

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECORDING TRANSCRIPTION

MB – Mayor Barrett; TC – Trustee Crary; TD – Trustee Donecker; TM – Trustee McComb; TR – Trustee Rudes; CO – Crystal O’Brien; ES – Edward Scharpou; Bob Bankovich

MB: So, do the technical difficulties trustee Rudes is unable to make the meeting today and we will miss her contributions. So, let us stand for Pledge of Allegiance.

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with Liberty and justice for all.

MB: We called this meeting to order. So, let us start with the motion to accept regular meeting minutes, June 22, 2020.

TM: So moved.

TD: Second.

MB: So, Mark Donecker. Are there any comments questions corrections to the minutes? No. All in favor of accepting the minutes, say “aye”.

ALL: Aye

MB: All oppose say no. Motion carries. We would like to open it up at this point for public comment. I don't believe anyone is in the, did anyone ask?

CO: No.

MB: Alright, we do have Bob Bankovich in the audience here. He will be presenting later and so we will close public comments. Now we will turn to Ed Scharpou chief operator of wastewater treatment plant for his monthly updates. Ed?

ES: OK.

MB: You can take off your mask to speak if you wish.

CO: We are six feet away.

ES: Alright, so, my monthly report I'm doing water first. My monthly reports have been sent out. Received an email this morning from Crystal she had forwarded from DOH. This is our year for primary organic chemicals, primary inorganic chemicals, secondary organic chemicals, we were informed that they will not be doing the testing this year because of their budgeting issues, however, we're still on the hook to do those samples. Unfortunately, these are costly tests that need to be done by the end of the year. I had called CNA labs for quotes. I asked for a reduction in fees the best they can do is \$966 for secondary organic chemicals, primary organic chemicals \$150 and primary inorganic chemicals \$325. So, \$1,441.00 that's not budgeted for sampling that DOH was supposed to do and I do have proof that says DOH will sample down at the plant if anybody wants to see that. Unfortunately, it has to be done so we'll have to figure out it's not a uh we don't have to take care of right now, I just wanted to inform you guys that we will have to move some money around for those things.

TM: So, Ed, so could I just interrupt you from one second? DOH has said that they will not pay for it this year but they're still requiring that it be done.

ES: Yes. Those are samples that they normally would do I think they also do like radiation samples and stuff like that but because of budgeting issues they just decided they weren't going to do it.

TM: But they don't take into account that the municipality may have budgeting issues as well.

ES: That's correct.

TM: OK, OK. Just checking.

ES: If anybody wants to call and make a complaint that's perfectly fine with me.

MB: Well I think that it would warrant a letter.

ES: I just think that so

TM: I do too.

ES: Yeah, this isn't just us, this is everyone.

TM: Right.

ES: So on top of those samples we also have our lead and copper samples we have to do this year. Which were budgeted but that's a lot of sampling in one year. That's why they have that list to spread out.

MB: I would like to propose that I send a letter to DOH even if it falls on deaf ears. I think it should send a letter requesting reprieve and in addition, Crystal is keeping a general ledger of everything that we're spending extra due to Covid. So, there is a FEMA you know, "help us", sort of thing and we'll see whether we can add that to the list of our emergency costs under Covid. It is no guarantee that will get it we're still unsure of all the hoops and jumps we need to go through to even qualify for FEMA Covid reimbursement but we're doing our best.

TM: Good. That's a good idea. I agree that you should do that Jeanette.

ES: OK I'll continue.

MB: Yes.

ES: So, Camp of the Woods was read for the month for last month there were some concerns in their billing. We addressed all those today. As of now there was only one that was a system error so that's been fixed. We replace the new meter and then come out right. The rest of them are normal usage to abnormal usage but everybody's been home so nobody's been at work and all that stuff. The other big thing on here the Village Motel has a new meter because they have new owners. I wanted to make sure we got a new meter in there with new owners. The service next to the motel and the also the service next to the Village Motel has been done. They are on their own water now on Elliot Lane and the lot next to that is ready for water as well so we don't have to go through the process of doing what you did again. We've begun reviewing our Coronation system at the well building. I have somebody coming up possibly this week to start getting the design setup for new pumps in to switch over from calcium hypochlorite to sodium hypochlorite. We have had nothing but problems with the calcium hypochlorite the system **it's called transtic or system**. Karen, I think you've been here since they put that in. It's well past its age and needs to be replaced but it's like 5 times as much money as just going back to sodium hypochlorite is a better disinfectant in my opinion.

MB: So is the hypo chlorate and...?

ES: Calcium hypochlorite is what we currently use. That's the tablets witch Mark, you had, Mark Crary, you had mentioned something about the shipping on those chlorine tablets at one point? You can only get them from one person and that's one reason they're so expensive. Sodium hypochlorite will use more but I think will actually save money in the long run.

Obviously there will be problems with that too but they're all the same so we'll work the kinks out and switch over sometime this summer. I'm trying to use up the tablets at this point. The only thing, the big thing to do on here is we had that water main break out on route 8, it's the

only place I haven't cleaned up the yard and dirt and debris from the issue because I was waiting for the state to do their part, but obviously I'm gonna have to move forward and take care of that. I got a phone call from homeowner to clean up the yard and stuff so we're going to take care of that this week or next week.

MB: Do we need to contact the **Incarna Valley who's our engineer?**

ES: No. It's not going to make like a difference. They have to get paving over there and fix the wall. So that's it for water or anything else. Anything on water? Questions? So, for the wastewater plant. **Speed is indeed a mark** completed for May this included our first sampling with our new **spiedes** permit. Everything is passed except for dissolved oxygen which we're still working the kinks out on. Technically, we only have to sample that once a month but I do it every day which increases the risk that I'll fail but I don't see the purpose of doing it once a month. I don't think it's right. We do it every day for getting things figured out we have a whole year or more to get all these samples figured out, get all the kinks worked out, see what works the best and once you know once that's up, it's actually not a failure because it's not actually a requirement yet it's more like a monitor kind of thing. The copper monitoring report was accepted. The quality assurance protection plan has not been accepted yet. I'm waiting on a letter from the lab stating there doing a proper lab technique for hardness. **DEC** is kind of give me a little bit of run around on that. I should have approved this week though. Because we actually made our first sample.

MB: Did you have a question, Mark Donecker?

MD: No.

ES: For operations, I've typed too much but we've continued to pump down the inside plant. We gotta pump down all the way and we found that there was 20 years of sludge and grit that had settled below the diffusers that would not come out with the pump. It's kind of improper design when they built the plant but there's no way for me actually to completely drain the plant. So at this time we had we had purchased diffusers through the contract one of the project so we had those at the plant. We were going to install them ourselves but after seeing how much sludge and grit is down there we have to have that pumped out by Adirondack Septic and also because it's a confined space area and we're not qualified to be in that. We have to, it's a possibility that we're going to have Adirondack Septic do those as well when they pump it out. This specifically wasn't budgeted for the year however I have \$10,000 budgeted for sewer line cleaning. I'm gonna use that push those funds to pumping this plant out and getting it ready and back in operation because it is our main plant. We've actually been running the outside plant all summer. It's been doing well though.

MB: So, Ed, what are the numbers for what you had budgeted? You still don't know the numbers from Adirondack Septic.

ES: I called today and asked him to call me give me a call and he didn't call me back. The upside is we've opened a bay up so that they can dump what they suck out at the plant so that it doesn't have to be hauled somewhere else which would have been more cost. So hopefully that all works out. Any questions on that?

MB: No, good thinking.

ES: It has to be done and now in the future I'll know that it has to be done every sooner than now, you know what I mean? Because it's so thick down there.

MB: You mean sooner than every 20 years?

ES: Yes, I would say I'd probably do that every 10, maybe 12 years, because it's just so much that settles in there over time. The land application sites been mowed in limed. We're planning an application end of August beginning of September. I have to let the lime settle in to increase the pH. Once that's done I'll be sending samples out shortly for bio solids and soil samples. We had our blowers maintained a few weeks **ago one blower was running at a high amp**. It was suggested that we replace the motor. I got a quote for the motor at \$1,868.00, installation for \$1,325.00, so it's all around \$3,200.00. A suggestion was made that we purchase the motor and wait for failure because it won't do any catastrophic damage to any of the system and just without working. We have a spare though. We have two blowers so the other one would still function. However, a few days after the maintenance was done the blower that had the good motor we found that the blower itself was leaking oil and it was starting to make some noise. In the past they had purchased a spare blower. The guy is coming tomorrow to take a look at it and see what's wrong with it and need be the blower that we have shelf will be installed. Luckily we didn't have to purchase that.

MB: So the idea is that you have two blowers?

ES: We have two blowers.

MB: OK. So, one will be replaced and one would be repaired.

ES: Well, so there's a blower unit hooked to a motor. One of the blowers the motor supposedly is going bad. I don't see that indication. I'm going to have them double check that tomorrow just to make sure before I purchase a motor. It's not a normal motor I can just go to **Grainger** and order. It's quite a large motor. The other one that actually blower itself, the seal started leaking oil and it started making noise that sounded like **marbles inside of it**. I switched it over today to the other one and that seemed fine so that's why we're having double check tomorrow.

MB: Great. Thank you.

TM: Ed, can those be reconditioned? Those blowers?

ES: The blowers **can** be rebuilt. So the one that we replace it with, if they recommend that, I will have that blower rebuilt. So that it can sit there on the shelf in case this ever happens again. At some point I will. I may not do it this year. I might wait till next year so I can budget it.

TM: I imagine there's a big cost differential between having something between having the blower rebuilt versus buying a new one correct?

ES: It depends on more, well what we've run into a lot in this is that it depends on the age of it and whether they still making the same thing.

TM: Alright, ok.

ES: So sometimes things are so old it's more costly. The radiator, for example, from the generator it costs way more money than it would have been just to buy a new one needed to be made a special way. I'll have more information in regards to that next week. If it's deemed, well, I suppose we can wait on the motor till my next meeting. I'll make it determination if we need to purchase another one. That isn't budgeted so I have to figure, I can pull it out of my contingent that there so, we'll see. Expenditures, I had a big expenditure for soda ash and **polymers** with Slack Chemical this is around \$1,400.00 for soda ash. The reasoning for the purchase of soda ash instead of lime in the past is lime only increases the pH. We have a problem with alkalinity during the summer which if alkalinity drops then pH drops because

alkalinity is what holds pH. So, soda ash will actually fix both of those problems and in the past we've gotten phone calls for smell issues. Mark, you've actually smelt that yourself. This should eliminate that problem altogether. The way we did it before worked but it caused some smell issues so we're trying to avoid that now.

TM: If the alkalinity drops how does the pH drop? If the alkalinity drops.

ES: Alkalinity holds pH.

TM: Because you literally have an acid environment.

ES: So alkalinity I'll keep it around 100 and during summer time, maybe not this summer, but normally it would drop off and then we start losing pH. Like we have a 7.5 coming in in our **influent** but we only have 6.12 coming out. That really should stay relatively constant. It never has, but we're trying to make it work.

TM: So, the 6.1 is too low.

ES: Six. Six is our limit. We don't want to fall below six. We haven't this year, everything's been good so far, but normally around August when it gets really hot that's when we start having problems so I wanted to get that ordered now so we had it and could start using it. So the outside is I ordered a pallet which is 50 bags that's what I expected to use this year. I'm not expecting to use that because we're only running one plant. Normally would be running two so I don't see that being an issue, we'll probably have left over for next year. The last thing I just want to touch on is the project itself. The pumps have finally arrived and Thursday they will be installed so contract one will be completed this week unless we run into an issue. Contracts 2 should be going out to bid, he told me August or September. I'm hoping sooner. I'd ask him to do it as soon as possible. We'll see what happens. I had a meeting 2 weeks ago maybe it was last week with I Aqualogics and Brandon for more detailed information on some of the project details so they are getting to a point where things are getting done and we're going to move forward. That is it. Any questions?

MB: Thank you. You've done a lot of good planning, I know, but sometimes people don't plan well and events kind of circumvent the outcome. I know it's a lot of work. Thank you. So now we would like to call to the table Bob Bankovich to give his semi-annual update as building code enforcer, Bob.

BB: Good evening.

MB: Everybody has a copy of Bob's report?

BB: I will update you on this year's activities. To date, there have been 20 permits issued in the village as of June 26th. In 2019 around the same time we had 19 permits. Breakdown, you have a comparison there every residential building, we had two this year as opposed to one last year. We had eleven alterations as opposed to 9 last year. No current additions. Two demolitions, one septic system, no solid fuel burning devices, no new decks, no new wells, one shed, one garage, two of these permits are schools. We had one commercial building. One stop work order was issued and has since been rescinded. We haven't had any fire reports from the fire department. The one complaint that we had acted on, and we're waiting to hear from the court, we made a call last week and the court called us back and said it's been dismissed so I'm looking into that because we were never notified that it was dismissed. So, that's what's going on as of June 26th. Any questions?

MB: So, I do have a call into the court asking why we were not informed. Evidently the complaint was dismissed in December, so here we are a couple months later not know so um I

think something has gone awry in that whole system and I think it's important for us to understand what recourse we have from a legal perspective when there are violations that are disregarded and they get escalated after a series of steps and then get dismissed. It kind of leaves us in a difficult position as to where do we go from here as far as enforcement goes. Any other comments, questions? Bob, thank you for coming in. All right, so now, Crystal? The clerk-treasurer report.

CO: The AUD is almost complete there's just a couple of errors that need to be addressed and then I can submit it. There have been a few little hiccups with the beach. Covid has prevented one of our lifeguards from completing his waterfront certification. He has all of his other certifications except that one. We are keeping him on on the weekends when it's busy to help with monitoring the amount of people that are on the beach and the surrounding area, taking temps, sanitizing bathrooms, all that kind of minimal but required things. One of the other lifeguards declined our offer since she was asked to return to a full-time job. That leaves us with only two lifeguards for the summer that are fully certified. Hopefully that third one, they're working on being able to get back into the pool in order to do the water current certification, but Covid is really delayed everything. They keep pushing it back. Hopefully within the next week or two they'll be able to do that. But for the time being the other lifeguards have agreed to be on six days a week with one full day off. Then that day just happened to be Tuesdays because it's honestly the slowest Mondays and Tuesdays are the slowest days of the week. For example I had stopped down today and there was later this afternoon but there really wasn't a lot of people on the beach and if there are you know swim at your own risk we have the signs up for a reason. Then also last Thursday one of the lifeguards did have a little bit of heat exhaustion. There was a rumor going around that it was Covid symptoms, but that is not true. It was a little heat exhaustion. Thursday was the hottest day of the summer so far at, I believe it was 90 degrees on Thursday. The tent had broken, their little their pop-up tent was broken. I lent them my own pop up tent for the weekend that they could use, and we purchased another, we purchased a sail. One of the canopy's that you string between either polls or buildings. Hopefully, it's supposed to be wind resistant and all that so hopefully it's more durable than the little pop up tents. Moving on, the financial report for June will be completed by tomorrow afternoon. The last payroll, it was a little bit of a tough one this month because the last payroll it was ended on the 25th or 26th. So it was half in June half in July which caused a little bit of trouble with the TIA account and I have a phone call in with Williamson tomorrow to help me with that to adjust the reconciliation. Tax payments have been coming in very steadily all month which is great to hear. Currently I have about 2/3 of all tax payments owed, paid. So that is great. Lastly, we had two very good candidates apply and interview for the deputy position. Both candidates had great references, great experience and personalities that would fit the position very well. It was a very difficult decision but after a lot of discussion and a lot of thought, I had decided to hire Tracy Marshall as a deputy clerk treasurer at \$16.50 per hour.

MB: So that is a budgeted item. Does anyone have any comments or questions?

TM: She's a lovely girl.

MB: Yes, very committed to the community as well.

TD: Is she going to start?

CO: She can start as soon as possible so there won't be any further delay in having somebody come in and train.

MB: And if I remember correctly Mrs Craven has agreed to help train her which will be a big help so that Crystal doesn't have to divide her time.

CO: So hopefully things won't be delayed any by the training. You know the time that it takes to train her. Especially in the busy time. Even with Covid it has been very busy in the office which is surprising but kind of keeps my hopes up a little bit.

TC: Is it busy with people or just busy with work?

CO: Both. There's been a lot of phone calls. A lot of people that have come but mostly phone calls, honestly but there has been the, you know, the people that come into the office to ask questions. Even though we had a reduced number of people up here I feel like there are still people that are visiting and you know the second homeowners that are still coming up to enjoy their area weather going to be for a longer period of time now than they used to or just for the weekend but there's still a lot to do in answering the many questions I come in.

MB: So, Crystal continues to have the office open until 1:00 in the afternoon.

CO: Yeah, most days I'm actually here until four. I do keep the door open so that if anybody does stop in or call and they need to make an appointment to drop something off I'm available to do that. We do still have the hours on the door as nine to one until phase four is complete and then it'll go back open to our full hours are nine to four.

MB: You haven't had any complaints with the reduced hours.

CO: I have not had any complaints. The only time there was a little bit of trouble and I tried to be here more full time was when the tax collection was a more steady flow but really there hasn't been any real complaints about us not being here. If we happen to have to close at one there hasn't been anybody that's been upset about that.

MB: Has everyone had an opportunity to review abstract three?

CO: Yes. Everybody signed today.

MB: Perfect so may I have a motion to approve abstract 3?

TM: So moved.

MB: Is there a second?

MC: Second.

MB: Any comments or questions? OK all in favor say aye.

ALL: Aye

MB: All apposed say, no. Motion carried. I'm to try to show you some slides from the Covid update. Alright everybody can see that? OK. So, we are in phase 4 coming to the tail end of this war where gatherings up to 50 people have been allowed. They're watching the two-week data closely we have met our 146 tests per month for June and already they're partway through the month of July with those tests. So that's still going well. As you see here we're looking at our neighboring counties so you're saying a slight uptick of our surrounding counties. Hamilton County is holding pretty steady and I'll show you those numbers but there are some rises in Fulton, in Warren, certainly in Herkimer and Franklin is very slow rising. Overall New York cases as well continue to slowly uptick. These are cumulative. These are the patients under investigation. I am happy to say that the number, I gave a gap instead of having all the numbers, but I'm happy to say that after July 4th we had 13 patients under quarantine that number is cut in half. No new patients in isolation, none hospitalized at present, none currently

in nursing homes the number of tests performed to date as I said are moving nicely with 946 so tests are pending. The number of negative tests we've had are 939 for total 7 positive cases to date. The last three cases, if I remember correctly, one with someone who had gone to the hospital was tested prior to going to rehab facility was tested positive. His immediate family members in our particular area tested negative which is great. The second one was a fellow without any symptoms at all going for pre op testing, tested positive, no symptoms recovering, and then the third was a fellow who had isolated since March had gone down to Lowe's in Amsterdam, two days later evidently reporting symptoms of Covid, but from what I understand they have recovered as well. So, no new cases for at least a week we can have which tells me that things went pretty well for July 4th. Hesitant so we'll keep looking for another week to ensure that that people were doing as we observe that for the most part people were wearing masks in public and were social distancing during the fourth of July festivities. The thing that I would like to point out here is that there is testing available on July 16th in the Wells Community Center. That's Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, again, anyone is welcome to get those tests it's for active virus. The other ones are a little farther away in Long Lake and Inlet, Raquette will be back here next month on August 6th at the Lake Pleasant courthouse. Again, any of you would like to do that, any of our businesses, that's available. For those of you who have heard there is a travel advisory tristate approach with New York, New Jersey and Connecticut they are tagging people who fly into our state from band states that require isolation for 14 days. That's the biggest impact people here either coming or going so to date these are the states in which there is an advisory requiring quarantine: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. I don't think anybody has been added to the list as far as I know and that is based on the number of new cases each day. Alright so, that's that.

TD: I just had one question. There saying gatherings of 50 and the chamber had a document from the Health Department today which says 10. Do you know why there's a difference?

MB: Ten was the original when we were in phase two, phase one and phase two. So, they have to increase that to 50 people so they should be able to update their numbers.

TD: That document came out today from the Chamber. I sent it to you. It was an attachment to the Chamber thing that comes out every day so I forwarded to you.

MB: I'm sorry, Mark, I, let me check that out.

TD: It's just a question. They just said 10 and I was just wondering why there's a different number.

MB: I know everything that I checked...

TM: Ten was a long time ago.

TD: I just I saw the attachment that the chamber put out, you know that daily chamber briefing and to make sure everyone was there was no violations going on and everyone was aware of what was happening and they had the number 10. Maybe it was just a typo or they didn't increase that.

MB: I think that is a typo so we can talk to John about that. So, that was Covid. Nothing really going on with FEMA at the present time we are waiting the engineers to come back and help us with some documentation for pump station 2 off of Ruby Lane. If you'll recall that the pump station is off kilter, so just need some measurements with that as well as some GPS and

measurements for the exposed pipe going across the Sacandaga River. LED street lights. I think we may be moving that off of our old business, unless something that's kind of gone.

TM: I would delete it. So, a Verizon small cell were still on hold until they open up for processing. So, again they thought Verizon thought that that might be delayed by a month or so I'm hoping for September, latest October to get that. Unlike the town and other parts within the town we do not require an APA permit because it's not going any higher than the requisite. And the Makomis fire tower, I was going to I was going to do it in the round table but we do have some great news. We have received a generous act grant from the Adirondack Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for the fire tower.

TC: Wonderful.

MB: Yeah, I think it's great. So, we did put in a press release. I didn't check whether that was received, whether that was published. I'll have to check the paper whether it was published last week or whether they held it for this week.

TD: I didn't see it in the paper.

MB: Maybe they held it. Maybe I was a little late. So, that should be in the paper acknowledging that grant. So, as we stand right now it looks like we should have to get a fund-raising committee, some kind folks in the community, to help us raise approximately \$20,000.

TM: Wasn't the \$20,000 before it was before?

MB: It was thirty before.

TM: Oh, it was? I was thinking it was twenty.

MB: Yes, it was thirty before and now we're knocking it down to about twenty. There are still a few grants that we can apply for, but the good news is that it's \$10,000 grant goes to the village portion of the grant.

TM: I have an idea this is just a question off-the-cuff. Is the village as a municipality allowed to buy any kind of bricks like we did for the library? You know, we were selling bricks when we were doing the edition when we had to do our share of the grant money that we had for the addition. If you're going to be doing any kind of landscaping or design around the fire tower would that be an option to explore?

MB: We can ask but I know that there are restrictions against village doing any fund raising.

TM: But they're purchasing something. Is that the same? I mean it may be a fine line. I don't know.

MB: I think it's a fine line that we can explore because I think if I understand you correctly if the village purchased bricks that could then be reimbursed to other people, that other people would reimburse us. Correct?

TM: Yes, that would be one way of stating it. Yes, we would purchase the bricks and have them engraved and then give it to the person with the understanding that we will prominently display them someplace around the fire tower for people to see. And we don't go with the small ones because the larger ones are more expensive and you can see your name much better on the larger one.

MB: Yeah, there's also someone, a business owner, who approached me saying that he would give us a \$1000 grant towards the fire tower, to prominently display his contribution.

TM: Well, there you go. So, we're down to 19.

MB: I think there are opportunities to do that, I think we need like the "friends of the fire tower" to step forward and say, "OK, I'll lead those efforts in in fund raising". If anybody knows

anybody who would step forward to do that I'm sure that all of us would participate as private citizens I think there's a lot of enthusiasm we just need someone to stand up and lead the charge. We're pretty close. I think that we should be able to get this done by next summer, which would be great.

TM: It's not an insurmountable amount of money.

MB: Right.

TM: You know because with raising money for the TWIGS and for the library and stuff like that in comparison it's not an insurmountable amount of money. We should do it.

MB: Just with the cultural, historical and recreational opportunities that this will draw people in I think folks can get excited about that and I think the sheer fact that they'll be able to walk to the top and touch a piece of history.

TC: Mayor, the target completion date, late summer 2021?

MB: Say it again?

TC: The targeted completion date, late summer 2021?

MB: Correct. That's what I'm envisioning.

TC: OK

MB: If someone walked in and gave us \$20,000 today and DEC releases the rest of their grant funds, we can have it up in three days. Mr. Vilegi is very flexible as far as doing that. But I think if we can if we can do something next summer to do that when there are a lot of folks around and have a nice ceremony for that I think that'd be really great. We still have Lori Rankin from the Fire Tower Association, the historian with the fire towers as well, they were going to come this summer and give a presentation and hopefully you know be able to do something to raise funds for the fire tower. That has been postponed due to Covid and they would be more than happy to reschedule for next year. I think there are some great opportunities for fund raising. That is the Makomis fire tower. So, on to new business. Tonight is bid opening for the sale of the ladder truck that was deemed surplus excess equipment. Unfortunately, we have received zero bids to open, which is a little disappointing. Crystal had a note in the paper, there were some advertisements on a couple of sites, really didn't get anything. At this point we have two options. One is to post it on these auction sites for another couple of weeks or we cut our losses and we sell it for scrap for next to nothing. My personal opinion would be to give it two more weeks, but open for suggestions.

TM: I think scrap metal prices are down, so I think I'd wait I go for the two weeks to try it.

MB: Mark & Mark?

MC: No reason not to wait for it.

MB: Okay, great. So, we will instruct Ryan and the fire department to repost those and if there are additional areas where they can post the fire truck and the new fire truck should be here within three days?

CO: It will be it will be here on Wednesday.

MB: It will be here on Wednesday, it is a pretty nice-looking fire truck, I gotta say. Alright so next up is the vending permit with the Camp Store. So, do you want to walk us through that, Crystal?

CO: So, the Camp Store would like to, they did this last week when the music at the point started, they would like to sell Italian ice, hot dogs and I think they did lemonade.

MB: Lemonade and beverages.

CO: Lemonade and beverages it's just a small little kind of food truck thing for the music on the point and I think they're going to do some of the farmers markets. I think there were a couple of those dates on there. It seems like last week it went really well and the nice little extra feature to music on the point which turned out really well. I don't know if any of you were able to go but it seems like everybody kept to their little groups and for the most part, and whenever they did get together they did wear masks and whatnot, stayed away from the musicians as much as possible. So, it was nice to have a little bit of normalcy and then they added little feature.

TC: I was there it was very nice.

MB: So they didn't clog, I did go down for a part of the time just to see how traffic flow was, if there was any interference there and with people entering and exiting and there didn't seem to be any problem with that there were cones available to block off the area.

CO: They were right on the side of the road just after it I think it was like maybe one or two car lengths after the guardrails after the bridge. They were set up right there and it is a very small operation, so they didn't really take up a lot of space, left a lot of room for people to park and to walk beside.

MB: And people use their masks.

CO: Yeah, people use their masks. it was in and you know everybody was very respectful.

MB: And the way they did their sanitation after every customer and things like that I was pretty pleased with the way things are going. I think from a town business perspective King of the Frosties was open but they generally closed down by 6:30. I think it went off well.

CO: I think the only other place that's open is possibly the Speculator Creamery but they're just selling ice creams and stuff.

MB: It's not directly competitive.

CO: Right, it's not directly competitive. The Camp Store is selling Italian ice and lemonade and hot dogs so it's not a conflict at all.

MB: So, it's been approved by mail, the first one, and so I would like a motion to approve the vendor application for the Camp Store for the remaining 7 Wednesdays, knowing that their involvement in the farmers market is through the Chamber of Commerce. So, may I make a motion to Vendor application by the Camp Store.

TC: So move

MB: OK and 2nd?

TM: Second.

MB: Any other comments? It does address Letty's concern that the grounds are not damaged or disturbed by the trucks and the vendor so that has been addressed. So, all in favor of approving our first vendor, say aye.

ALL: Aye

MB: All opposed, say no. Motion carries and so crystal will contact him and collect payment. Next up is DPW temp laborer. It has come to our attention that do to Covid and some of our folks taking extra time to reduce closure uh to the to the public and take advantage of their vacations we really do need a temporary laborer up to three days a week for mowing and edging. Of particular concern were several complaints that were lodged for the Cemetery that had been sorely neglected which reflects poorly on us, I think no one wants to put that in a bad light you know we want to we want to take care and show respect two our people who have

passed and we want to keep the village looking nice and tidy especially with so many with so many visitors. So, Roger had two applicants, well before I do applicants, there are funds available to cover the DPW temp labor as this was not part of our budget and we want to remain budget neutral. Thanks to the donated compensation from Mark Crary and Mark Donecker in combination with monies taken from the recreational portion of the DPW budget we have a sufficient amount to cover the \$2500?

CO: Yes, it would be about \$2400.

MB: For the \$2400 for the tap. So, Roger received two applications for that and he has selected Ryan Marshall to serve as a temp laborer for mowing and trimming for the next seven weeks now I think.

TD: Until Labor Day.

CO: Until Labor Day, yes.

MB: Any comments or questions?

TM: Only one, or two?

MB: One. It's only one person three days a week until Labor Day. If work gets done sooner then you know they're not, Ryan would not work for the sake of getting 24 hours a week. So all in favor I may have a motion to appoint a DPW or allow the hiring of a DPW temp laborer up to three days per week up until Labor Day.

KM: So moved.

MB: Second?

TD: Second.

MB: Mark Donecker. All in favor say, aye?

All: Aye

MB: All opposed say no. Alright, we have a hire. So, we have two hires, that's great. OK the next thing of the interest was a letter I received from the Adirondack park local government review board statement against racism. So, I'm not sure if people were aware of what happened a few weeks ago in Saranac Lake? There is a diversity initiative up in Saranac Lake. They received funding from the state and they hired a director I believe it was last winter. This lady has come and started to work with this group and unfortunately, there was someone who took it upon themselves under cover of darkness to write some racially motivated words on an overpass which she was reported to use for her daily exercise and it was quite disturbing. There's been a mention in the press that she was so disturbed that she is now moving out of Saranac Lake, but not out of the Adirondacks but to an undisclosed location because she just no longer feel safe in that environment. A good citizen of Saranac Lake began cleaning it up and covering it up which should be applauded and the Adirondack park local government review board went a step further to issue a statement against racism and they it to me asking if i would sign it and of course if we're going to represent the village of Speculator I thought it was important for the board to be aware of what that letter states. So I'll read it quickly. "A disturbingly ugly act was tarnished has tarnished one of the most beautiful places on earth. The recent display of racism, hatred and intolerance in our regional community is deplorable and has no place in the Adirondack Park or anywhere in the world. When apprehended the perpetrator who acted under the cover of cowardice of darkness should be punished to the greatest extent of the law. We, the undersigned, unequivocally condemn any and all actions that discriminate against, threaten, or embarrass a fellow human being based on race, religion,

national origin, gender, or sexual orientation or disability. We call on our fellow Adirondackers to join us in rejecting hateful behavior and promoting a culture and community of mutual respect for all. Our Adirondack towns and villages were settled and took shape on the strength determination and vision of people of diverse nationalities and color. We have built our communities together, celebrating great accomplishments together, fought disease, disasters, and wars together and it's already known the Adirondacks are a welcoming place with welcoming people, opening our communities businesses and spectacular recreational amenities to new residents and visitors from around the globe with open arms and kind words. For thoughtless sickening words spray painted on a railroad bridge do not speak for and will not define our Adirondack communities. At the same time however let this be an opportunity to learn, educate and do better. While those hateful words were quickly removed by a kindhearted community member we cannot let them fade from our consciousness. Instead, we must ask ourselves what more we can do to stop atrocities like this forever happening again. From our living rooms to our children's classrooms, workplaces to athletic fields, community centers to online message boards, the time has come to recommit ourselves to doing more. More listening, more understanding, more mutual respect. We cannot and will not tolerate any form of racism or discrimination in this spectacular place we call home. We believe the Adirondack diversity initiatives mission to educate our regional community on matters of race and inclusiveness and we look forward to continuing work with ADI and people throughout the park to remove racism and discrimination from our communities and ensure they remain safe, comfortable and desirable places to live and visit for all people, at all times." I was informed that this has been sent to all elected officials within the Adirondack Park. And I heard Tedisco, Elise Stefanik, Assemblyman Smullen, as well as a number of other assemblymen have signed on to this statement. I did communicate with Gerald Delaney that I thought the phrase that this was an atrocity was an extremely strong word knowing that atrocities are usually associated with things such as the Holocaust, murders and as for myself as a first generation American having had family members and my mom go through those atrocities I have a strong reaction to attaching that word to this incident, but with that said um I'm in favor of signing it and showing our support that Speculator is committed to be a welcoming community for all. So I just want to share it with you, see if you had any thoughts.

TD: I certainly agree with that statement.

TM: Sounds good to me.

MB: Then I will write back to the executive director, Jerry Delaney, adding our name to that list.

TM: It's kind of sad that you even have to do it, isn't it.

MB: It is shocking. Our world is a very different place.

TM: Yes, it is.

MB: Does anyone else have any new business?

TM: Are we doing my table discussion?

MB: We are going to do round table discussion. The first thing I found there was this Speculator Volunteer Ambulance Corps day that I think went off very well. We had about people there with representatives from this core as well as the town council, past, present and hopefully future members of SVAC. I think that the present core, myself included, was very heartened by the turn out and I thought it went well. OK and I know Karen you had a prior commitment.

TM: Unfortunately, they schedule some of these continuing education webinars 10 o'clock at night or at 10 in the morning, as you know.

MB: Do you have any additional comments to lend to that?

TD: I thought it went very well and I think it was rewarding and I thank the number of the members for the years of service and just serving the community. I think was a great job by not only the village but the town.

TC: Very well attended. I was surprised actually, at the number of people who showed up on a nice summer morning. Kudos to the ambulance corps they do such a wonderful job for the for the community day in and day out and most of the time totally on unsung you don't even know you guys are working behind the scenes. So, very well but it is a great day.

MB: Great thank you. Thank you for that support. The next up is the grant I just sent, the \$10,000 grant from the Adirondack Foundation Generous Acts Grants. Fourth of July recap of my thanks to the community for pretty much being on their best behavior. It was a wicked hot day. People, although they weren't too pleased, had to be turned away from the town beach given our capacity limits but I think the life-guards did a good job managing that, people understood under Covid. People were also pretty much compliant and understanding with having to shut down the beach with barricades under the Covid plan. I'm not sure if you if I shared with you that we actually received the state guidelines for July 4th on July 3rd. So, I'm very thankful Hamilton County Supervisor as well as the Department of Public Health gave us guidance that was pretty much spot on with what the state had provided. So, we were all set and ready to go with that and had no hitches. I've heard comments that these were the best fireworks we've had in a long time and Majestic Fireworks were very happy that they could shoot from the beach. It gave them more space and more room. It allowed them to set up their show with a little more ease and safety and I'm sure they'll be asking us next year if they can launch from the beach as well. Any comments with the boat parade? I heard there were 50 to 70.

MD: It was about 30 in a row and we were following John Mullins daughter and it really was nobody in charge initially kind of his chose them because they had one of the older boats um so they started. The sheriff's deputy was there, some people were going faster than others. It kind of broke up halfway around the lake but it was probably at least another 20 or more boats watching the parade but there are a lot of people clapping as we went around. There were a lot of good decorations. So, I think it was a success overall.

MB: And the reverse parade I thought went off pretty well. It was kind of quirky, but I think people really liked it.

KM: It was fun. It was really fun. People had a good time.

MB: I think Donna had said 175 cars went by?

KM: Yeah, they ran out of goodie bags.

MB: With things like that it makes me very happy be in Speculator and to see how people pull together and support and, you know, love the town, love the area, love our country. So, the final bit of Covid is that they have extended the permission to have public meetings and public hearings distant as we have been doing. So they have extended that until August 5th 2020. So at this time I would suggest that we continue using zoom through August 5th unless someone has a suggestion otherwise.

TM: What days are next meeting?

MB: 27th.

TM: That's right, we still have another on in July. I'm rushing it. OK.

MB: We've got one in 2 weeks and then August 5th will be lifted and then our first meeting in August we should be meeting in person unless there is an extension. Or if anyone feels uncomfortable as well. So, I know that we have an at-risk population for variety reasons. So I think we're pretty comfortable continuing in zoom. We certainly let the public participate, today there hasn't been, but I haven't found too many difficult except for Letty not being able to log on today. Anybody else? I didn't want to monopolize but there were quite a few neat things going on in the village.

TD: I just sent out a couple of observations for Friday the 3rd and the 4th. What was happening at the dock and at the swimming and canoes and windsurfers coming down to that small area the beach they tore the "no swimming no fires no camping" sign down which was inappropriate. I think the big thing is you have a sign like that, but I don't know if you have a law that you can actually write a ticket to. Maybe Karen knows. I was hoping Letty would be on tonight and who would do that if they needed to do that. They monopolize the docks or other people want to come to town and eat, you know, park the boats there, they just couldn't do it, and that's really what it's for so people can gain access from the lake to get something to eat. You know, places to go to eat or get ice cream. That was my only concern. I just wanted the other members knowing that it was quite a weekend. It was like Coney Island.

MB: Karen, do you know if there's a village law with respect to those activities being prohibited at the point and at the beach?

TM: No, but I remember when we talked about installing that dock but it was never brought up about people monopolizing it because it was intended as a docking space and no guidelines I don't think we're ever set at that time for its usage. You might want to look back to the records, I may have missed that but I don't think there were guidelines stating like how long can you dock your boat there or how much space is there. I don't use that dock so I don't know how much space there is to dock a boat down there. How many spaces are there if there's two spaces and three boats want to come in, how long are those two other boats allowed to stay there? I don't think those guidelines forever delineated.

TD: It was actually 2 jet skis in 17 people on that dock for two days.

TM: Have you ever seen that happen before or do you think that was just extenuating circumstance?

TD: I think it had to do with you know people just releasing, you know, they have been shut down for so long. They might have been turned away from the public beach.

TM: Maybe we give a wait and see attitude and see what it is and see what prevails in the future before going out on making more restrictions that we may or may not need.

TD: Not a problem. I just wanted everyone to know that, again, I thought, you know, I was always told the dock was there for people on the lake who wanted to get food and stuff and these were two days that I'm sure people would have come for ice cream and lunch and things like that they just couldn't get in.

TM: It's also not a bad place for somebody to go fishing at night.

TD: No, fishing is no problem. There is no sign against fishing. The big part of this is no swimming and people swimming and people swim there all the time.

TC: You might want to consider putting it sign up, "please limit your dock time to 60 minutes or 30 minutes" or it's worth the discussion just to give people that do tie up there. It's a very limited facility.

TM: It is but would want it should I would never want to see it limited to only people who are on the lake who want to bring their boat over and dock it because it wasn't designed only for that. Like I say it's a great place for somebody to go fishing as well.

TD: I don't think that's the problem but if you had seen it with two jet skis and tubing and then swimming by the dock, well it couldn't get in there and that was to me too particular days where, again, with the COVID 19, restaurant suffering, I think it was wrong for them to do that and I just want to make the other board members know exactly what's happening down there. That's all, that was my intent. I don't propose new regulations.

TM: I don't either.

TD: The case is you have a sign that says you can't do these things, how do you enforce them because it says no fires, no camping, so if he's not going to enforce anything then people can camp which I know happens. Mr. Weaver camps there every summer when the artillery guys come in. People buying fires and things like that how do you enforce that?

MB: I think that that part, Mark, you know, no camping, no fires, that's the part that I was asking if there are any village laws on record for that.

TM: No, not that I know of.

MB: I mean from that regard unless you know you have a special permit I think that that wouldn't be a bad thing to put into place so that if there are people who pitched tents and start campfires there's no recourse for us to call the Sheriff to have him removed.

TM: Well that would be part of a special events permit wouldn't it?

MB: No, if there was a special events permit I have no issue with that. I'm talking, Karen, if your daughter decided to camp down there tonight and have a bon fire we're good with that? I don't think so. Unless you had the agreement to do that because you know somewhere down the road, so, the thing is that we have a sign that says "no you can't have fires" and "no you can't camp". It's just something to think about. You don't have to decide today but perhaps that's something we should look into if we're going to have that sign what is behind it.

TM: Yeah, I think that's worthy of discussion.

TC: I have a concern along the same vein. I went by the public beach I don't know if it was last night or Saturday night probably Saturday after dinner and there must have been 6, 7, 8 cars all parked on the side of the road, on the public beach side, you know with the no parking signs. I looked closely and I thought well maybe people are sitting in the car going to take a picture of the sunset and all but one car was empty. Which means that people probably were down by the water outside the cars parked down the road. It's not a great big deal but I see the potential for an accident just waiting to happen. It's a very narrow curve there between the white line very narrow and the cars are almost on the white line as they parked.

TM: Mark that's for the Sheriff to enforce. We went through this when we when we always got the permit for the parade. That was also always part of the stipulation to cover the "no parking" signs so that at that time when we had the parade people could park in that area. The Sheriff very explicitly said when it there's a "no parking" sign there that is their responsibility to enforce.

TC: Well maybe we just need to reinforce our position with the Sheriff's Department or law enforcement that seems to be that on a regular basis now people are parking, exiting their vehicle and I just have a concern.

TM: I agree.

TC: It's just a problem waiting to happen.

TM: I couldn't agree with you more, but I think the only thing insofar as the village would be a dialogue with the Sheriff's Department stating that that's occurring. It's in their court, so to speak.

MB: OK, I will bring that up. Anything else?

TM: Are we in round table discussion?

MB: We are.

TM: Oh, OK. I would like to say something just as a point of interest for everyone. The Chamber of Commerce is considering taking over the planting of the barrels next year. I think that is something that was sorely missing this year by not having them done but it's a it is something that's in consideration at this point.

MB: Wonderful, and just to reiterate again the only reason why the barrels were not done this year was because of COVID, the lack of supplies and the inability for people to get up here the in it oh are they more or less the inability for people to get up here.

TM: More or less, the inability of those who had previously done the barrels, their inability to come up here to do it.

MB: Correct, because most of them are seasonal homeowners but it was also the supply chain for the supplies for flowers and plants and everything with the with the shut-down.

TM: OK, well, this is a consideration for next year. The chamber considering taking it over.

MB: Wonderful I think that's great and especially since it's supported by our local businesses. So kudos to them. All right, anyone else with the round table?

TM: There was something else I forgot. I should have wrote it down. Shoot, I forgot I had something. I forgot. I should've wrote it down.

MB: Alright so, at this point entertaining a motion to adjourn our meeting?

TM: I'll make the motion because Letty's not here. I'm the second I'm the second oldest so I could do that.

TC: Second.

MB: Alright, Mark Crary, second. All in favor say, aye.

All: Aye.

Mb: Thank you.