

**REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE OF CANDOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
138 MAIN STREET, CANDOR, NY, 13743  
October 4, 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 October 4, 2016 at the Village Hall, 138 Main Street, Candor, NY, 13743.

Those in attendance included Mayor Eric Halstead; Trustees Gwen Isham, Gary Consalvi, Chad Edwards; DPW Supervisor, Eric Lang; Clerk/Treasurer , Jennifer Bennett; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Lynne Roberts; and Attorney/Coughlin & Gerhart, Robert McKertich. Absent: Trustee Nancy King.

Guests: Rick Stilson, Candor Chronicle and Kirk Martin, Tioga County DA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** District Attorney Kirk Martin thanked the Board for letting him talk to them tonight. He stated that he did a presentation for the Lions Club and was surprised at how many people didn't really know what his office does. This made him realize that he wanted to talk to all of the Towns & Villages to inform them about his office and give him a chance to discuss any concerns that they may have.

District Attorney Kirk Martin presented to the Village Board an overview of the duties for the District Attorney's office. He discussed the drug problems that are plaguing the County. Tioga County used to be the hot spot for meth. But now the drug of choice is heroin due to the price being so cheap. When he took office in 2014 Tioga County had one of the top five heroin death rates in all of New York State. He gave the Board an opportunity to ask him questions and some discussion took place.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee Consalvi and seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the minutes of the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended. A vote was taken and Trustees Edwards, Consalvi, and Isham voted aye. Motion was approved and carried.

Trustee Gary Consalvi made a motion to accept the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Isham. A vote was taken: Mayor Halstead, Trustees Isham, Edwards and Consalvi voted aye. The motion was approved and carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Water Projects:** Mayor Halstead stated that the water main break by the Fire Station was fixed last Saturday (Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>). DPW Supervisor, Eric Lang, showed the board a picture of the cracked pipe. Everything is working now. The water level in the tank is back up.

**Library Roof Repairs:** Mayor Halstead stated that he talked to Gary Henry, P.E., Hunt Engineers, and they have scheduled a preconstruction meeting for Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. There seems to be a problem with the contract but these issues are being addressed and a contract will be in place by Friday. The contractors want to start as soon as the contract is set.

**Fire Protection Agreement:** Mayor Halstead presented an updated copy of the Fire Protection Agreement for the Trustees to review. Village Attorney, Bob McKertich, stated that the Fire District wanted some minor changes done to the agreement. He didn't bring it with him; he informed the Board of the minor changes and stated he will forward a copy to the Village office tomorrow. Robert McKertich stated that the Village needs to hold a public hearing before

they can approve the agreement. After some discussion it was decided to hold it Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall.

Christmas Lights: Mayor Halstead submitted the two quotes for the Christmas lights. We received one quote from Patterson Electric for \$1,691.09 and the other quote was from R & D Construction for \$675.00. A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Consalvi, to approve hiring R & D Construction to do the electrical work required for operating the Christmas lights. A vote was taken; Mayor Halstead, Trustees Isham, Consalvi, and Edwards voted aye. The motion was approved and carried.

REAP Representative: Mayor Halstead stated that Florence Alpert contacted him stating that she was interested in being the Village Representative for REAP. He stated that he would like to appoint her. After some discussion it was decided that she would be a good candidate for the job. Mayor Halstead stated that he would contact her to let her know she is appointed as the Village of Candor Representative.

Dodge Pickup: Mayor Halstead submitted three quotes to fix the Dodge pickup:

Finishline, Candor, NY	\$1,682.31
Hill's Auto, Owego, NY	\$1,742.69
Lawrence's Auto Serv., Owego, NY	\$1,937.00

Some discussion took place as to whether it would be worth putting the money into a truck this old. It was decided that if we do the repairs to get us through to next year, we can budget for a replacement pickup at that time.

Brush Pickup and Hydrant Flushing: Mayor Halstead stated that a flyer will be inserted with the water bills informing the residents dates for brush pickup 10/4,11/7 & 11/21, 12/5 & 1/16/17 and hydrant flushing will be 10/17. The Halloween curfew is 8:00 pm on Monday, October 31. Mayor Halstead stated that the Baptist Church contacted him and stated that they are having a kid's party on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Police Report: Mayor Halstead submitted the police report for the month of September.

Justice Report: Mayor Halstead submitted the Justice Report for the month of September. A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Isham, to approve the Justice Report as presented. A vote was taken; Mayor Halstead, Trustees Isham, Consalvi, and Edwards voted aye. The motion was approved and carried.

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

Bills: A motion was made by Trustee Consalvi, seconded by Trustee Isham, to approve the bills as presented. A vote was taken; Mayor Halstead, Trustees Edwards, Isham, and Consalvi voted aye. The motion was approved and carried.

MEGA (Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance): Mayor Halstead stated that he went to a class on this at NYCOM. MEGA is a committee that negotiates the best prices for municipalities. It doesn't cost anything to join it. Tioga County belongs to it and a lot of municipalities belong. The state is now opening it up to the residents. They can't come into the Village without our consent. MEGA is located in Ithaca. Bob McKertich, Village Attorney, stated that there would have to be a public hearing. After much discussion it was decided to have a MEGA Representative attend a board meeting to do a presentation.

Financials: The Financials for the month of August were submitted for the board to review.

Workers Comp Bill: Mayor Halstead stated that we received the new Workers Comp. bill from Tioga County and it has gone up 7.29%. Trustee Isham stated that it would be nice to see the four-year breakdown to see how it was calculated. We have never utilized it and our rate has gone up, the municipalities that have utilized it have had a drop in the rate, it doesn't make sense to any of the board members. Amy Poff, Tioga County Benefits, told Lynne Roberts, Deputy Clerk that the increase was due to a change in the calculation formula.

Annual Per Capita Aid & AIM (Aid & Incentives to Municipalities) Checks: Mayor Halstead stated that we have received our annual funds from the State Comptroller's Office:

Per Capita Aid	\$908.00
AIM	\$8,502.00

County Sales Tax: Mayor Halstead submitted the monthly sales tax report from Tioga County that breaks down the distribution of sales tax for each municipality.

Sidewalks: Mayor Halstead stated that he went to a discussion at NYCOM regarding sidewalks. Mayor Halstead stated that NYS is giving out \$98M in grants for air quality, sidewalks, bicycle trails and walking paths. The deadline for submitting the application for the grant is October 21<sup>st</sup>. At NYCOM one Village had a program where they had a lottery. They budgeted \$20,000 picked a couple of streets and offered to split the cost of the sidewalk replacement with the resident. They do a couple of streets each year. Mayor Halstead asked the board if this is something they would consider. After much discussion it was decided to consider it in next year's budget. Trustee Consalvi stated that our streets are in good shape, maybe now we can concentrate on the sidewalks.

Generator: Mayor Halstead stated that we have had the generator for seven years and Eric Lang, DPW Supervisor does a test every Monday morning and everything appears fine. Mayor Halstead stated that he contacted Jim Douglas from the Town of Candor regarding their generator and asked if he felt it is really worth the money for a service agreement. Jim Douglas informed Mayor Halstead that their generator was on the verge of breaking down. They were checking theirs once a week like we are doing and when it was serviced they found out it had all kinds of problems. Mayor Halstead got three quotes for service agreements for the generator:

A.C. Spear Electric, Inc.		\$1,100.00/yr
Carson Rental & Supply	Option 1	\$249.00/yr
	Option 2	\$394.97/yr
Turnkey Control Solutions Inc.		\$775.00/yr

After much discussion and comparing the quotes, a motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Consalvi, to hire Turnkey Control Solutions, Inc. to service our generator according the quote submitted. A vote was taken; Mayor Halstead, Trustees Edwards, Isham, and Consalvi voted aye. The motion was approved and carried.

Trustee Consalvi made a motion to adjourn @ 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Bennett  
Clerk/Treasurer