**Village of Marathon Board of Trustees**

Meeting on June 19, 2024

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

Attendees: William McGovern (CC Legislator)

Motion made by Trustee Birdsall and seconded by Deputy Mayor Fralick to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024, meeting. Motion approved; All in favor

William McGovern: Legislative Update

* The corrections officer contract has been approved through the legislative committee.
* Meeting was held to discuss the change in percentage of county sales tax revenue that will be dispersed to the Villages and Towns. Mr. McGovern asked Treasurer Padbury to get more information on sales tax revenue the Village has received from the county.
* The monies received from County Revenue Sources are decreasing for example Landfill last fiscal year revenue was $889,000, this fiscal year revenue was $766,000.
* County Capital Projects:
  + Purchased old Brewer Ticknor site.
  + Upgrade jail.
  + New County Office Bldg.
  + Repair elevator at Courthouse.
* TC3 presented their budget to the county. TC3 is not asking for additional funds from the county.

TCC:

Mayor Chamberlin and Treasurer Padbury spoke to William Freitag (BST) to get a better understanding of what “HFPTCC” means. Mr. Freitag’s explanation of Historic Fixed Price Transmission Congestion Contract “HFPTCCs” – Transmission congestion costs arise when there is not enough capacity to deliver low-cost power to consumers and the demand is met by more expensive sources of electricity. A couple of reasons for lower capacity, one is a transmission line breaks and the other is severely cold weather pushing up usage. TCC’s enable energy buyers and sellers to hedge transmission price fluctuations. NYISO (NY Independent System Operator) makes an offer to municipalities to purchase “HFPTCCs” in anticipation of increased transmission costs due to congestion. The municipality has the right to not purchase all available units. The number of units purchased determines the percentage of higher transmission costs the municipality incurs, (Ex: If all units are purchased, no cost is incurred. If 50% of units purchased 50% of higher cost is incurred. If no units are purchased 100% of higher cost is incurred). When the cost to purchase the available TCC’s is lower than the transmission cost, then the municipality gains money. When the cost to purchase available TCC’s is higher than the transmission cost, then the municipality would lose money. The cost to purchase TCC’s is passed on to the consumer via the monthly PPAC calculation, there is no direct cost to the municipality.

NYISO (NY Independent System Operator) offered the Village to purchase (4) HFPTCC’s at the cost of $3,907.64 per unit, which is an 84.67% decrease per unit from last year’s cost of $25,485.00. The mild winters are influencing TCC costs. Mr. Freitag recommended that the Village purchase 0-2 units, due to the lower cost per unit. After a brief discussion, a motion made by Trustee Canfield, seconded by Trustee Birdsall not to accept the offer made by NYSIO to purchase TCC’s and letter declining purchase to be sent to NYSIO. Motion approved; All in favor.

Playground:

Mayor Chamberlin took the inspection report he received from Pat Votra and went down to the playground to look at the repairs that were suggested by Mr. Votra. He also asked people who were there using the playground if they noticed anything that needed to be repaired. Mayor Chamberlin suggested that the Village purchase the parts to repair the playground and have Village employees install. Mayor Chamberlin will try to contact BCI Burke to see if the Village can purchase parts directly through them. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fralick, seconded by Trustee Canfield to purchase repair parts for the playground not to exceed $10,000.00. Motion approved; All in favor.

Trustee Birdsall to get Treasurer Padbury a list of companies that provide playground inspections services and/or playground chips

Civic Center:

On June 11, 2024, a meeting was held by the Civic Center Fund Raising Committee (Natalie Parker, Laura Padbury, Morgan Gofgosky and Rosemarie Fralick) Some suggestions for renting the Civic Center are as follows:

Charge flat rate of $500.00 for an all-day event, no residency restriction.

Charge an hourly rate of $50.00.

Who is going to open and close to ensure the building is used only for the time rented for?

Additional charge for kitchen?

Make brochure to market building.

Fund raising ideas:

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Pitch Tournament – Provide food.

Family Night – Provide food.

Cruise In Night – Provide food.

November craft show

The committee will meet in the second week of July to discuss this further.

Due to the July 4th holiday a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Fralick, seconded by Trustee Canfield to cancel the Village of Marathon Board Meeting scheduled for July 3, 2024. Motion approved; All in favor.

Banners to honor Veterans – Eric Leet has some concerns about hanging brackets on Village light poles. Where will the banners be stored when the Christmas decorations are up? Who is responsible for maintenance of the banners? The board feels that there are several questions that need to be addressed before giving final approval to install the banners on the Village light poles. Will try to get Sara Luna to attend next meeting to discuss her plans.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fralick, seconded by Trustee Birdsall to approve the bills as submitted for payment totaling $56,780.69:

General Fund: $12,351.32

Sewer Fund: $887.73

Water Fund: $511.80

Electric Fund: $42,750.42

Civic Center: $279.42

Motion approved; all in favor.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fralick, seconded by Trustee Canfield to adjourn at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Padbury