

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Palatine Bridge Board was held on February 20, 2024. In attendance were Mayor James F. Post, Trustees Susan Barker, Peter Briele, Sarah Davidson, Aaron Rorick, DPW Supt. Rodney Sutton and Clerk Emily Shults. CEO Anthony Howland was absent from the meeting. Present from the public were David Jordan with Montgomery County Office for Aging, Inc and Edward Watt. The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.

The meeting was opened to the public with David Jordan speaking first. He presented the board with appreciation for all the support given to be able to serve so many people in the community. All the meals are made at the location on Carmen Court in Palatine Bridge, about 170 per day. The most popular program they have is Meals on Wheels, but David did discuss the many other programs and resources they provide such as personal care, housekeeping, wellness checks and taking individuals to appointments. It is for people 60 years and older, they will do a needs assessment, and it has nothing to do with money. The goal is to keep people out of Nursing Homes and in the comfort of their own homes. Montgomery County Office for Aging Inc is a not-for-profit business, they rely on funding to help keep the programs going and to be able to serve so many people. State Funding is the bulk of their funding with some Federal funding as well as private donations and the County, Towns and Villages helping too. Edward Watt updated the board on some things he is working on for the Village of Palatine Bridge. He has a meeting with the State Commissioner and DEC to talk about water/sewer. Mr. Watt discussed the Pro-Housing Resolution and that they do require municipalities to become part of this.

The Code Officer's Report was reviewed. Mayor Post questioned the permit on 3 Staley Road and 75 West Grand Street. The board discussed sending out letters to residents prior to snowstorms to keep sidewalks clear. Trustee Susan Barker asked if there was any news on the Budget Inn, still no new information. Trustee Davidson is impressed with Mr. Howland's CEO report.

The minutes for the January meeting were approved on the motion of Trustee Aaron Rorick, seconded by Trustee Sarah Davidson. The Treasurer's Report was approved on the motion of Trustee Susan Barker and seconded by Trustee Peter Briele.

The DPW Superintendent's Report was reviewed. Mr. Sutton is working on I & I Inspections; he checked the Nursing Home creek that runs by Carmen Court and the creek was pure mud, so he checked the manhole and there was no dirty water. Mr. Sutton installed a new pump at Dollar General. Mayor Post asked about the Stone Lodge and Mr. Sutton said that was all good there. DPW Spt. Sutton said that with the Lead and Copper Inspections he will need to take pictures of every place he goes because that is the new requirement. An iPad was purchased to help with the Water Readings, I & I Inspections, and the Lead & Copper too. Mayor James F. Post asked if there has been any work done with Lamont Engineers and Rodney will check into that. Trustee Susan Barker asked for Mr. Sutton to add Joe Falsarella's hours at the bottom of his reports each month. DPW Supt. brought up the Amsterdam Housing Apts. and the issues with their garbage pickup, CEO Anthony Howland will check that out.

Old business was discussed. Mayor James F. Post asked the board if they wanted to ask Lamont to come up with solar lighting in the parking lot and West End Project sidewalks with the

\$5,000 grant. We are just shy of another \$5,000 grant. The Town of Palatine Bridge Solar Project is a continued collaboration and is getting closer to final approval.

New business discussed was the Homeowners' Credit and Trustee Davidson said she will reach out to the woman to come to the next board meeting and the board agreed to start the meeting at 6pm. Mayor Post asked if the board is comfortable with the garage sale tags and Clerk Shults will draft up a policy letter for the garbage tags and Trustee Sue Barker asked to have that at the March meeting to review. Mayor James F. Post said we should match what the County says about "flushable wipes" to send out as well. The board decided to have the village wide garage sales on Friday May 31st, Saturday June 1st, and Sunday June 2nd. Trustee Davidson asked about doing Tax Bills through the County to have access online and make it easier for people to view and pay.

Bills were audited and ordered paid on the motion of Trustee Peter Briele, seconded by Trustee Aaron Rorick.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm was made by Trustee Sarah Davidson and seconded by Trustee Peter Briele.

Respectfully signed,

Emily Shults
Village Clerk