

PUBLIC HEARING AND DEPARTMENTAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,
MONDAY APRIL 24, 2023 9:00 A.M., HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL,
85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

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

Present: Mayor Shaun Shannon
Trustee Ricky Kuehn
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi

Absent: Deputy Mayor Jason Mead
Trustee Shane Mielke

Also Present: Demi Shannon, Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Kristen Barron, Hancock Herald
Mark Blauer, Blauer Associates
William Brown, Delaware Engineering

The public hearing was for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Village of Hancock's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2023 Program Year.

Mark Blauer spoke about applying for the CDBG grant for the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). He stated that this is the third time applying for this grant. He stated that we will improve the application this time in hopes to receive the grant.

Bill Brown spoke about the main scope of the work that will be done with the grant. He stated that the bigger parts and pieces of the WWTP that are original about 40 years old will be replaced. He stated that these machines and parts are very expensive but very important for daily operations of the WWTP.

There was a discussion about the project and our chances of receiving the grant.

There was no public comment on the CDBG Grant.

The public hearing was closed at 9:20 A.M.

The Departmental Meeting was called to order at 9:20 A.M. by Mayor Shannon. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shannon.

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Trustee Ricky Kuehn
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi

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Trustee Shane Mielke

Also Present: Demi Shannon, Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
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William Brown, Delaware Engineering

A MOTION was made by Trustee Picozzi seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to approve the March 27, 2023 departmental minutes.

2023- 076

Minutes Approval

A MOTION was made by Trustee Picozzi seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers #021 in the amount of \$36,995.00.

2023- 077
Abstract of Vouchers

A MOTION was made by Trustee Picozzi seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers #021 in the amount of \$42,410.40.

2023- 078
Abstract of Vouchers

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Hathaway stated the house was removed from 57 East Main Street following the fire in February. He issued 3 building permits in the month of March. He conducted multiple inspections throughout the Village. He looked at properties with garbage complaints.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Bernard Wormuth reported that the numbers are good. He stated that they started emptying the drying beds in preparation for the summer months. He worked out the repairs to be done on the blowers. He brought up that the generators are getting old which makes getting the parts for them impossible.

Police Daniel Petersen was not present and the Mayor read his report.

Fire Chief Blaise Bojo was not present and the Mayor read his report.

Village Streets Superintendent Joe Zazackie reported that they removed the salt spreaders and prepped them for winter storage. They are picking up garbage on LaBarre Street regularly due to a littering problem. They fixed the sweeper and are sweeping the streets. They are prepping for the summer months.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to accept the Departmental reports.

2023- 079
Departmental Reports

The Board decided to table the NYS Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance tax exemption to the May 08, 2023 meeting pending more information.

The letter for 32 Center Street sewer forgiveness was presented and discussed by the board.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to deny sewer forgiveness of \$896.79 at 32 Center Street.

2023- 080
Denial of Forgiveness

Letter of resignation for Matthew Loftus was present.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to accept Matthew Loftus' resignation as Superintendent of Public Works as of May 09, 2023.

2023- 081
M. Loftus Resignation

Public Comment: James Serio informed the board that he is doing a shuttle service on Saturdays from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM for the summer. They will go from the Charging Stations at the Town Offices to the Town Square to the Municipal Lot and to the Circle E Diner from April to Labor Day. Mayor Shannon asked Bill Brown if they have progress on the Hydrant testing and flushing that has to be done. Bill stated that he will work out dates with Joe and let the Village know to notify

the public when they will be doing.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried at 9:42 A.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

2023- 082

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 10:26 A.M. with no action taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to hold a public hearing on May 22, 2023 at 9 am for the CDBG grant application for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

2023- 083

Public Hearing

A MOTION was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to promote employee A51101 to Village Street Superintendent and increase his pay to salary of \$40,000.00 per year with any time worked over 8 hours a day is comp time at time and a half.

2023- 084

A51101 promotion and raise

A MOTION was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to increase the pay of employee G81302 to \$21.00 per hour effective immediately.

2023- 085

G81302 raise

A MOTION was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to accept the quote from Power Generation & Industrial Engines Inc. for \$2,003.18 for repairs to the generator for the Fire House work to be done after June 1, 2023.

2023- 086

Power Generation Quote

Police Daniel Petersen reported that the new K-9 car was picked up and is getting outfitted. The outfitting should be done about August 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:51 A.M.
Respectfully Submitted by:

Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer