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**VILLAGE OF MINOA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 4, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Minoa was held at the Municipal Building in the Village Board Room, 240 N. Main St, on June 4, 2012.

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Donovan
Trustee Abbott
Trustee Brazill
Trustee Champagne
Trustee Christensen
Attorney Primo
Clerk-Treasurer DeVona
Attendant Michael Macko

ALSO PRESENT: Matt McGarrity, D. Heneka-Peters, Tom deBerjeois, Tom Peters, Deanna Sauoi, Cynthia Rink, Herbert Rolfe, Keith Caiello, Robert Abbott, Dale Nolan, Sara DeVona, Nikki DeVona, Haley DeVona

Mayor Donovan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Christensen.

**MEETING
MINUTES –
MAY 14, 2012**

Trustee Champagne made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen to approve the meeting minutes of May 14, 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.

**MEETING
MINUTES –
MAY 31, 2012**

Trustee Brazill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Champagne to approve the meeting minutes of May 31, 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.

**UPDATE –
VILLAGE
HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION**

Mayor Donovan stated the Historical group continues to meet weekly and is making great progress. He stated that state law prohibits calling the group a society and after much discussion with the group as well as the village attorney appropriate title for the group would be an association. Mayor Donovan asked the board to consider the title of Village of Minoa Historical Association for the group. Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brazill to name the Village of Minoa Historical Association. All in favor. Motion carried.

**2012 STATE AID –
SERVICE AND
RECREATION**

Trustee Brazill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abbott to waive the 2012 State Aid for Service and Recreation to the Town of Manlius in the amount of \$717.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

**COUNTY BOARD
OF ELECTION –
REQUEST TO
USE FACILITIES**

Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Champagne to grant permission to County Board of Election to use the Municipal building and Minoa Fire Station #2 on June 26, 2012 from 11:00am to 10:00 pm for the Federal Primary for US Senator (Republican). All in favor. Motion carried.

**MINOA FARMS
REQUEST
PERMISSION TO
ACCEPT OWCA
PROPOSAL –
SECTION 4B**

Trustee Brazill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Champagne to accept OCWA proposal for hydrant installation and water main in Section 4B contingent upon Village Engineer review and approval at no cost to the village. All in favor. Motion carried.

**BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS**

No new business.

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT**

***PERMISSION FOR RICHARD GREENE TO ATTEND 106TH ANNUAL
NYS AFC CONFERENCE***

Trustee Champagne made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen to approve sending Richard Greene to the 106th Annual NYS AFC Conference on June 13, 2012 from 8:00am to 5:00pm at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona at a cost of \$90.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

**FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

REQUEST PERMISSION TO USE FIRE STATION #2 - INGLE'S FAMILY

Trustee Brazill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Champagne to approve the request for the Ingle's family to use Fire Station #2 all day on June 9, 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.

***REQUEST PERMISSION FOR PAT FLANNERY TO ATTEND 106TH
ANNUAL NYS AFC CONFERENCE***

Trustee Brazill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abbott to approve sending Pat Flannery to the 106th Annual NYS AFC Conference June 13 – 16, 2012 at the Turning Stone Resort, Verona at a cost of \$80.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE

No new business.

COURT

No new business.

CLERK

PERMISSION TO SEND REQUEST TO STATE COMPTROLLER FOR A FILING EXTENSION FOR ANNUAL REPORT OF FISCAL YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2012

Trustee Brazill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen authorizing the Clerk to send a request to New York State Comptroller Office for a sixty (60) day filing extension for the annual report of fiscal year ending May 31, 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.

DPW

REQUEST PERMISSION TO SEND MIKE MURNANE & JAMES LANDRY TO MS4 TRAINING WORKSHOP

Trustee Brazill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Abbott to approve sending Mike Murnane and James Landry to MS4 Training Workshop on June 12, 2012, 9:00am – 12:00pm at Liverpool Fire Station at no cost. All in favor. Motion carried.

WWTP / CERF

No new business.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Champagne thanked Trustee Brazill for a great job on the Memorial Day Parade. He also updated the board on a telephone problem at Ripplebrook Drive pump house location and that Verizon has been called to look into the situation.

Trustee Christensen – nothing new to report.

Trustee Abbott reported he met with the Town of Manlius PBA and toured the Police Department Headquarters location at 1 Arkie Albanese Avenue in Manlius. Trustee Abbott stated the library staff has thanked the Village for advertising their events on the Lewis Park signboard as they have experienced more children for story time and other events.

Trustee Brazill thanked everyone who helped with the Memorial Day Parade; it was a beautiful day and the event was a success. He reminded everyone that the Farmers Market and Classic Hot-Rod Cars have begun and will continue every Friday and the Wounded Warrior ride is July 7th. Trustee Brazill congratulated Mayor Richard Donovan on his newly elected position with New York State Conference of Mayor's (NYCOM) as 1st Vice President.

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #2 FOR 2012 – ESTABLISHING ARTICLE III – CHAPTER 25

Trustee Brazill made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen to adopt Local Law #2 for 2012, establishing Article III of Chapter 25 entitled “Non-criminal Applicant Fingerprint Inquires for the purposes of employment and membership to the Minoa Fire Department. All in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Donovan announced that the New York Rural Water Association has recognized Steve Giarrusso as the 2012 Outstanding Wastewater Operator of the Year. The award was presented on May 23, 2012, at a ceremony in

conjunction with the New York Rural Water Association's Annual Technical Conference held in Verona, NY.

Mayor Donovan stated the Implementation Advisory Committees (IAC) has concluded that an “operational consolidation” is currently the best course of action not a joint fire district. Each of the entities have begun looking at ways to work together in the areas of purchasing, capital planning, training and response operations to provide more efficient services and cooperative activities. The IAC’s recommendation has been accepted by the Executive Committee. The Department Chiefs have already begun working on joint plans in each area outlined by the Committee.

Mayor Donovan updated the board regarding Mr. Donald Studebaker’s complaints with the village; the police department has responded many times to the property on different issues. An attempt to schedule a meeting with both parties has been unsuccessful at this point.

Mayor Donovan announced the Mayor’s Association meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20th in Liverpool with guest speaker, Mayor Greenwood from Tully who has just recently returned from active duty in Afghanistan.

Mayor Donovan thanked Trustee Brazill and board for another successful Memorial Day Parade.

Mayor Donovan also congratulated the ESM students who attended an Environmental Competition at SUNY ESF; the CERF students did very well in the competition and is very proud of them.

Mayor Donovan stated he toured the Masonic Temple with Richard Greene, Lisa DeVona and the realtor of the property. The building is rapidly deteriorating and hopes a buyer will come forward soon.

Mayor Donovan announced the Police Benevolent Association golf tournament at the Links at Erie Village on Friday, August 3, 2012.

**ATTORNEY’S
REPORT**

Nothing new to report.

**AUDIT OF
CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Trustee Champagne and seconded by Trustee Brazill that claims on Abstract #001 in the amounts of General Fund - \$11,505.85 (Vouchers 001 - 023) and Sewer Fund – \$2,924.32 (Vouchers 001 - 013) for a total of \$14,430.17 audited and paid. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Herbert Rolfe, 404 Ripplebrook Lane, stated his neighbor continues to place a lacrosse goal near his property and when the children shoot on the goal and miss the net lacrosse balls end up in his yard and sometimes hit his house leaving dents in the exterior siding. Mr. Rolfe stated he has spoken to the parents but the goal has not been moved and he has called the police but the net has not been moved. Attorney Primo stated if Mr. Rolfe has experienced property damage from these situations the police should be called and a report will be written. Mr. Rolfe asked the board if

lacrosse within 500 feet of a house could be considered in the village code as with playing basketball.

Robert Abbott, 305 N. Main Street presented the village board with a petition to propose a curfew in the village beginning at 10:00 pm that requires all youth under the age of 18 to be on their own property and curfew code from the Village of East Syracuse. Mr. Abbott stated he is concerned with the groups of kids coming through the village causing property damage. He recently had an incident where some kids damaged the American flags and trees on his property that were planted by the village. Mr. Abbott stated he continues to call the police department. Mr. Abbott expressed interest in organizing neighborhood watch groups and asked how he would proceed with that process.

Mayor Donovan stated there is zero tolerance for these types of behaviors; he has spoken with Mrs. Modelewski regarding the petition and has contacted Chief Marlowe, Town of Manlius Police Department, and asked for a summary of calls for the Village of Minoa. Chief Marlowe reported only six (6) calls for the month of May. As in the past, neighborhood watches can be organized and does help in the enforcement and quality of life issues in the village. Mayor Donovan stated it is very important to call the police department each and every time there is an incident; the police can't respond if they are not aware. The police department does not report to the village on a regular basis. Mr. Peters, 122 N. Main Street, said when the village had their own police we did not have these problems. Mr. Charles Tocci, 108 Windsboro Road, stated the Police Department use to be on the agenda and somewhere along the lines it stopped being on the agenda and he asked why they were not here tonight to answer some of these questions.

A discussion ensued regarding the 1985 consolidation of villages Minoa, Fayetteville and Manlius police department and the agreement with the Town of Manlius.

Cynthia Rink, 116 N. Main Street, stated she had an incident where kids in the neighborhood stomped on top of her 2001 Kia, kicked in the driver's side door sometime early Saturday morning on May 26th and caused approximately \$4,000.00 worth of damage. Mayor Donovan asked if Mrs. Rink would leave a copy of the report and vehicle damage with the Clerk at the end of the meeting.

Tom deBerjeois, 122 N. Main Street, informed the board that he has seen kids skateboarding near the Post Office around 2:30am in the morning, and he has been approached by a group of kids on the "green" bridge (foot path bridge over the railroad tracks) and they told him if he wanted to cross to the other side he should go back around and use the bridge on Main Street to get to the other side. Mr. deBerjeois said he is concerned with what might happen if the kids approach him in a physical manner.

Dale Nolan, 305 S. Main Street, stated he lives near the basketball courts at Lewis Park and there have been many incidents, most recently a fight broke out and an individual was struck with brass knuckles. There are kids hanging out at the courts around 10:30 pm – 11:00 pm at night and with lack of patrol after hours nobody is enforcing the 9:00pm Park Closed policy. The foul language being used by the kids on the court is terrible and can be heard by those using the park and living in the area. Mr. Nolan said he is constantly calling the Police Department and in one incident

where a vehicle hit the guardrail near the courts it took approximately twenty minutes for a police unit to respond.

Mike Macko, 102 Greenapple Lane, stated that residents need to call the police every time there is an incident because if they don't there is no paper trail. Mr. Macko feels there should be two police units in the village, and was under the impression that a requirement of the 1985 Agreement with the Town of Manlius called for a least one dedicated police unit for the village.

John Sears, 103 S. Main Street, stated he witnessed the kids tipping over a motorcycle in the park. Mr. Sears stated he does not see police in the area often. He suggested to those in attendance to video tape any incidents and to find a good attorney.

Mayor Donovan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and stated he will contact the Chief of Police to arrange for a meeting with the police department to discuss the concerns presented tonight. Mayor Donovan stated that anyone interested in attending the meeting to please leave their name, address and telephone number with the Village Clerk. Once a meeting has been schedule the Village Office will contact those people interested in attending with the date, time and place of the meeting. Mayor Donovan reminded everyone to contact the police department each time there is a concern or incident.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Trustee Champagne and seconded by Trustee Abbott that the Village Board Meeting be adjourned at 8:18 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. DeVona
Clerk-Treasurer