Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting called to order by Mayor Marshall at 6:16 pm

Attendance: Clerk Tiffany, Trustee Foster, Trustee Ladd, Mayor Marshall, Chris Worlock, Vern Groves, Roxanne Groves Absent: Walt Cook, Aaron Pforter

Accept/Approve November 2023 Minutes motion by Trustee Foster, Second by Trustee Ladd Accept/Approve November 2023 Treasurers report, motion by Trustee Ladd, Second Trustee Foster all in favor and carried.

Old Business - On Hold:

Water Rules regulations update – Aaron & Mayor to review.

Solar and Wind Zoning Law –

Labor Contract with Town of DeRuyter – Mayor to meet with Town Supervisor

Fire Protection Contract – Contract up 2025, Budget time.

New Business Discussion items

<u>Highway- Walt Cook – No Report.</u> The highway department is short staffed. Their part-time staff is filling in, sidewalks will still be maintained. The roads are still the top priority, then sidewalks.

<u>Water-Aaron Pforter</u> – The South Hill water tanks cleaned and inspected today 12/20/2023. The company will send a video of the inspection and cleaning. No Issues currently. Reported by Mayor Marshall.

<u>Joint Youth –</u> Basketball season is up and running. No numbers on participation yet. Lake Property – Realtor stated will have a price in the next few weeks, did state the property is lower than expected due to water table is high and no septic system. Once we get the number, the board will revisit their options.

Other: Public Comments:

- ✓ Chris Worlock Property next door, animals are still there, kept hidden inside of barn/garage two pigs, two goats' a variety of chickens and estimated about ten dogs. How do you find out if dogs are license? Mayor Marshall shared Janet Toolan's (dog enforcer) phone numbers. There is also a pile of debris accumulating around the cemetery behind her house and the church. The fence around the cemetery needs repair. There are vehicles and snowmobiles around the cemetery property. What about the environmental impact on the ground at the cemetery? Would like to see the headstones at the cemetery repaired. Are there any grants to help with these repairs? Mayor Marshall stated that the Town maintains the cemetery property, he will reach out to Supervisor Vosburg to see what can be done. Chris asked what is happening now that the 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, have gone by, what is the next step to get things done? Mayor Marshall stated that Supervisor Vosburg, Judge Coon, Judge VanNorstrand, Chuck Ladd and himself and possible a justice from Hamilton is planning to meet after the first of the year. To work on procedures, policies, and laws, so the code enforcement can move forward.
- ✓ Vern Groves asking about Mechanics Street and the dogs. Mayor Marshall asked him to contact Janet Toolan.
- Chris Worlock asked about the property on Seminary Street on getting that cleaned up. Her daughter and family are fed-up with debris and will sell and move. Chris said that DeRuyter was a wonderful place to raise a family and it was a beautiful community, now it is the worst community around. We need to change this or more families will leave. Mayor Marshall said that was a process but will address that to the court and make it a priority at the meeting.
- ✓ Winter Fest 2024- Would like to see the Town/Village bring back the Winter Fest looking at the first weekend in December when they decorate the gazebo and put up the snowflakes for the holiday season. Ardene Tiffany suggested a committee that would include people from the town, village, school, Ruritan, churches, fire department, Aux. PTA, Clubs, and local business be involved. Roxanne Grove suggested a committee as well and to start small, something at the Town green, Roxanne also talked with Supervisor Vosburg, and he was willing to help and open the town hall for the event. Mayor Marshall said he would love to see it happen again and get everyone involved. Trustee Foster and Ladd agreed.

Board Action Items

Approve – March 19, 2024, Election Day. Motion to publish a notice designating the office to be filled and terms, and polling place: advertising in the Village legal paper: (Cortland Standard): Trustee; 2-year term, Polling place 1663 Cortland Street Fire Hall, DeRuyter. From Noon to 9:00 pm. Trustee Foster term is up for election. Motion by Trustee Foster, Second by Trustee Ladd, all in favor and carried.

Approve – Roxanne Groves, Judy Balenski as election inspectors for the 2024 election. Also, to appoint Sandy Camelback as an emergency alternate if Roxanne or Judy cannot fulfill their duties. Motion by Trustee Ladd, Second by Trustee Foster to appoint the election inspectors.

Approve – Water Application from Jared Barney, bought 1729 Mill Street, prior owner Susan Barber-Kowalski. Motion by Trustee Foster, Second by Trustee Ladd, all in favor and carried.

Approve – Water Application from Thomas Ball, bought textile building, owned by Wayne Valzania. Motion by Trustee Ladd, seconded by Trustee Foster, all in favor and carried.

motion to adjourn meeting by: Mayor Marshall, second by Trustee Ladd Time: 6:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Ardene Tiffany, Clerk