**Village of Marathon Board of Trustees**

Meeting on March 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the Village of Marathon Board of Trustees held at the Village Office was called to order by Mayor Chamberlin, at 7:00 pm. Trustees present were Trustee Dann, Trustee Birdsall and Trustee Canfield Absent: Trustee Fralick Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Padbury

Present: Matt Kenyon (DPW Supervisor)

Motion made by Trustee Canfield and seconded by Trustee Birdsall to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting. Motion approved; all in favor.

Civic Center:

* The discussion on Civic Center rates was tabled until next meeting. Trustee Birdsall suggested we install a divider curtain in main part of Civic Center to charge less for a smaller area. Summer Rec Program

NY Forward Grant:

* NYS awards each region either (2) $4.5M or (4) $2.25M every year. The Village of Marathon applied and made a presentation for this grant, but did not receive one this year.
* Representatives from the NY Forward Program (one was at presentation), Cortland County Business Dev. Office (Brandon O’Brien) met with representatives of the Village of Marathon. They reviewed the Village’s application and pointed out the strengths and weaknesses. They feel we should be in good for next year. Next year our application will focus more on private sector projects. The mayor spoke to the new owners of the Tarbell Building, they are looking to renovate the outside of the building and the owners of 3-Bear Inn are looking to expand. There will also be a revised plan for the library/opera house. Brandon O’Brien feels that CCBD should be able to help with the cost of having Thoma Development help with the application.

DPW:

* Matt Kenyon spoke to the board about purchasing a new dump truck for the DPW Dept. One of the reasons is the age of the trucks one is a 1998 and one is a 2008. It is getting difficult to find parts for repair these dump trucks. Another point is that they are not efficient for snow removal in the Village. Matt is looking into a dump truck with a plow wing and live bottom. Matt feels that the wing would work more efficiently in the Village and the live bottom dump box would be helpful in the summer months when the DPW has to patch roads.
* Matt has received a quote from International Trucks for a 2025 International w/Viking-Cives plow/body pkg and tarp. Total purchase price is $220,518.40. We can order now with a Purchase order and no down payment. It will take 2 years to get truck.
* Trustee Birdsall asked Matt to get quotes for a snow pusher blade for the loader. Trustee Birdsall feels that the pusher blade would plow parking lots more efficiently.
* Mayor Chamberlin asked Matt to get two more quotes on a dump truck.
* Supervisor Kenyon attended meetings in Albany. The topic of the meetings was NY CHIP funds, he felt that it was very informative.

Planning Board:

* Sandy Griep handed in her letter of resignation from the Village of Marathon Planning Board to Board president Hope Cross. Motion made by Trustee Canfield, seconded by Trustee Dann to accept Sandy Griep’s resignation. Motion approved; All in favor. The mayor asked trustees to think of someone who might able to fill this position.

Treasurer Padbury handed out the proposed 2024-2025 budget for the General Fund to be reviewed by board members and discussed at a later date.

The public hearings for the “Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker property tax exemption” and “Local Law to override Tax Cap” was scheduled for March 20, 2024 at 7:00pm located at Village Office conference room.

Motion made by Trustee Dann and seconded by Trustee Canfield to approve the bills as submitted for payment totaling $36,166.41:

General Fund: $11,824.74

Sewer Fund: $4,153.61

Water Fund: $2,795.71

Electric Fund: $17,392.35

Motion approved; all in favor.

Motion made by Trustee Canfield and seconded by Trustee Birdsall to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Padbury