**of Marathon Board of Trustees**

Meeting on August 21, 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 Canfield, Trustee Dann, and Deputy Mayor Fralick, also present was Clerk/Treasurer Padbury.

Attendees: Diane Courtney, William McGovern (CC Legislator)

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fralick and seconded by Trustee Canfield to approve the minutes of the August 7 2024, meeting. Motion approved; All in favor.

Diane Courtney gave the board members information on the banner program she is proposing for the poles along Village streets, including sample of banner. Daine is asking that the banners be hung on poles along RT11 from 79 - 26 Cortland St. The banners would be up from May to November. Eric Leet had a few requests The banners cannot be installed on poles with Christmas decorations or made of concrete. Brackets can stay on poles if Christmas decoration are not on them. Pole cannot have both flags and banners. Eric suggested maybe some banners can be installed on poles located on RT 221W above the railroad tracks. Trustee Canfield asked how a veteran can be honored by having a banner, he would like to see the veterans being honored based on a certain criterion. Mayor Chamberlin asked Diane to get with the American Legion and Sara Luna to discuss this program and come back to the board on October 2, 2024, with a plan.

William McGovern:

* The Soil & Water Board has an opening for a board position – meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. He is looking to see if there is any interest. Go to CCSWCD website to apply.
* Legislator – Regular meeting tomorrow night, special committee meeting tomorrow afternoon. Looking to replace the current bus transportation service suggestion hire own drivers as the county already owns the buses.
* Approving VOM 2Q sales tax share $44,437.
* Suggested Boad members go to Cortland County Website to watch July 30th meeting (Special Mtg Finance Committee) and Aug 13th meeting.
* FY 2025 Budget Planning starts next week.

Dart Services – Mayor Chamberlin talked with Mr. Anderson (Dart Services) concerning the recent invoices that have been received by Dart Services for meter storage. Due to recent issues with the meter room being unlocked, Mr. Anderson has decided to lock the door. Mr. Anderson will be dropping off a key to the room at the Village office. The Village board can disregard the invoices previously sent from Dart Services.

Basketball Lovell Field: The mayor presented the letter that was sent to Karen Standish concerning the insurance needed to play organized basketball on Lovell Field.

Mayor Chamberlin presented a resignation letter from Trustee Birdsall dated August 7, 2024. Trustee Birdsall resigned from the Village of Marathon Board of Trustees as of August 7, 2024. A motion was made by Trustee Dann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fralick to accept Trustee Birdsall’s letter of resignation. Motion approved; all in favor.

Robin Light showed interest in being on the Marathon Village Board of Trustees. Mayor Chamberlin spoke to Mr. Light on becoming a trustee, effective October 1, 2024, Mayor Chamberlin appointed Robin Light to the Marathon Village Board of Trustees.

NY Forward Grant:

 The 1st meeting of the NY Forward committee was held on August 14, 2024, discussion on the 2nd round of NY Forward grant application. There was a low turnout, not many taking advantage of program. New projects Tarbell Bldg. and Shawm McGill properties. The next meeting has been scheduled for October 10, 2024, the public will be invited to make comments and learn more on the grant.

Electric:

* SmartKable is a consulting firm that helps municipalities completes data collection and help with grant application to NYSERDA for a $200k grant to study system. If we get the grant there will be no cost to Village. Eric Leet feels that there is a huge line loss issue in our system. This grant would help the Village with this issue. There is a second grant of $2M to correct anything that was found. Study makes take a year, hopefully it will produce a lot of information.
* Oil testing has been completed on the substation transformers, nothing alarming.
* Ramboll – Signed contract for substation design has been sent, have not heard anything from them.
* Spare Unit - Eric Leet has been approached by gas company to see if the Village would like to sell the spare substation transformer unit. Eric asked the board if we should sell it or keep it for an emergency? The board feels that we should keep it in case of an emergency. May need to get it tested and rebuild if necessary, depending on cost.
* Holbrook’s is adding on.
* Eric called telephone company to transfer their line from the pole on Mill St.
* Bucket truck – more issues w/check engine light. Board asked Eric to get pricing on new truck.
* Motion was made by Trustee Dann seconded by Deputy Mayor Fralick to approve Eric Leet to attend MEUA Annual Conference Oct 1-3, 2024. Motion approved; All in Favor

DELEGATE RESOLUTION

 At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marathon, New York, held on

August 21, 2024, the following resolution was adopted: Moved by Deputy Mayor Fralick, seconded by Trustee Dann

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marathon, New York, is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called to be held on October 1 – 3, 2024 at Hotel Canandaigua, Canandaigua, NY, and, WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Eric Leet be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Marathon, New York.

Roll Call: Trustee Canfield Aye, Trustee Dann Aye, Deputy Mayor Fralick Aye and Mayor Chamberlin Aye

On roll call: Affirmative: 4 Negative: 0

 I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marathon, New York on the 21 days of August 2024.

Connie White spoke to Mayor Chamberlin concerning the WWI Veterans Memorial on Village Green and the disrepair it is in. Pat Wiley of Wiley Masonry has volunteered his time to repair the monument. All he is asking for is reimbursement of supplies needed and labor for one individual to help him. The board approved if the cost is $1,000 or less.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fralick, seconded by Trustee Dann to permit the disconnect policy to be implemented for those accounts listed on the outstanding balance list if not paid by 9/10/24. Motion approved; All in favor.

Motion made by Trustee Canfield, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fralick to approve the bills as submitted for payment totaling $51,016.19 Motion approved: All in favor.

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| **Fund** | **Voucher No.** | **Amount** |
| General | 308-313 | $3,094.95 |
| Electric  | 241-245 | $45,062.18 |
| Water | 95-96 | $1,095.50 |
| Sewer | 189-190 | $1,440.45 |
| Consumer Deposit |  |  |
| T&A |  |  |
| Civic Center | 24 | $323.11 |
| Capital Projects |  |  |

Motion made by Trustee Canfield, seconded by Trustee Dann to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Padbury

Clerk/Treasurer

Village of Marathon