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VILLAGE OF JORDAN
February 22nd, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard Platten, Trustees Meixner, Chilson, Ferris, and Gustafson (7:05)

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

POLICE OFFICER in ATTENDANCE: Officer Edward Healy

AUDIENCE: Jonathan Monfiletto with “The Journal”

REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Platten opened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:00 pm with Officer Healy leading the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Motion by Trustee Meixner, seconded by Trustee Ferris, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of February 8th, 2016 Voting: All present in favor –Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE:

Mayor Platten welcomed and introduced Jon Monfiletto. Mr. Monfiletto is the editor of the current Skaneateles Journal operated by the Citizen Newspaper. The Skaneateles Journal is becoming the West Onondaga Journal covering the three townships of Skaneateles, Marcellus, and Elbridge. The Journal will be a free home delivery on Wednesdays to residents within these townships and available to anyone outside of them with a subscription. The Mayor thanked Jon for attending the meeting and stated he is pleased and certainly appreciates all the effort the Citizen Newspaper is putting forth to expand their coverage to encompass our area.

Press releases and news items for publication in the “The Journal” should be sent to Jon directly.

REPORTS:

Buildings & Grounds:

- Nothing to report.

Water & Sewer & IT:

- Trustee Meixner resurrected the contacts from last year regarding the technology upgrades for the office. Discussion included input from Officer Healy regarding the needs for the Police Department and the Court. It appears that a peer-to-peer system would work fine with a modem, a wireless router, a managed switch, and a form of storage. Trustee Meixner has contacted Williamson regarding their specifications. Trustee Ferris inquired what the steps or phases would be. Step 1: Connect with TWC, Step 2: Install a network system or the managed switch, Step 3: Upgrade computers and run wires. A dollar amount is unknown at this time; may be able to save by purchasing off the OGS contract. The phone system was question. It would have to be dealt with as a separate issue no doubt, although inquires will be made to Time Warner. The Mayor wondered if, or how, the upgrade issue could tie into Consensus Plan. Trustee Ferris stated a person responsible for the overseeing of the technology and providing support would still be necessary. Research will continue.

Public Safety:

-The January Monthly Report received review.

- Discussion on the derogatory view of small police departments made by Mr. Rubin’s column, as it related to Consensus. Mayor Platten would like to see credit given for what small police departments are able to do with what they have. The Village receives very little coverage from the Sheriff’s department although everyone pays for service through the County taxes.

Streets & Drainage:

- Update on the Clinton Street Phase II project. All six copies of the Multi-Modal #1 agreement packets have been signed and returned to the DOT for their departmental reviews and final approvals.

Discussion: While we cannot award any contract until the State releases the grant monies, we could send out RFPs at this time. Our work schedule does not set a start date until after July 4th, allowing for the completion of the school year, the holiday, and notification/arrangements with the fire department. The bid packages will be unitized to allow for completion based on available money.

General:

- The Village received our Fiscal Stress Score today. Good news, we received a “No Designation” on both our financial stress and our environmental stress with scores of 10% and 3.85 respectfully.

- Trustees are reminded that their budgets need to be submitted within the next week or so. Everyone received a copy of the up-to-date budget figures.

-Mayor Platten and Trustees Chilson and Ferris attended the Mayors’ Association Dinner. The Mayor asked the Trustees to share their thoughts on the Consensus presentation from that evening. Both Trustees

felt that it was informative. The ultimate goal the Consensus is to drive the economy up in fiscally stressed areas. They shared that State mandates overwhelm small communities. Some items could possibly make sense while others could not be envisioned for the village at all. Some companies looking to invest or move into the area may need to speak with multiple communities versus one large city/county. Mayor Platten stayed for the special Mayors' gathering afterwards. Mayors want their municipalities to be viable and actively contributing to the county. The Mayors' group will look at the proposal in its entirety and rather than being naysayers, they will find aspects that they can agree upon or suggest modifications. He noted although Consensus may offer some operational savings it does not necessarily equate to financial savings. Mayors will take a proactive approach and draft a position paper within the next weeks. Most villages have intra-municipal working agreements with one another, and have successfully implemented these agreements for years, if not decades. They wondered if any of the agreements were taken into consideration for Consensus.

As the input time has been extended, Mayor Platten would like to have a presentation given in the Jordan-Elbridge area. He will make the appropriate contacts to place his request.

OLD BUSINESS

Water & Sewer:

- The water contract was briefly discussed. The Mayor suggested that Trustee Meixner contact the previous trustee that negotiated the contract five years ago for information and possible aid.

NEW BUSINESS

Streets & Drainage:

Motion offered by Trustee Ferris and seconded by Trustee Gustafson, to resolve to go out for RFPs on the Clinton Street Project Phase II with a unitized bid package, but not award the project until the State of NY has released the grant monies for the Multi-Modal #1.

Voting: All present in favor. Motion Carried

Mayor Platten shared he had placed four calls to individuals in the attempt to expand the Comprehensive Plan group to encompass the Climate Action Plan. As he had not received any responses to date, appointments cannot be made this evening.

*Motion to pay the bills and file the correspondence offered by Trustee Chilson and seconded by Trustee Gustafson. All present voting in favor Motion Carried

*Motion to adjourn offered by Trustee Chilson and seconded by Trustee Gustafson
All present voting in favor Motion Carried at 8:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Meixner, Clerk-Treasurer