

DEPARTMENTAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 2022 9:00 A.M., HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL,  
85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Departmental Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Mayor McGrath. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shannon.

Present: Mayor Carolann McGrath  
Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon  
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt  
Trustee Jason Mead- Absent  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi

Also Present: Demi Shannon, Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
Kristen Barron, Hancock Herald  
William Brown, Delaware Engineering  
Terrance P. Dougherty, PH. D., HCSD Superintendent of Schools  
James Serio

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to approve the September 27, 2022 departmental minutes.

*2022- 185*

*Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers #0010 in the amount of \$21,590.25.

*2022- 186*

*Abstract of Vouchers*

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Hathaway stated that there were 5 building permits issued for the month. He conducted a Fire Safety Inspection at the Hancock House Hotel. He attended the zoning and planning board for 499 West Main Street property. He reported that he spoke with the owner getting a shed on Old Bridge Street about the location of the building.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Bernard Wormuth reported that everything is running good. The leaking roof is fixed and he is waiting for quotes on re doing the entire roof. They are hauling the stuff in the drying beds preparing for the winter season.

Terrance P. Dougherty thanked the Village Board and Mayor for the ongoing support. He thanked them for working with him and the school through shared services. He was grateful for the teamwork with the school to better the community. He thanked the entire Village for all their work and support throughout the years.

Police Kyle Karcher was not present and no report was provided.

Fire Chief Blaise Bojo read his report and stated that the Fire Department was busy during September. They assisted the Village with traffic control for the recent parades and events. Grants are out for funding and they are waiting to hear if they got them or not. Another Fire Department is selling a water technical trailer and the equipment on it. He listed all the equipment included and the price is \$15,000. He will try to find partial funding from other resources as well. The Board will discuss and

wait for possible other funding before they make a decision.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Matt Loftus reported that they are conducting regular obligations throughout the Village. They fixed multiple potholes throughout the Village. They installed lights at the Village Office and Police Station. They are preparing the Village and equipment for Winter.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to accept the Departmental reports.

2022- 187

*Departmental Reports*

Mayor McGrath stated that the Hancock House Hotel submitted some bills totaling about \$14,000 to the Village for the dirty water issue. Mayor McGrath has been reviewing them. She requested some information from the plumber for his bill that was submitted.

Bill Brown stated that they have backflow valves on the fire system within the hotel and that The Village should request documentation of the test results for the backflow testing that needs to Be conducted by a certified tester. He stated that the final work for the water project is scheduled To be done next week and then everything should be up and running.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to renew with the increase of 8.9% for Excellus BC/BS Simply Blue plus Gold 6

2022- 188

*Health Ins. Plan Excellus*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to renew the CDPHP Medicare PPO plan with no rate change.

2022- 189

*Health Ins. Plan CDPHP*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to resolve the following

2022-190

*Health Insurance Changes*

1. Renew Excellus BC/BS Plus Gold 6, as health insurance plan for active benefit eligible employees, pre 65 retirees. The deductible for single in the amount of \$1,600 and 2-person/family in the amount of \$3,200 will be deposited to eligible Health Savings Accounts. Deductible amounts will be funded in 2 payments.
2. Renew CDPHP Medicare PPO plan will be available for all eligible retirees for plan year starting January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
3. For all active benefit eligible employees who are not eligible to enroll in a Health Savings Account (HSA) due to federal taxation rules and are enrolled in the village will provide a deductible only reimbursement plan also know as Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for plan year 12/1/2022 through 11/30/23. The maximum reimbursement is \$1,600 for an individual and \$3,200 for a 2 person or family contract. Eligible expenses are medical expenses subject to the Village of Hancock's Blue Cross/Blue Shield \$1,600/\$3,200 health plan deductible. Dates when expenses can be incurred are 12/1/22 through 11/30/23. Deadline for filing a reimbursement request is 2/28/24. Type of documentation needed for reimbursement is an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from Excellus for medical deductible expenses and an Rx receipt for pharmacy deductible expenses. Reimbursement method will be by check. Termination Policy will be as follows; Qualified deductible expenses may be submitted up to and including the date on which your health plan coverage ends. The reimbursement plan administrator will be the Village of Hancock located at 85 E Front St., Hancock, NY 13783; Phone:

607-637-5341.

4. New % of premium contribution for our health insurance plans are as follows:
- Employees
    - o Individual Coverage Employee is required to pay 13% of the cost for an individual premium
    - o Double/Family Coverage Employee is required to pay 13% of the cost for an individual premium and 23% of the dependent coverage. (The dependent coverage is the difference between the individual premium and the double/family premium).
  - Post 65 Retirees (after Medicare Reimbursement of \$130.10)
    - o Single/Double 50%/month
  - Pre 65 Retirees
    - o Single 43%/month
    - o Dependent 45%/month
- Due to all premiums paid one month in advance; All contribution rate changes will take effect one month prior to contract date.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Carolann McGrath - yes  
Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon - yes  
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt - yes  
Trustee Jason Mead - absent  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi - yes

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon voted and carried at 9:33 A.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

2022- 191

*Executive Session*

- Matters which, if disclosed, will imperil the public safety
- Matters which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer
- Information regarding current or future investigations or prosecutions of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed
- Discussion proposed, pending or current litigation
- Collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law
- **The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation**
- The preparation, grading, or administration of examinations
- The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by the public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof

The meeting was reconvened at 10:16 A.M. with no action taken.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to send a letter to the owners of 247 Vestal Avenue for the sidewalk that was removed for work and has not been replaced.

2022- 192

*Letter to 247 Vestal Ave*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to send a letters to the owners of business that have a Fire System that has back flow valves requesting proof of their inspections.

*2022- 193*

*Letter to Business' with Fire Sys*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to contact the Village Attorney about the stipend for the Fire Chief.

*2022- 194*

*Contact Attorney Fire Stipend*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer