

**Village of Tannersville**

**Date**

**March 11, 2024**

**Time**

Approx. 6:45 PM

**Location**

Tannersville Village Hall

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

**Type of meeting:** Regular Board Meeting

Robin Dumont, Village Clerk-Treasurer

**Absent:** Gregory Thorpe, Trustee

**Also Present:** George Kelly, Bob Janizewski, Rebecca Fitting, Sean Mahoney, Steve Tuomey, Serhiy Yevtushenko, Max Oppen, Gil Adler

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***Minutes:***

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The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor stated that the vouchers/abstracts/reports moving to the end of meeting and directed the clerk to enter departmental reports into minutes.

**Water Department Report – Non Grant**

Shut off 2 houses in last 2 months due to freeze ups and leaks. Towers are maintaining.

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 and Commissioner Legg on Budget prep for next fiscal year.

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

Waiting on proposal from Balsam Mechanical for filter work. We have done some cleaning.

Working on updating inventory

**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 a more permanent solution cannot wait until project done. 2 pallets of cold patch have been used so far.

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

Maintenance and repairs on equipment as needed

Cutting trees and brush along parking lots and streets

Continuing to finalize budget request

Started street sweeping

## **Grants Update**

### **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 updated request last week for clarification on HF connection. Replied, and continue to wait for their review to be completed.

#### **C1001671 Upper Lake Park**

Engineering complete on project.

Base Bid Summary:

Kingston Equipment Rental \$1,395,000

Niko Development \$1,626,456

The Hubbell Companies \$1,214,900

Evergreen Mtn. Contracting \$1,195,000

Blue Spruce Nursery \$1,135,516

Trustee Kashman made a motion to award the Base bid contract to Blue Spruce Nursery. Trustee Legg seconded. Four in favor, one absent, motion carried.

Village attorney reviewing contract language.

#### **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.

**Applications to be submitted:**

CWC - Engineering for Spruce Street Culvert – \$100,000

SMIP

- 1. Engineering for Spruce Street Culvert - \$100,000
- 2. Educational Signage for RVW Park/Bike Path \$50,000
- 3. Habitat – Rain Gardens - \$25000

**Downtown Fund – Selection Committee**

The Mayor stated that there was not a whole lot of interest in participating on the selection committee for the Downtown Revitalization Fund. The mayor made a motion to appoint Reed Rubey, Carl Giangrande and Joe Pepe as the selection committee.

Trustee Kashman added that these folks will be working with Labella Associates who will be doing a lot of the heavy lifting in the review and scoring the applications. Mr. Giangrande is our code enforcement officer, and Joe and Reed are both architects. They don't have any skin in the game and can be unbiased.

Trustee Kashman seconded the Mayor's appointments. Four in favor, one absent, motion carried.

The Mayor reminded those in attendance that applications for the Downtown Fund are due on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.

**CREG Grant Resolution**

Trustee Kashman made a motion on the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CITIZENS RE-ORGANIZATION EMPOWERMENT GRANT (CREG) FOR GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE IMPACT OF DISSOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE

WHEREAS, as a result of a board initiated resolution for dissolution being adopted on February 12, 2024 according to Article 17-A of the GML, the Village of Tannersville Village Board of Trustees has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to undertake the necessary activities for the submittal of an application under the 2023 New York State Department of State Local Government Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant (CREG) to be titled, Village of Tannersville Dissolution Study; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the grant is to provide the Village of Tannersville with financial assistance to support the study of dissolution of the Village of Tannersville prior to a referendum on dissolution of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funds to be requested from the Local Government Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant (CREG) is an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and WHEREAS, the CREG program has a required 50% local cash match, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Tannersville is the Lead Applicant in an application for financial assistance under the 2023 Local Government Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant (CREG); and be it further

RESOLVED, the Village of Tannersville Board of Trustees authorizes the required local matching funds; and be it further RESOLVED, the Village of Tannersville Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit the grant application; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Village Clerk-

Treasurer and Village Attorney are authorized to undertake all actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution, which shall take effect immediately.

Trustee Legg seconded. Four in favor, one absent, motion carried.

**Dissolution Consultant**

The Mayor stated that we put out an RFQ for the consultant to do a dissolution study. We had two submissions – CRG and Laberge Group. He recommends Laberge

Trustee Legg made a motion to accept LaBerge Group to complete the dissolution study and plan. Trustee Kashman seconded. Four in favor, one absent, motion carried.

**Dissolution Steering Committee**

This item was tabled.

**SMIP Application for Rain gardens for Upper Lake Park**

The mayor made a motion to submit an application under the SMIP Program through Greene County Soil & Water for Rain Gardens for Upper Lake Park. Trustee Kashman seconded. Four in favor, one absent, motion carried.

**SMIP Application for Educational Signage for Huckleberry Trail and Rip Van Winkle Lake Park**

The mayor made a motion to submit an application under the SMIP Program through Greene County Soil & Water for educational signage for Huckleberry Trail and Rip Van Winkle Lake Park. Trustee Kashman seconded. Four in favor, one absent, motion carried.

**Designation of Village owned properties to Public Owned Land on Zoning Map:**

Trustee Timpson made a Motion to change the following parcels owned by the Village of Tannersville as from R2 – Medium Density Residential District to Public Land:

Tax Map #	Address
182.05-4-32	126 Railroad Avenue
182.05-2-39	83 Railroad Avenue
182.05-2-37	(Vacant Land) S. Main Street (adjacent to DPW Lot)

182.05-4-33.2 (Vacant Land) Off Railroad Avenue (Village Owned section of  
Bike Path

And the following parcel owned by the Village of Tannersville from R1- Low density residential district to  
Public Land:

182.06-1-36.2 (Vacant Land) Off Main Street (Back side of lake)

Trustee Kashman seconded her motion. Four in favor, one absent, motion carried.

### **Greene County Animal Alliance Request**

The Mayor turned over the floor to Mark Gorlech of the Greene County Animal Alliance. Mr. Gorlech gave a presentation on the mission of the Greene County Animal Alliance to create a shelter in Greene County. He handed out pamphlets to the board and left extras for the public and Village office. He stated that this will be a companion animal shelter and non-kill facility. He further stated that they are doing fundraising events throughout the county and seeking letters of support of their project from local governments.

Trustee Kashman made a motion to send a letter of support to the Greene County Animal Alliance for a shelter to be built in Greene County. Trustee Legg seconded. Four in favor, one absent, motion carried.

### **Lily pad Management of Rip Van Winkle Lake**

The Mayor gave a brief overview of the history of the lily pads and their overgrowth at the lake. After 2 years of eco-harvesting not making much of an impact, the Village has reached out to other communities and their methods. The Village is seeking to use an herbicide treatment on the lake and we must apply for permits to do so.

Trustee Kashman stated that this project would be a Type 1 under SEQR and made a motion for the Village of Tannersville to intend to serve as lead agency with coordinated review. Trustee Legg seconded. Four in favor, one absent, motion carried.

### **Request from B. Bates for fee exemption for Easter Egg hunt at Rip Van Winkle Lake**

Trustee Timpson made a motion to waive the rental fee for the Easter Egg Hunt at Rip Van Winkle Lake as it's a community event. Trustee Kashman seconded. Four in favor, motion carried.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

Rebecca Fitting stated that she just wanted to highlight the importance of having Village residents on the dissolution committee as they are the ones that ultimately vote on this plan.

Gil Adler asked why the whole idea of dissolution came up.

The Mayor stated that it's been ongoing for 20 something years. The state gives you money and wants you to try to consolidate services. They talked about it earlier in his term. There are village residents that went around and got petitions. Doing the process of a petition driven thing does not give us enough time to resolve any issues or develop a plan. The board decided to initiate it to give us more time.

Rebecca Fitting asked if we are officially initiated.

Trustee Kashman stated that we have hired a consultant and that is where we are at in the timeline.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or comments.

**Vouchers/abstracts/reports/modifications**

Trustee Kashman made a motion to approve the vouchers/abstract and modifications as presented. Trustee Legg seconded. Four in Favor, motion carried.

Trustee Kashman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Legg seconded. Four in favor, motion carried.