

VILLAGE OF SAVONA

15 McCoy Street
Savona, NY 14879

MAYOR - Brian C. Scott

TRUSTEES - Mary Finch
Tina Carson
Jessica Stevens
Chris McCann

Minutes for September 19, 2022

The Village of Savona Board of Trustees held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 15 McCoy Street, Savona.

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Scott
Trustee Mary Finch
Trustee Tina Carson
Trustee Chris McCann
Trustee Jessica Stevens
Clerk Susan Thorne
Treasurer Tammie Nelson
Attorney Elizabeth Oklevitch

OTHERS PRESENT: Londa Ross
Greg BeGell

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Mayor Scott opened the floor to public speakers at 6:00 p.m.

Londa Ross concerned with the property across from her property on W. Lamoka Avenue. There is a lot of junk outside the trailer. She stated that Code Enforcer, Harvey Hollenbaugh has talked with the resident. Mayor Scott will speak to Harvey.

Mayor Scott asked for any further comments. No further comments.

Mayor Scott closed the floor to public speakers at 6:11 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes - On motion of Trustee Finch, and seconded by Trustee McCann, and carried, all voting AYE to approve the July 7, 2022 Year-End Meeting, Regular Board Meeting on July 18, 2022 and August 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

No Corrections made. Motion carried.

Finance –

On motion of Trustee Finch, and seconded by Trustee Carson, and carried, all voting AYE, **RESOLVED**, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to Pay General Fund, Abstract #4, Claims #995-1034, totaling \$20,652.32 and Water Fund, Abstract #4, Claims #999-1030, totaling \$1,572.01.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Mayor Scott	AYE
	Trustee Finch	AYE
	Trustee Stevens	AYE
	Trustee Carson	AYE
	Trustee McCann	AYE

Mayor Scott asked if any comments or questions.

No comments. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Finch –

- Attended Town of Bath meeting on September 12, 2022 where they continued to discuss the sewer project on Salubria Lake. Delaware Solar on Scudder will supply up to 80 homes. They will be ordering a Village Fire Truck but will take up to 3 years before receiving it.
- Library Website has upcoming events. Website – www.benedekmemoriallibrary.org
- Thanked Mayor Scott for having the sign fixed on corner of Main Street & McCoy Street.

Trustee Stevens –

- Attended Fire Department meeting on September 16, 2022. Halloween party will be on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Parade and candy will be from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and a BBQ at 3:00 p.m., the public are invited. They made \$2,400.00 in tent rentals for 2022. The rentals are arranged through Gene Buchanan from the Fire Department.

Trustee Carson –

- All Village lights are working.
- Someone stole a garden gnome out of a front lawn on West Lamoka Avenue.

Trustee McCann –

- Moved some of the Hero Banners.
- There has been a burglary, someone broke into a cellar on Church Street. Reminder to keep everything locked up.
- Damage at the park. Oil spilled on the kitchen floor.
- Bob Wilson is doing a good job. He will be away for a week and he will mow for him.

Mayor Scott –

- Spoke to Mike Foge from BOCES. He is submitting share service to come back to the park to finish up. He is also will be looking at building the Village Hall a new handicap ramp and walking trail.
- Fire Department Applications for Membership – spoke to Chief Dan Whitmore about now having the Fire Department do the background checks and then take them to their meeting for approval. After they approve the application(s) they would return them to the Clerk’s office to take to the next board meeting. The applicants can attend meetings but cannot go on Fire calls till the applications have been approved by the Village Board.
- Would like to start updating policies like ethics, procurement, and harassment at organization meeting. Board agreed on.
- Would like to look into a cost effective “Welcome to Savona” signs.
- Musicians Elena Buttiero and Francesco Giusta from Savona, Italy are touring the US and will be stopping in Savona, NY on Monday, October 17, 2022, same day as our board meeting. Would the board like to pay for their lodging and dinner? The board felt it was too expensive.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Mayor Scott		NAY
	Trustee Finch	AYE	
	Trustee Stevens		NAY
	Trustee Carson		NAY
	Trustee McCann		NAY

Mayor Scott asked Trustee Finch to email them.

Mayor Scott asked if any comments.

Trustee Finch will ask the Benedek Library if they will host them.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department – Report for August 2022:

No report submitted

Court – Report for August 2022

Received Cases: 22

Closed Cases: 11

Amount Reports: \$2,728.00

Water Department – Report for August 2022

No report submitted

Animal Enforcement – Report for August 2022

- Complaints – 3
- Strays – 1
- Seized – 1 Cat
- Warning – 1
- Running at Large - 1

Code Enforcement – Report for August 2022

- Calls: 5
- Pictures: 2
- Visit to Locations: 2
- Inspections: 2
- Office Time: 9/4/22
- Permits Issued: 1
- Meetings: 9/7/22 with Mayor Scott

Town of Bath – Report submitted for August 2022

Clerk Report – Report submitted for August 2022

Treasurer Report – Report submitted for August 2022

On motion of Trustee McCann, and seconded by Trustee Stevens, and carried, all voting AYE to accept the board and department reports as submitted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Mayor Scott	AYE
	Trustee Finch	AYE
	Trustee Stevens	AYE
	Trustee Carson	AYE
	Trustee McCann	AYE

Mayor Scott asked if any comments or questions.

No comments. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Speeding Sign** - Mayor Scott stated he has not received the results / report yet.
- **Court Report** – Mayor pointed out that the Village Court is only bringing in a little over \$2,000.00 monthly and expenses are close to that amount. Village also pays their employee salaries, utilities, garbage pick-up and 80% goes to the State.

NEW BUSIINESS:

- **Town of Bath Meeting:** Bath Town Board Assignment, Trustee Carson, Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
- **Leaf & Brush Pick-up:** Scheduled for Fridays, October 28th and November 18th.
- **Halloween Day and Hours:** Halloween is on a Monday, October 31, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **U-Audit:** Offers utility auditing and various consulting services to businesses and municipalities throughout NYS on a contingency fee basis. Supported by NYCOM.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with U-Audit Associates, LLC for contingent based utility audit services.

On motion of Trustee McCann, seconded by Trustee Stevens, all voting AYE to approve authorization for Mayor Scott to execute an agreement with U-Audit Associates, LLC

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Mayor Scott	AYE
	Trustee Finch	AYE
	Trustee Stevens	AYE
	Trustee Carson	AYE
	Trustee McCann	AYE

- **NYCLASS** – New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System is a short-term, liquid investment fund designed specifically for the public sector. They provide the opportunity to invest funds on a cooperative basis in short-term investments that are carefully chosen to yield favorable returns while striving to provide maximum safety and liquidity. In Board packets is more information. Mayor Scott pointed out that other municipalities use them and have been pleased with their results. It’s low risk and you can pull-out anytime without penalties. No fees and we wouldn’t lose the money we put in. Board wanted more information. Mayor Scott stated we will contact the representative to come in and talk to the Board.
- **Empire** – Mayor Scott asked the Board if they would like the village to look into using Empire instead of the 3 different contracts with Spectrum, AT&T and IPitomy. Board would like more information before making a decision.
- **Boiler** - Mayor Scott requested a motion to sell the boiler that was previously in the Village Hall.

On motion of Trustee Carson, seconded by Trustee Stevens, all voting AYE to approve authorization for Mayor Scott to list selling the boiler.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Mayor Scott	AYE
	Trustee Finch	AYE
	Trustee Stevens	AYE
	Trustee Carson	AYE
	Trustee McCann	AYE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Trustee McCann, and seconded by Trustee Carson, and carried, all voting AYE to exit out of the Regular Board meeting and into an Executive Session to discuss the Savona Engine and Hose Company, application at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Scott	AYE
Trustee Finch	AYE
Trustee Stevens	AYE
Trustee Carson	AYE
Trustee McCann	AYE

On motion of Trustee Finch, and seconded by Trustee McCann, and carried, all voting AYE to return to regular Board meeting at 7:26 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Scott	AYE
Trustee Finch	AYE
Trustee Stevens	AYE
Trustee Carson	AYE
Trustee McCann	AYE

Mayor requested a motion to approve Logan Tuttle application for Engine and Hose Company membership for the Fire Department pending physical exam and Fire Department approval.

On motion of Trustee McCann, pending his physical exam and Fire Department approval, and seconded by Trustee Carson, and carried, all voting AYE to approve Logan Tuttle application for Engine and Hose Company membership for the Fire Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Scott	AYE
Trustee Finch	AYE
Trustee Stevens	AYE
Trustee Carson	AYE
Trustee McCann	AYE

Mayor Scott asked if any further comments.

No further comments. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Trustee McCann, and seconded by Trustee Carson, and carried, all voting AYE to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Mayor Scott	AYE
	Trustee Finch	AYE
	Trustee Stevens	AYE
	Trustee Carson	AYE
	Trustee McCann	AYE

Mayor Scott asked if any further comments or questions.

No further comments. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Thorne
Village Clerk