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AGENDA
Regular Meeting
American Rescue Ad Hoc Committee
December 5, 2022 5:30 p.m. Assembly Room

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Joe Kilduff called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Members Present: Mayor Joe Kilduff, Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Commissioner Victoria Carey, Commissioner Jim Kilduff, members of the public, staff, and administration. Excused Absence: Councilman Joe Green. Present: Member Dave Sekorski
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **a. MOTION:** by V. Carey to set meeting dates for calendar year 2023. Seconded by R. McCann. Motion passed. Committee briefly discussed dates. The first Monday of the month is good for most months except for January. **MOTION:** by R. McCann to set 2023 meeting dates for the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. with the exception of January, which will be the 9th. Seconded by V. Carey. Motion passed.
b. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (October 3, 2022)
MOTION: by J. Kilduff to accept the minutes of October 3, 2022. Seconded by R. McCann. Motion passed with one abstention.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Proposals or Presentations**
 - a. **Terryville Polish American Political Club** – Mike Hamel, President of Polish Club, Zachary Lyga, Trustee, and Zack Godbout, Treasurer. Zack Godbout provided background information about the Club and its contributions to the community. Various renovations occurred during the Covid-19 shutdown. Covid-19 shutdown and protocols caused financial hardships and the parking lot is in need of repair as it is a safety issue. They would also like to renovate their outdoor seating areas and fix the erosion that is occurring. See attached copy of presentation.

V. Carey asked if they have requested any engineering help for the drainage issue. Mr. Hamel responded that it's mainly a result of the driveway sinking in towards the front which causes the water to go up against the building in the front. In the winter it causes ice buildup, which causes more salting, which contributes to the breakdown of the pavement. The companies that provided quotes for the parking lot feel grading of the new parking lot will solve the problem. If they dig it up and see drainage is needed, they will have it installed, which will be at a slightly higher cost to the Club. J. Kilduff asked if the prices quoted are still good. Mike Hamel said that concrete and asphalt prices increase yearly so he imagines it will continue to increase with inflation. V. Carey asked if there was a built-in contingency in the price quote. Mike Hamel explained that the Club will be able to come up with extra money if the amount requested is short. The Polish Club is a nonprofit. D. Sekorski asked if the Club could be used for a shelter. Zack Lyga

answered that they have offered the use of the Club for shelter space in the past because they have the large party room, kitchen, and restrooms.

- b. **Public Works Dept.** – V. Carey asked what material was going to be used as the base for the “carport”. Highway Superintendent Jim Schultz responded that the lean-to at the highway garage is on pavement already, the parks and recreation one will be processed stone first followed by pavement with a small wall.
- c. **Other** – Frederick Stevenson, 129 South Eagle St. - There is a drainage problem on the property from the road. Galvanized pipes go through his property. Mayor Kilduff asked if the Town had an easement through the property. Mr. Stevenson was unsure. Mr. Stevenson stated that the yard turns into a “swamp” when it rains. Mayor Kilduff asked if the former Public Works Director went out to see it and explained that the interim Public Works Director would go look at the problem and that Mr. Stevenson would be contacted by someone from the Town.

Larry Hawes, President of Terryville/Plymouth Little League, and Eric Worhunsky, Vice President of Terryville/Plymouth Little League – proposal to deal with issues with neighbor on the North side of the lower field property. The neighbor has issues with trees (dead and living) that are on the Little League side of the property. To appease the neighbor, they are looking to remove the trees and install an extension of the backstop along and behind the first base backstop to prevent as many balls as possible from entering his property. Another bone of contention is the kids going onto his property to remove foul balls. Mr. Worhunsky said the plan would be to regrade that area along the right field line for additional seating and install fencing to delineate the line of the property so children remain inside the ball field property. The final aspect would be to address drainage concerns behind the lower field, “Worhunsky” field. A decent size rainstorm will flood and erode the area. They may need cooperation from the Town to fix the drainage. They may need an easement through one parcel adjacent to the West. They have no cost estimates at this time. Mayor Kilduff asked Mr. Worhunsky and Mr. Hawes to contact his office with the proposal and numbers. R. McCann asked if it is just the dead trees or all the trees that will be taken down. Mr. Worhunsky and Mr. Hawes believe that the neighbor has a problem with all the trees. The trees help stop the balls from going into the man’s yard, hence the reason for building a backstop. R. McCann asked if they looked to see if they can tie into the drainage. R. McCann asked to separate out other trees to be removed at the same time – behind the right field foul pole. Mr. Worhunsky responded that if the drainage issue gets addressed, those trees would come down as part of that.

J. Kilduff asked if once the trees are taken down, is there going to be problems with other neighbors complaining about the lights. R. McCann spoke with the neighbor, and he made it clear that he would rather have the trees down and lights in his window. Mayor Kilduff asked Mr. Hawes and Mr. Worhunsky to include the following in their proposal: enrollment numbers, and how COVID effected the program.

Jim Mozelak of Carriage Dr., Shana and Jack Baker also of Carriage Dr. – There is a town owned pipe that runs through to their back yards. Their back yards are getting flooded out. Now the issue is causing erosion. Mr. Mozelak stated that he has spoken to Public Works many times. Mrs. Baker added that the sinkhole is deeper than their 4-yr. old daughter is tall. The sinkhole is located within the town’s easement. Mr. Baker thinks a pipe may have split in two. Interim Public Works Director, previous Public Works Director, and Councilman Joe Green have been to the properties to walk the area. Mr. Mozelak stated that former Public Works Dir. gave him ideas about using rip rap rock and channeling the water flow better. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are

concerned for the safety of their family and pets. Mayor Kilduff would like to committee members to hear from J. Green about his findings on the property.

6. Discuss and Take Action on Any ARPA Funding Requests:

Mayor Kilduff gave update on ARPA funding - NexGen System for the Police Dept. has been put on hold and that money will probably be returned. The fire station exhaust system is complete and some money will be returned. The American Legion project is mostly complete and expected to come in under budget. ModelCraft will get the completed project information to the Mayor within the month.

Mayor Kilduff reiterated to the audience that if a project is not passed today, it does not mean that it will not be brought up in the future.

R. McCann said Human Services will be coming forward with a request for energy assistance and toiletry items. Mayor Kilduff added that the Board of Education will also be coming forward with information about repair and maintenance of the athletic fields. The Fire Marshal's Office's request from the previous meeting was accidentally omitted from the BOF meeting, but will be discussed at the next one.

MOTION: by V. Carey to add up to \$100,000 to Public Works for the carport additions. Seconded by J. Kilduff. Roll Call Vote: R. McCann – yes, D. Sekorski – yes, J. Kilduff – yes, V. Carey – yes.

J. Kilduff asked what the next step will be for the Carriage Dr. drainage issue. Mr. Mozalak explained who has been out to the property and is concerned about a comment that was made about him moving his shed. He also stated that the easement runs ten feet on each side of his driveway and the Baker's driveway. Mayor Kilduff suggested waiting until next meeting to make a decision because J. Green has seen it and this committee should hear his input.

V. Carey asked the Polish Club to find out from the paving companies, what the contingency amount would be.

MOTION: by R. McCann to change the 2023 Sept. 4 meeting to Sept. 11. Seconded by V. Carey. Motion passed.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION: by J. Kilduff to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by D. Sekorski. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erica Cabiya
Recording Secretary