

**VILLAGE OF MINOA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**November 20, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Mayor William F. Brazill  
Trustee John M. Abbott (*Absent*)  
Trustee John H. Champagne (*Absent*)  
Trustee Eric S. Christensen  
Trustee Gregory A. Rinaldi  
Clerk Treasurer Lisa DeVona  
Attorney Courtney Hills, Primo & Hills Law Firm

**ALSO PRESENT:** Michael Macko, Joseph Marko, Joshua Marko

Mayor Brazill opened the village board meeting at 7:00 pm and Trustee Christensen led those present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION** *DAN NAPOLITANO, THE GARAM GROUP*

Tabled.

**RESOLUTION** *OPPOSING LIMITATIONS STATE AND LOCAL TAXES*

*Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi to adopt the following:*

*RESOLUTION OPPOSING LIMITATIONS ON THE DEDUCTIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES*

*WHEREAS Congress is considering tax reform legislation that would eliminate or severely restrict the federal income tax deduction for State and Local Taxes (SALT);*

*WHEREAS this deduction, which has been in place for more than 100 years, is heavily utilized by residents of the Village of Minoa;*

*WHEREAS New York residents already send \$41 billion more to the federal treasury than the federal government returns to New York;*

*WHEREAS the state and local tax deduction is a fundamental principle of federalism and without it our residents would be faced with double taxation as they would be forced to pay federal income taxes on the taxes they must pay to state and local governments;*

*WHEREAS this federal cost shift onto local governments would place extreme pressure on the Village of Minoa budget, including diminished revenue for essential municipal services, including public safety and public infrastructure; and*

*WHEREAS increased federal taxation and reduced municipal services will harm local housing markets, decrease home values, erode local tax bases, and accelerate the departure of New York residents to other states.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Minoa expresses its strong opposition to any federal tax reform legislation that would eliminate or limit access to the State and Local Tax Deduction and urges each member of New York's congressional delegation to vehemently oppose any such bill, and directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to Member of Congress [name] and the New York State Conference of Mayors.*

All in favor; motion carried. The foregoing resolution was adopted.

**CLERK-  
TREASURER**

***MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 16, 2017***

Tabled.

***TREASURER'S REPORT- FOR PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2017***

Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi to approve the Treasurer's Report for period ending October 31, 2017. All in favor; motion carried.

***BUDGET AMENDMENT***

Trustee Rinaldi made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen to approve the following budget amendment: \$24,865.41 from G8120.20 (Equipment) to G8120.43 (Infrastructure Repairs). All in favor; motion carried.

***INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – BOCES FOR IT SERVICES***

Tabled.

***EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK***

Mayor Brazill stated the board will discuss this item again when all Trustees are in attendance. Joshua Marko asked a question specifically related to dependents under the family health care coverage.

***CONTRACT ADDENDUM – LOUIS DEMARIO (HAULERS AND SEPTIC)***

Attorney Hills presented a contract addendum for the board to consider as the user's name was incorrectly stated in said Contract as Louis DeMario rather than LBD Enterprises, LLC, of which Louis DeMario is a member.

Trustee Rinaldi made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen to approve the contract addendum as presented and authorize the Mayor to execute. All in favor; motion carried.

***PAID FAMILY LEAVE***

Tabled until more information can be obtained.

***HOME RULE LAW***

The board unanimously agreed on the draft for Real Property Tax Home Rule Law which will be considered by Senate/Assembly. Mayor Brazill stated he will let Assemblyman Stirpe know the draft is acceptable and he can move forward with legislation.

**BUILDINGS &  
GROUNDS**

***REQUEST TO USE FS2 – NOVEMBER 25, 2017***

Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi to approve request from David Hess to use FS2, November 25, 2017, 1pm – 8pm for birthday party. All in favor; motion carried.

***SAM GRANT – POLE BARN RENOVATIONS***

The following proposals were submitted for interior/exterior LED lighting for the pole barn renovations grant:

Huen New York, Inc. \$21,871.00  
O'Connell Electric Company, Inc \$19,850.00  
Patricia Electric, Inc \$28,752.00

Trustee Rinaldi made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen to award the project to O'Connell Electric Company, Inc in the amount of \$19,850.00 per specifications dated October 19, 2017. All in favor; motion carried.

***PURCHASE PROPOSAL FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT***

Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi to accept the purchase proposal from Town of Dryden for 2014 Western Star Dump Truck (VIN#9999) for \$125,000 and 2005 International Dump Truck with plow attachment (VIN#0562) for \$25,000.00; vehicles are expected to be out of service February 2019. All in favor; motion carried.

**WTP**

***110 HULBERT STREET INSPECTION REPORT***

Trustee Christensen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi to reduce the sewer rent units from two to one for 110 Hulbert Street, Minoa. All in favor; motion carried.

***REQUEST TO WAIVE \$90.00 PENALTY***

Trustee Rinaldi made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen to deny the request to waive \$90.00 penalty for sewer rent A/C 2108.0 because a penalty adjustment has been previously made on this account. All in favor; motion carried.

\*\*\*\*See Minutes of December 4, 2017 for further action/discussion.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS ABSTRACT 012**

A motion was made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee Rinaldi that the claims on Abstract #012 in the amounts of General Fund - \$213,016.70 Vouchers (480 - 523), Sewer Fund - \$27,876.45 (Vouchers 226 - 242), for a total of \$240,893.15 audited and paid. All in favor; motion carried.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Nothing new to report.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

Trustee Rinaldi – nothing new to report.  
Trustee Christensen reminded everyone the annual Tree Lighting is Sunday, December 3, 2017 beginning at 5pm.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Brazill announced the fundraiser for Joe Regan, November 12, 2017 at Ultimate Athletics, Home of Pin2Win, Three Rivers Plaza, and Phoenix, NY 13135, 11am – 2pm.  
Mayor Brazill announced Steve Giarrusso has been selected to be on New York State WEF Governance Counsel and will take part in overseeing the education of all New York State Plant Operators.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee Rinaldi to adjourn the village board meeting at 7:51pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa L. DeVona*

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