

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance administered by Mayor Nellist at 6:00pm.

The quotes given to us by Lime Energy to upgrade the lighting inside and outside the Village Hall, the Village David Barker Park on Main Street, the Department of Public Works Garages and the Police Department. It would take approximately two years to see a savings on the Village Hall, Village Park and 3 years on the DPW Garage. The Police Station would take approximately 6 years to see a savings. A discussion was had about the upgrade and questions were raised about warranties, as well as who would be completing the work and what is their reputation. These questions will be answered at the monthly Board meeting.

NC Health Care Consortium Update and next steps

- Niagara Falls councilman is now interested in entertaining the idea of joining the health care consortium, if Niagara Falls jumps on Board then the risk will be spread out even farther
- By-Laws should be provided to the Unions to show they have a voice at the table
- A decision to keep moving ahead and how it will affect all participating Municipalities, overall a savings of 3.8 million dollars or 8% has been seen due to the 2014 cost comparison
- It does look like a significant increase if you look at our 2014 data, but with the options we had in 2015 it's a much closer gap
- There is still a lot of work left to do. For example choose a Chief Financial Officer, plan designs, choose carriers etc.
- Town of Somerset was chosen as the lead agency for the \$250,000 matching grant. The grant is a 10% matching grant, which means the fairest way to come up with the \$25,000 is to have all interested Entities share the cost equally. Not to exceed \$1,500.00 annually. The Towns who have already contributed towards the \$5,000 it cost to write the grant will have to pay \$764.00 annually and all other Entities will pay \$1154.00 or \$288 per quarter
- A second estimate was done (priced conservatively) 3yrs of claims data was collected for a more accurate picture and came in with 450,000 in additional savings, as well as a new stop loss quote was given as a renewal not a new policy, which gave another \$864,000 in savings
- Niagara County is self insured and will not see huge savings if they participate in the Consortium, but would join if all Towns and Villages were on Board
- Each Municipality needs to pass a resolution

A discussion was had on the two options to repair Main Street

- Trustee Matheis was asked to look into the NovaChip and report back at the next meeting. The fiberglass and NovaChip would create a stronger, more flexible barrier due to the concrete under Main Street and last longer before cracks show.

Kubota-Bentley Brothers- \$11,459.95
John Deere-Z&M Ag & Turf-\$11,772.27
New Holland-Niagara Frontier-\$19,820.01
Kubota-Niagara Implement-\$19,949.70

Police- final purchases for FY 2015/2016

Uniform Pieces-\$100.00
Printer- \$100.00
Antenna for 1998 Ford Victoria- \$1,000

Chief Annable also inquired about hiring another Officer. Nick Locicero will be handing in his resignation soon. The new Officer would be to fill in gaps that are left by Sergeant Piskorowski and Officer Braughler. The Board decided

Greater Niagara Orleans Healthcare Consortium

WHEREAS, the Greater Niagara Orleans County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Study consists of twenty-six municipal entities throughout Niagara and Orleans Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium’s goal is to reduce overall health care costs to municipalities through purchasing health insurance jointly; and

WHEREAS, an initial comprehensive review was completed by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. showing that significant savings would accompany the joint purchasing of health insurance through the Consortium, thereby reducing the overall operating costs to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium, if adopted, should provide relief to taxpayers through efficiency and leverage provided by the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, by consensus vote of the Consortium Ad Hoc Committee comprised of participating municipalities , it was directed that the Town of Somerset as lead agency for the participating members apply for a \$250,000.00 grant from the New York State Department of State to further study the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the twelve towns in Niagara County, who are all participating members, in this project, each contributed \$417.00 to date towards the cost of the grant writer to pursue the state grant; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium was successful in that the state grant was awarded and the Town of Somerset was designated as the lead agency for administering the grant; and

WHEREAS, as a condition to the Department of State \$250,000.00 grant, the recipient must provide matching funds equal to 10% of the overall grant total; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset, as the lead agency, is responsible for providing the \$25,000.00 in matching funds as required by the New York State Department of State; and

WHEREAS, by consensus vote of the Consortium Ad Hoc Committee comprised of participating municipalities, it was agreed that participating municipalities would equally reimburse the Town of Somerset for the matching funds required to be paid by the Town of Somerset for this grant; and

WHEREAS, at this time and during the grant process, there is no obligation of any municipality to join the Consortium upon its final implementation; and

WHEREAS, in order to completely evaluate the full costs and benefits of a Consortium, it is essential that the grant project continue until its conclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset will seek reimbursement on a quarterly basis from the State for services and expenses rendered under this Grant, in which the State will deduct the matching grant portion; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset will then submit quarterly to each participating municipality a voucher for its portion of the matching grant share; and

WHEREAS, this municipality is one of the entities participating in this project and will continue to benefit from the Consortium study and potential implementation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the spirit of cooperation, this municipal body agrees that the cost of the matching amount borne by the Town of Somerset shall be allocated amongst the current twenty-six participating municipalities in equal shares, with each Niagara County town who contributed towards the cost of the initial grant writer receiving a \$417.00 deduction from this equal share in order to ensure that each entity contributes an identical amount towards this worthy project; and be it further






RESOLVED, this municipal body does hereby authorize payment to reimburse the Town of Somerset in the amount not to exceed a total of \$1154.00 over a two-year period in quarterly reimbursements not to exceed \$288.50 for our share of the grant matching funds for this worthy project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if any additional municipal entity joins this Consortium study, then this municipal body recognizes that the aforementioned reimbursements will be adjusted downward accordingly.

Mayor Nellist commented on the purpose of the Health Care Consortium is to leverage the cost of Health Care through joint purchasing power.

Resolution #14-2016 was motioned for adoption by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Matheis. All voted aye. Resolution Carried.

The **Clerks Financial Reports** were reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

-  Water Bill penalty will be added May 13th
-  Unable to offer ACH payment option due to the misinformation given by M&T bank. The actual cost will be \$25.00 per month with a 20cent fee for each ACH transaction. It’s just not a feasible option right now.
-  Tax Bills will be mailed on May 31st for Collection beginning June 1, 2016. Beginning July 1st 5% penalty will be added, August 1st a 6% penalty will be added, September 1st a 7% penalty will be added and the last month for collection of taxes by the Village will be October, with a deadline of October 31, 2016 with an 8% penalty added. As of November 1, 2016 all remaining taxes will be turned over to Niagara County for Collection on the Counties January Tax bill.
-  Purchase new chairs for the Board Room from Quill.com \$39.99/chair
7x39.99= 279.93 279.93-30.00(coupon)=\$249.93
-  The Library updated their sconces on the front of the building last week, it was decided that we should purchase the same ones to replace our sconces, as well.

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

- 2016 Loader Tractor quotes received:
 - Kubota-Bentley Brothers- \$11,459.95
 - John Deere-Z&M Ag & Turf-\$12,222.27 (added 450.00 for loading the tires)
 - New Holland-Niagara Frontier-\$19,820.01
 - Kubota-Niagara Implement-\$19,949.70

A discussion ensued about the warranties on the Kubota (4 years) and John Deere (6 years). It was decided that the Kubota tractor will be purchased. A motion to **purchase the Kubota L Series-L4060HSTC tractor** was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and a second was offered by Trustee Matheis. A unanimous vote followed to carry the motion.

The milling and paving of Main Street was discussed due to the two options put forth by Mike Tracey from the County. One option was to utilize the traditional way of paving (\$30,000) and the other was to use a fiberglass mesh along with NovaChip from Midland Asphalt (36,000). It was discussed and the consensus was to move ahead with the traditional method with the work to be performed by Niagara County. The NovaChip could be used in the future to extend the life of Main Street with an overlay, when necessary.

Laborer Matthew Smolinsky has terminated his employment with the Village effective 5/1/2016. The DPW Laborer/Part Time as needed position has been posted and applications are due by Friday, May 13, 2016. DPW Superintendent Mark Remington reminded the Board that it was important that the person has an open availability. Mayor Nellist said he would set up interviews as soon as possible.

The **Approval for the Barker Lighthouse Optimist Club** to utilize the David Barker Park and close off a section of Main Street on Sunday, July 10th, 2016 for their “Summer Sunday Serenade” was motioned for approval by Trustee Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Matheis. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
3 building permits and 2 inspections

The **Police Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
Purchase a Brite Antenna for the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria-\$899.00
A motion to approve the Brite Antenna purchase was made by Trustee Ruffini and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. A unanimous voted followed to carry the motion.

The **Resignation of Officer Nick Locicero** was read aloud. A motion to accept the resignation of Officer Locicero was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and a second was offered by Trustee Matheis. All voted in favor to carry the motion.

Chief Annable broached the subject of hiring another officer to replace Officer Locicero. It makes it hard to schedule to fill in the gaps that are left behind by Sergeant Piskorowski because the other Officers on the rooster have other full time jobs and aren’t available in short notice. Another Officer would fill in gaps and do DWI hours in the summer on nights and weekends. In the summer there is a need for consistent patrols due to the problems we have with the kids. Mayor Nellist stated that he has no problem hiring a candidate, as long as the Board is the lead on the hiring process and a schedule is needed so that it can be brought in front of the Town to optimize the coverage available. Trustee Kerth stated that he had no problem due to the resignation of Officer Locicero. Mayor Nellist, Trustee Kerth and Chief Annable will be the interviewing committee.

Correspondence: Barker Lighthouse Optimist Club letter requesting approval for the use of the Park-July 10, 2016
United States Postal Service
Modern Refuse and Recycling Quarterly Report-January thru March 2016
NYS DOT CHIPS balance notification- \$14,825.07 FY 2016/2017
Independent Living of Niagara County-Fishing Derby initiation August 7, 2016
NYCOM Summary of the 2016/2017 Adopted Budget
NYS Department of Public Service-Clean Energy Standards Program
NYS Department of Health –Mark Remington Class D Water License Renewal
NC Gallonage Report
Time Warner Cable Programming Changes-May 4, 2016
Time Warner Cable Programming Changes-April 20, 2016
Niagara County Dept. of Economic Development-\$10 Million available through Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI)
NYSEG-Usage and Safety brochures and pamphlets

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 012 Voucher #’s 362-399
General Fund-\$11,223.18 Water Fund-\$14,431.70 T&A Fund-\$1,000.00 TOTAL \$13,654.88
A motion to approve the claims and bill payment was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Ruffini. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

Budget Transfer: A7750.4 Celebrations to A1640.44 Village Hall Building-Contractual \$250.00
A3120.44 Police Training to A3120.45 Police Supplies \$150.00
A motion to approve the above budget transfers was made by Trustee Matheis and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. All voted in favor to carry the motion.

Public Comment was offered by:
Phillip Bates: Stated that he would like to see the 8,000 minimum water usage for the minimum bill instead of the current 5,000. Mayor Nellist stated that if the Village is collecting more than we need, we could look at that again. Mr. Bates gave DPW Superintendent a compliment regarding finding the water loss at the end of Main Street by Mayor Brothers. He said it was one of the best things he has done.

Board Comment was offered by:
Mayor Nellist: Offered recognition of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicky Baker and Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner for Administrative Professionals Day and thanked the Students that were in the audience for their attendance.

A motion for **Adjournment** was made at 8:19pm by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. A unanimous vote followed to carry the motion.

Next regularly scheduled work session will be June 6, 2016 @ 6:00pm.
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 13, 2016 @ 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner
Clerk-Treasurer