

Village of Tannersville

Date

February 12, 2024

Time

6:00 PM

Location

Tannersville Village Hall

Present: David Schneider, Mayor
David Kashman, Trustee
Dylan Legg, Trustee
Mary Sue Timpson, Trustee
Gregory Thorpe, Trustee

Type of meeting: Regular Board Meeting

Robin Dumont, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent:

Also Present: George Kelly, Bob Janizewski, Rebecca Fitting, Mike Lucey, John Gallagher, Sydney Frazier, Cherri Rizzi, Nancy Gallo, Sean Mahoney, Steve Tuomey, Pat Leach

Minutes:

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution to Dissolve Village Government

The Mayor stated that we are changing the order of the agenda. He stated that there is a petition going around to dissolve the Village.

He presented the following resolution:

VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE

RESOLUTION TO COMMENCE PROCESS TO DISSOLVE THE VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW ARTICLE 17-A

WHEREAS, the State of New York has encouraged local municipalities to consolidate services and governance obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Tannersville deems it appropriate to

explore the possibility of dissolving the political entity known as the Village of Tannersville and merge the responsibilities thereof with other municipal entity(ies) and

WHEREAS, in order to complete such process the Village Board must first perform a study to collect information and develop a plan in accordance with NYS General Municipal Law Article 17-A.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Tannersville hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee to commence the process by creating a committee, comprised of stakeholders, to study Village operations, analyze the potential impacts of restructuring options, formulate a plan, and vet the dissolution proposal with the public; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED that the mayor and/or his designee may retain experts and other consultants to assist the committee in its work.

The Mayor stated that if the Village were handed a petition, it would be a stricter timeline. This allows us to do on our own timeline.

Mr. George Kelly asked if a petition can still be dropped off and what would be the process. The Mayor stated yes, but would have to look into legalities with Village Attorney.

Trustee Timpson stated that this process allows us to complete this study in a timely manor and move at our own pace in good faith.

The Mayor stated that the meetings will be public and transparent. We will have a consultant complete the study and the residents will vote on it.

Trustee Thorpe made a motion to adopt the resolution to commence the process to dissolve the Village Government under General Municipal Law Article 17-A. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Kashman added that if anyone has any interest in sitting on the dissolution committee or selection committee for Downtown Fund, to write the Village stating so.

Vouchers/Abstracts & Reports

Trustee Thorpe made a motion to approve the vouchers/abstracts & reports. Trustee Legg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The mayor stated to enter reports into minutes.

Departmental Reports

The Clerk presented the revenues and expenditures to date. Stated that we may have to do budget modifications next month between categories.

Received bill from VOH for camp; included in vouchers. Asked the board to see if they wanted to set a cap for next year. The VOH just billed us a fixed cost. Have a call in to town to see if they paid a flat rate or the whole thing.

Working on budget with various departments for 24-25 fiscal year.

Water Department Report – Non Grant

Shut off 17 houses in last 2 months due to freeze ups and leaks. Robin also read meters and has not seen significant leaks. Towers are maintaining.

Repaired leak on June Lodge Drive.

Repairing broken meters; getting list of parts needed. Having trouble getting meter parts. May need to adopt another kind. Will keep board posted.

Working with Robin on Budget prep for next fiscal year.

Meeting with Joe/Robin to determine game plan for lead service line inventory due the end of this year.

New Dialer installed at WTP.

Waiting on proposal from Balsam Mechanical for filter work. Will share once received.

Water Department Grant –

Jason recommends we look into WIIA grants or other sources for sewer extension to WTP.

Still waiting on DOH to approve bids for Hydrants and Fence.

Highway Department/Other

Plowed and sanded multiple storms; Cleaning sidewalks as needed.

Patching as needed, - Spruce street needs attention and cannot wait until project done.

Working with Darryl to propose grader patching in spring to get us through until housing project done.

Maintenance and repairs on equipment

Maintenance and repairs at village hall

Working with Robin on budget prep for next year.

Trustee Timpson asked about the pickleball courts and why they weren't covered. The Mayor responded that the tarps would have created a moisture problem. The Mayor stated they will look into fencing.

Grants - Current

C1000792 Pocket Park/Beach

Currently a pending payment request with DOS. MWBE Waiver still in the hands of the state. We received an update on 1/31/24 that said it could be 3-6 more months as DOS is very behind and short staffed. This project is complete.

C1001671 Upper Lake Park

Engineering complete on project. Bids out for the 4th time, completely redone with value engineering. Have 12 potential bidders, at least 2 MWBE so far. Bids due on 2/21. Will keep board updated of results.

C1002450 Connectivity

Working on draft of RFP for consultant/engineer for project. Cannot release until State sends back executed copy. Tentatively May.

C1002451 Solar

Working on draft of RFP for project implementation. Lamont giving us a proposal to finalize specifications and oversight of installation. Sent to DOS for review of contract language. Have not heard back as of yet. Cannot release RFP for Solar implementation until State sends back executed copy of contract. Tentatively May.

Recently Submitted Applications

CWC - Engineering for Spruce Street Culvert – Initially submitted for construction costs as well at end of January, however CWC had us send in one for just engineering of \$100,000. (project estimate was \$200,000). Concurrently an application is complete and ready for submission for \$100,000 to SMIP program through Greene County Soil & Water for the remainder of Engineering.

Bridge NY - Construction/Design for Spruce Street Culvert – Construction costs of \$1.75 Million. Maximum Grant awarded \$1.5 Million. Balance of construction funds will be applied for through CWC, once we get closer. Anticipated award this spring/summer.

Smart Growth - Upper Lake Park Amenities – DEC Smart Growth Application for \$150,000 for park amenities removed from DOS project to bring down construction costs. Anticipated award end of May.

Smart Growth - RVW Park and Huckleberry Trail Mapping/Signage \$50,000 for interpretive signage and trail signage connecting Huckleberry to Katterskill Rail Trail. Anticipated award end of May.

Intended Applications/Does Board want to Move forward

NYS Archives - Imaging Grant – TBD Due in March. May want to consider with potential dissolution. I can meet with our grant admin at state and see if now would be best or later.

Climate Smart Communities – For DPW Garage move out of floodplain

WIIA/Clean Water Grants – Sewer Extension to WTP may be an eligible project. Engineering completed by Lamont. Project is shovel ready.

Request from Fire District

The Mayor turned the floor over to Mike Lucey from the Tannersville Joint Fire District.

Mr. Lucey explained that he is a commissioner of the Tannersville Joint Fire District. They are looking for a place and a committee to look into purchasing and housing a ladder truck for the mountaintop. If the Village were looking into upgrading the Village Hall, they would consider cost sharing. He stated he spoke with their lawyers and it is a project that could be done jointly.

Trustee Kashman asked that status of Haines Falls and if there would going to build a new fire house for both districts.

Mr. Lucey stated that with consolidation challenges, the fire departments want to maintain their identities. He stated that the standard size of apparatus has increased, and if they were to get a new truck for Tannersville, it would cost more to shrink it down to fit in the space provided.

Mr. Lucey continued that the someone on the mountaintop needs to get a ladder truck. Catskill is the closest and we need one for these 3 story structures in Tannersville and hotel in Hunter. If a third story dormitory had residents and a fire broke out, stairways blocked, they want to be able to reach the residents and get them out safely. They would also like to be able to fight the fire from all angles including from above to prevent the fires from spreading on Main Street that could potentially have sections go up in flames.

Mr. Janizewski stated that the Village of Hunter would also need the use of a ladder truck.

Sean Mahoney, Town of Hunter Supervisor, suggested that the 2 fire districts (Haines Falls and Tannersville) should have a joint meeting to discuss the situation and explore potential consolidation.

Mr. Lucey stated that if the supervisor called the meeting, he would attend.

Privilege of the Floor

Ms. Fitting asked if the ditches on Railroad Avenue in front of her house could be looked at, and at 23C/Hill Street.

Trustee Kashman stated that the Highway Supervisor will look into the ditches, but 23C is a joint project with the county in which we are working on.

Ms. Fitting also stated that the crosswalk buttons on 23A don't work. She asked if they were supposed to be Audio/ADA Compliant.

The Mayor stated that they are owned and operated by the New York State Department of Transportation but we will send a message. He suggested calling them as well. The Clerk added at the Cairo office.

Mr. Kelly offered to make a phone call as well.

Mr. Janizewski stated that he would like to thank the Village for getting the Savvy Citizen App. He feels its very effective in getting out the word.

Being there was no further planning business, Trustee Legg made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Trustee Thorpe seconded. All in favor, motion carried.