Present: Mayor Baker, Trustee Tartaglia, Trustee MacPherson, Trustee Hoskins, Trustee Cristelli

Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Lisa French, Shane Nordberg- WWTP Chief

Guests: Denise Singlar, Dustin Dumond, Rich Wright, Jason Preisner- Lamont and Andrew Kantor – The Reporter.

Mayor Baker opened the regular meeting at 7:00pm

Jason Preisner of Lamont Engineering gave an update on the water treatment plant facility, once receive DOH concurrence will go out to bid for construction. There will be four contracts, broken out for general construction, electrical, plumbing and heating contract, per WICKS law for public works project over $500,000. Once the new wells go online and meter installations are completed, anticipate a reduction in water usage. Shane Nordberg indicated the water usage has already shown a decrease from 660,00/680,000 gallons per day to 80,000 gallons per day. When questioned further Shane stated that usage was from 660,000 to 680,000 gallons a day and it dropped anywhere from 60,000 to 80,000 gallons per day.

Denise Singlar Greenplain project, are they doing the five culverts or the whole project. Mayor Baker responded that the main goal is to get the culverts done, then continue with the rest of the project if financing permits. Shelley Bennett-Johnson wrote the grant and will do the quarterly reports. Waiting on County board approval for Delaware County to take over the project.

Trustee Cristelli moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded the motion adopting the March 25, 2024, minutes as written. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, Carried.

Mayor Baker announces the Mayoral appointments for the 2024/2025 year as follows.

**Personnel Committee** **Finance Committee**

Trustee Tartaglia and Trustee Cristelli Trustee Cristelli and Trustee Hoskins

**Public Works Committee** **Public Safety Committee**

Trustee Hoskins and Trustee MacPherson Trustee Tartaglia and Trustee MacPherson

**Recreation Committee**  **Airport Committee**

Trustee MacPherson and Trustee Hoskins Trustee Tartaglia and Trustee Cristelli

*Deputy Mayor*- Trustee Tartaglia

*Village Historian*- Michael Mason (1 Year)

*Fire Chief*: John Gilmore

*1St Assistant Chief*: Michael Singlar

*2nd Assistant Chief*: vacant

**Designations:**

*Banks & Trust Companies for Deposit of Village Monies*- NBT Bank, Community Bank & Delaware National Bank of Delhi, Bank of Greene County and Wayne Bank

*Village Attorney*- Coughlin & Gerhart

*Official Newspaper*- The Reporter

*Official Radio Station*- WCDO

*Village Board Meetings*- 2nd & 4th Monday of each month. Monday holidays meeting to be held the following day. Organizational Meeting - April 8, 2024. July, August, and December one Monday ONLY.

*Clerk/Treasurer* authorized to pre-pay public utility service, postage, freight, express and any other invoices where payment is necessary prior to the audit of claims. All such claims will be included in the next regular meeting for audit. Trustees are assigned by a monthly rotation and will audit the vouchers prior to the meeting.

*The Fixed rate for mileage reimbursement* to Village officers and employees for personal use of automobiles while performing official Village business is as set by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Board of Trustees is adopting certain guidelines from the Open Meetings Law as listed below:

1. All guests can ask questions at the time of the public comments part of the meeting ONLY, which will be right after the meeting is called to order. If there are numerous guests who would like to address the board the mayor will allow each guest to speak for 2-3 minutes.
2. If a guest has questions once the public comment is finished, they must wait until the following meeting to address the board. Mayor Baker will allow public comments during the meeting as long as the commentors remain respectful.
3. Any questions about previous meetings will need to be submitted to the Village Clerk 1 week before the next board meeting to give time for research on the specific question.

Trustee Cristelli moved, Trustee MacPherson seconded the appointments and designations as detailed above for the Fiscal year ending May 31, 2025. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee Tartaglia moved; Trustee Cristelli seconded the motion to award the bid proposal from Freedom Lawn Care for Landscaping in the amount of $4,815.00 for May 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee Cristelli moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded the motion to schedule a public hearing for the General, Water and Sewer budgets for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year to be held on April 22, 2024 at 7pm in the Village Board room located at 21 Liberty Street, Sidney NY. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Public Works – Summer help request for DPW and WWTP, WWTP is looking for 3 summer help , one for the office and two regular workers. Networking with CDO workforce to find summer help, CDO will contact us if they have interested students.

Resident inquired status of the unemployment claim for temporary summer help, per village attorney, it is a valid claim and we do have to pay the unemployment claim.

Other Business – received a letter from the Sidney Airport Club (formerly Sidney Frequent Flyers) informing us they are holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday June 2, 2024. The annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday April 26 at 10:00am, the tree dedication will be held in KCP in recognition of Dennis Porter for his continued contributions to the Sidney community, music performance will be by the Sidney HS Band.

Trustee Tartaglia moved, Trustee MacPherson seconded the motion authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to pay the Abstract #18 dated April 8, 2024, from the following funds:

**Fund Audit**

General $ 46,200.01

Water $ 6,453.59

Sewer $ 4,689.01

Community Development $

Trust & Agency $ 3,021.25

Capital $­­­\_\_\_ ­­­­25,355.53\_

**Totals $ 85,719.39**

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee MacPherson moved; Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:00pm to discuss financial matters. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee MacPherson moved; Trustee Cristelli seconded the motion to leave Executive Session at 9:31pm. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee MacPherson moved, Trustee Tartaglia seconded the motion to re-appoint Jennifer Ruling as Associate Justice for a 1- year term commencing April 11, 2024 with a yearly salary and without any other benefits offered. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Trustee Cristelli moved, Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 pm. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. French, Village Clerk/Treasurer