennett resigning as Trustee and she was the Deputy. Mayor Halstead stated that Trustee Edwards will take over all the duties that were assigned to Trustee Bennett.

Trustee Consalvi stated the District Attorney Kirk Martin would like to attend the next Village Board meeting (October 4<sup>th</sup>) to address the drug problem that we are experiencing in our area. The board approved inviting him.

Trustee Consalvi made a motion to adjourn @ 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Bennett Clerk/Treasurer