



Village of Corfu Regular Minutes September 13, 2023

The Village of Corfu held its Regular Meeting September 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at located at 116 East Main St, Corfu NY 14036.

In attendance: Mayor Sargent, Deputy Mayor Doktor, Trustee Krzemien, Trustee Lauer, Trustee Reisdorf. Also in attendance: Clerk, Jennifer Eck, Electrician, Norm Waff, Maintenance, Loren Vinent, Code Enforcement, Robin Johnson, Officer in Charge, David Krzemien.

Residents attended this meeting; Linda Sformo, Julie and Phil Kumiega. The Daily news was also in attendance.

Planning and Code Enforcement:

- 29 W. Main Street New Garage will be reviewed by Genesee County Planning Board tomorrow.
- 2 issues that are being addressed:
 - 28 Maple Street: vehicles requested to be moved and resident has not responded; Mr. Johnson will call and if there is no further movement, appearance tickets will be issued with fines.
 - 90 East Main Street: requested rubbish removal and resident has not responded; Mr. Johnson will call and if there is no further movement, appearance tickets will be issued with fines.

Police Update:

- Received reimbursement of \$921.70 from Stop DWI Program to the Stinger Spike System
- Department has been very busy; Officer in Charge commended the professionalism of the Department.
- FTO training; Recruit is going into Phase 3
- Officer in Charge invited Board members to Department's training meeting scheduled for September 30th at 9 am.
- Officer in Charge is collaborating with Deputy Mayor for Autumn in the Village; There is enough manpower for event.

Court Update:

- Received \$37,964.00 for August 2023 fines.
- Mayor Sargent read the following resolution per request from Judge Mileham and Judge O'Connor:

VILLAGE OF CORFU NEW YORK-Resolution #12 of 2023

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S-00139B and ASSEMBLY BILL A-1358B

WHEREAS, New York Senate Bill number S-00139B has been passed which, if adopted by the NYS Assembly (A 1358-B) and signed by the Governor, would require all Judges presiding in the 100 largest Town and Village Courts to be licensed to practice law in the State and to have been admitted to the NYS Bar for at least five years; and

WHEREAS, The Town and Village Courts in Genesee County are among the nearly 1,200 Justice Courts in the State of New York that collectively handle close to 1 million cases each year; and

WHEREAS, The Town and Village Courts are known as the “Courts Closest to the People” and have broad jurisdiction, presiding over civil and criminal matters, thereby performing a vital role in the New York State Unified Court System; and

WHEREAS, The Village Court of Corfu is a vital service to our residents and the Genesee County community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The Justices in Genesee County’s Town and Village Courts have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, and render equal justice to all, while continually adhering to judicial rules of ethics and pronouncements of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct; and

WHEREAS, The Justices are required to be on-call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to review/sign arrest and search warrants, perform arraignments, and issue orders of protection; and

WHEREAS, The Justices of Town and Village Courts ensure that the rights afforded to defendants by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York are provided and protected; and

WHEREAS, The Justices of Town and Village Courts preside over trials involving misdemeanor and violation level offenses, thereby ensuring that the victims of those offenses can be heard; and

WHEREAS, The Town and Village Courts provide a venue for Citizens to pursue a low-cost and efficient procedure for individuals to resolve civil disputes and landlord/tenant matters; and

WHEREAS, The Justices continually strive to improve the administration of justice through participation in mandatory education programs, seminars, meetings of the Genesee County Magistrates Association and the New York State Magistrates Association; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Court Administration must certify all as having successfully completed mandatory training both following election and in each subsequent year; and

WHEREAS, The New York State's Commission on Judicial Conduct's most recent annual report (2023) identifies that only 13% of the complaints filed against the judiciary were against Town and Village judges while the remaining complaints were against either "State-paid" judges, (constituting approximately 40% of the judiciary) who accounted for approximately 67% of the complaints received, or against non-judicial entities (20%); and

WHEREAS, This Bill attempts to usurp the right of voters to elect those in their communities that they believe to be fair and impartial, and who would best serve that community, whether they be attorneys or non-attorneys; and

WHEREAS, This Bill implicitly suggests that members of a community are incapable of making informed decisions about who should sit in judgment of matters from the straight-forward to the highly complex as may arise in their local courts; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body views the intention of this Bill is not to actually improve the courts, but a blatant and unconscionable attempt by the New York State Bar Association, an organization that represents approximately only fifteen percent (15%) of the State's attorneys, to generate increased opportunities for its members, and to dictate who voters may choose to serve in our local governments;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Governing board of the Village of Corfu strongly, and in unequivocal terms, calls on both the leadership in the Senate and Assembly, and the Governor to reject this poorly conceived and hastily fashioned seizure of voters' rights to determine, for themselves, who they would choose to sit as their judges as has been the case for almost two hundred years.

Adopted by unanimous consent this 13th day of August 2023.

Trustee Reisdorf made a motion to adopt Resolution #12 of 2023; Deputy Mayor Doktor seconded.
 The motion was **passed** on the following by roll call vote:

| VOTE | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|---------------------|----------|----|---------|--------|
| Mayor Sargent | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Doktor | x | | | |
| Trustee Krzemien | x | | | |
| Trustee Lauer | x | | | |
| Trustee Reisdorf | x | | | |
| VOTE TOTAL | 5 | | | |

Maintenance Update:

- Mr. Waff received 2 bids from Excel fence; one for the fence modification for the tanks 10 x 10 fence that can be secured. Bid is \$2,717.00
 - 2nd Bid is \$19,000 for moving the fencing to block off the sewer plant. Will revisit next year with an RFP.
- Will put up a snow fence this year to help with drifting.

Trustee Lauer made a motion to purchase fencing for tanks from Excel Fence not to exceed \$2,800; Deputy Mayor Doktor seconded.

The motion was **passed** on the following by roll call vote:

| VOTE | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|---------------------|----------|----|---------|--------|
| Mayor Sargent | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Doktor | x | | | |
| Trustee Krzemien | x | | | |
| Trustee Lauer | x | | | |
| Trustee Reisdorf | x | | | |
| VOTE TOTAL | 5 | | | |

Maintenance Progress

8/23/2023

Underlined comments require Board Action

CARRY OVER ITEMS:

General: Overall site cleanup continues in preparation for the Open House in September

1 South Shop: Building Maintenance is Ongoing.

- 4 The site:**
- 1. The chain link fence on the south property line is in need of repair. On Hold**
 - 2. The site was reviewed with the Mayor, and it was determined the best place for the fuel storage tanks would be outside the fence line east of Fieldcrest Drive. Also, a camera can be mounted on the front of the Police Garage to monitor fueling activities. RFP M23-**

01 sent out for pricing for the Fuel Tank location. Fuel tank area has been cleared and stone bed will be installed tomorrow.

5 CORFU #2:

MRB will be asked to investigate the value of TVSS on electrical panels. **Status?**

6 Large Maintenance Building: The diesel tank will be placed into the leak containment basin when the tank is no more than 1/3 full. **On-Going.**

7 MAINTENANCE SHOP: The new door has been painted and will be scheduled to be installed at the end of September, beginning of October. **On-Going.**

The secondary leak containment basin will be installed under the diesel fuel tank tomorrow.

8 GENERAL: 1. Can the Board officially name all of the buildings at the WWTP's to avoid any confusion when people reference them? Refer to attached suggestions.

2. Will there be food at the Open House? If YES, we will have to have "Hand Sanitizing Stations". Will we need tables and seating? If YES, Home Depot has 6' wooden picnic tables for \$140.00. Food should be served outside the fence line. A table will be set up outside the fence line for condiments. The Mayor will arrange for the food and grill for the Open House.

VILLAGE SIGNS:

UPDATE: Signposts have been prepared and painted with 2 coats. Installation is now planned for the middle to the end of August. The target schedule for the sign installation has been moved out to the middle of October.

The Board needs to decide if a new location is desired for the sign at the Intermediate School. It was determined that the area south of the Water Plant driveway is part of the state highway. The sign at the Intermediate School will remain at the existing location.

ITEMS ON HOLD:

1 Concrete Sidewalk behind Police Garage: - Hold off until weather breaks in spring.

2 Sealing of Blacktop paved areas: - Hold off until weather breaks in spring. There is a pothole near the rear of the Clarifier Building (approximately 5'x5'x3" deep that needs to be patched before the pavement is sealed. Cracks are opening up where previous patches were made and also need to be filled before sealing. Scott from the town of Pembroke said that this could be done with cold patch but it would be better to do is with hot tar. He said the minimum load for tar from County Line Stone is 1 ton which would be a lot for 1 pothole. **On-Hold**

There are a number of problems with the paving on Fieldcrest that the excess blacktop could be used to repair. **On-Hold**

Office Update:

- M&T reached out and said they would match the quote of 4.5% that Five Star quoted.
- Discussed Capital Assets plan from NYS. Suggested limit is \$500 for the minimum to be included in the plan.
- Trustee Krzemien attended the NY Forward Grants webinar and discussed the topics that were presented; Trustee Lauer has and MRB working on the competitive progression plan for the Village.

Trustee Reisdorf made a motion to approve the August 23,2023 minutes; Trustee Lauer 2nd.

The motion was **passed** on the following by roll call vote:

| VOTE | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|---------------------|----------|----|---------|--------|
| Mayor Sargent | X | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Doktor | x | | | |
| Trustee Krzemien | x | | | |
| Trustee Lauer | x | | | |
| Trustee Reisdorf | x | | | |
| VOTE TOTAL | 5 | | | |

Deputy Mayor Doktor made a motion to pay the invoices for the 9/13/23 abstracts, required \$69,299.84. Trustee Reisdorf 2nd.

The motion was **passed** on the following by roll call vote:

| VOTE | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|---------------------|----------|----|---------|--------|
| Mayor Sargent | x | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Doktor | x | | | |
| Trustee Krzemien | x | | | |
| Trustee Lauer | x | | | |
| Trustee Reisdorf | x | | | |
| VOTE TOTAL | 5 | | | |

VILLAGE OF CORFU - General Fund

Abstract of Bills

9.13.23 Budget Year 2023-2024

| Inv. Date | Inv # | Vendor | G/L # | Amt. Due |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|
| 8.13.23 | village of Corfu | lbackup | 1325.40 | \$ 99.50 |
| 9.7.23 | 90019 | Creekside | 8510.40 | \$ 490.00 |
| 7.24.23 | Trivia | David Jarmusz | 8510.40 | \$ 160.00 |
| 9.1.23 | Music 9.23 | Maria Sebastian Music | 8510.40 | \$ 175.00 |
| 9.1.23 | 7764 | Camden | 5110.40 | \$ 4,823.00 |
| 9.1.23 | 118856 | Casella | 5110.40 | \$ 126.94 |
| 9.4.23 | 1001267985 | Dollar General | 1325.40 | \$ 10.50 |
| 8.31.23 | 17975535861 | Firehouse Mouse | 1110.40 | \$ 150.00 |

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| 8.31.23 | 4538334 | Green Mountain | 5110.40 | \$ 32.41 |
| 9.1.23 | Aug-23 | Genesee Traffic Prosecutors | 1110.40 | \$ 825.00 |
| 8.31.23 | 4267 | Kiercom Communications | 1110.40 | \$ 62.50 |
| 8.31.24 | 4267 | Kiercom Communications | 1325.40 | \$ 62.50 |
| 8.31.25 | 4267 | Kiercom Communications | 3120.40 | \$ 62.50 |
| 8.31.26 | 4267 | Kiercom Communications | 5110.40 | \$ 62.50 |
| 8.30.23 | Corfu | Lawley Genesee | 1910.40 | \$ 33,207.86 |
| 8.30.23 | 51624 | MRB | 1440.40 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 8.23.23 | 2307 | Barbara Meyer | 1110.40 | \$ 220.00 |
| 8.21.23 | 8915292105 | National Grid | 5182.40 | \$ 819.86 |
| 8.16.23 | 34071986 | Quill | 1325.40 | \$ 22.54 |
| 8.21.23 | 34160772 | Quill | 5110.40 | \$ 4.99 |
| 8.21.23 | 34160772 | Quill | 1325.40 | \$ 25.99 |
| 9.6.23 | 124449 | Seamans | 8510.40 | \$ 17.69 |
| 8.31.23 | 124203 | Seamans | 5110.40 | \$ 20.95 |
| 8.21.23 | 45929 | Sewing Tech | 1325.40 | \$ 192.00 |
| 9.6.23 | 97209 | Value charge | 1325.40 | \$ 179.10 |
| 9.1.23 | 5539 | Vaspian | 1110.40 | \$ 31.65 |
| 9.1.24 | 5539 | Vaspian | 1325.40 | \$ 31.65 |
| 9.1.25 | 5539 | Vaspian | 1325.40 | \$ 31.65 |
| 9.1.26 | 5539 | Vaspian | 5110.40 | \$ 31.65 |
| 8.23.23 | 9942796955 | Verizon | 3120.40 | \$ 160.43 |
| 8.23.23 | 9942796955 | Verizon | 8010.40 | \$ 40.38 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 47,180.74 |

VILLAGE OF CORFU - Sewer Fund
Abstract of Bills
9.13.23 Budget Year

| Inv. Date | Inv # | Vendor | G/L # | Amt. Due |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------|
| Grant | | | | |
| 7.14.23 | Contract #2 electric | Concord Electric Corp | HW8130.2 | \$ 5,614.50 |
| 8.30.23 | 51505 | MRB | HW8130.2 | \$ 915.00 |
| 8.30.23 | 51506 | MRB | HW8130.2 | \$ 4,322.76 |
| 9.1.23 | 19705 | Municipal Solutions | HW8130.2 | \$ 1,155.50 |
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| 2023-2024 | | | | |
| 9.1.23 | 7758 | Camden | 8130.4 | \$ 7,505.48 |
| 9.1.23 | 7781 | Camden | 8130.4 | \$ 281.40 |
| 9.1.23 | 7789 | Camden | 8130.4 | \$ 102.85 |
| 9.1.23 | 7790 | Camden | 8130.4 | \$ 102.85 |
| 9.1.23 | 7791 | Camden | 8130.4 | \$ 102.85 |

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| 8.22.23 | 144726301082223 | Charter Communications | 8130.4 | \$ 214.81 |
| 8.22.23 | 5994661 | Frontier | 8120.4 | \$ 81.06 |
| 8.22.23 | 5994662 | Frontier | 8120.4 | \$ 81.06 |
| 8.22.23 | 5996454 | Frontier | 8120.4 | \$ 173.78 |
| 8.22.23 | 5993311 | Frontier | 8120.40 | \$ 107.23 |
| 9.6.23 | 857746206 | National Fuel | 8120.40 | \$ 15.69 |
| 9.6.23 | 736034605 | National Fuel | 8120.40 | \$ 20.25 |
| 9.6.23 | 872163209 | National Fuel | 8120.40 | \$ 24.45 |
| 8.21.23 | 4781 | Stark | 8120.40 | \$ 1,297.58 |
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| | | | | \$ 22,119.10 |

Sewer WWTP update:

- Municipal Solutions has been working with the EFC – Environmental Facilities Corporation to lift holds placed on the disbursement. Per email received 9/6/23 from the EFC, funds should be to the village the week of September 11, 2023.

Beautification Update:

- Deputy Mayor Doktor Autumn in the Village update:
 - 34 Vendors; met with Officer in Charge regarding layout and safety.
 - Scheduled meeting with volunteers tomorrow
 - Set up QR code or a map of the venue.
 - Requested the village to purchase 4 or 5 garbage cans, can be used for Farmer’s market as well.
 - Darien Lake loaning golf carts for event
 - TMP signs making shirts for volunteers.
- Bench for Allan – forms are set.

Miscellaneous:

- Mayor Sargent discussed conversation with Monroe County Water regarding fire hydrant on Depot Street
 - Would need a 6-inch line – approx. cost would be \$110,000
 - Mayor Sargent will reach out to Genesee county for information with their water project and to MRB.
- Dumpster Days this weekend.
- Deputy Clerk requested Trustees’ newsletter items.
- Deputy Mayor Doktor addressed the Board with his concern of the sign in front of the Gun Store.
- Trustee Krzemien asked about the Marijuana sales; the Board has not made any decisions.
- Mr. Johnson met with Mr. Long and his partner; they informed Mr. Johnson of their interest in selling roadway to the Village.
- Deputy Mayor Doktor has scheduled a meeting with Mr. Long for the end of October.
- Trustee Lauer requested cold patching potholes on Corfu Plaza roadway.

Deputy Mayor Doktor made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Trustee Krzemien seconded.

The motion was **passed** on the following vote by roll call vote:

| VOTE | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor Sargent | x | | | |
| Deputy Mayor Doktor | x | | | |
| Trustee Krzemien | x | | | |
| Trustee Lauer | x | | | |
| Trustee Reisdorf | x | | | |
| VOTE TOTAL | 5 | | | |

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny McMartin-Eck, Deputy Clerk