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- Unknown

00:00 - 00:01

This conference will now be recorded.

- Norma

00:38 - 00:39

Are you on, Alicia?

- Alicia Dewey

00:43 - 00:45

I am, you're recording.

- Norma

00:45 - 00:46

Ok, thank you. I didn't hear that, OK. It is 5 30, and we'll call the meeting to order. And Cheryl, thanks so much for sending the information out ahead of time. So we'd have an opportunity to take a look at it and see where we're at, and maybe have a response for you. So, would you like to speak about your situation?

- Cheryl karpel

01:08 - 01:15

I don't think I have to, if I, if everybody got the information I sent, I think that was pretty self-explanatory.

- Norma

01:18 - 01:20

Did everyone on the board get the information?

- Nancy

01:23 - 01:24

Yes. But, but Norma, do we have a full board? Right now, I just see you and I.

- Norma

01:30 - 01:32

I see Mike Badour.

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- Steve Badour

01:36 - 01:38

I'm here, Steve Badour.

- Norma

01:38 - 01:38

Ok, so we've got Steve. I don't know we've got...

- Nancy

01:41 - 01:41

Ok. Well, as long as long as there's Norma, Steve and myself we're set correct, Norma.

- Norma

01:54 - 01:55

Ok. Um, Terry Jones is on, right? Well, Terry, sent a note back to the Board about his side of this issue. Would you like to speak through it please, Terry, and maybe we can get a better understanding of what is happening here.

- Terry Jones

02:19 - 02:21

I sure will. Hi, Cheryl. How are you?

- Cheryl karpel

02:23 - 02:23

Good thanks.

- Terry Jones

02:25 - 02:27

I understand the issue that's going on. I spoke with the, I wasn't there when the guys went over to the camera and I, and I'm very sorry you're going through all this stuff. Um, but when they came back, we discussed they'd seen at 12 feet out, which was inside the sidewalk, which would have been your side of the lateral. There was, there's some roots and they believe that a lot of the debris, the, sewage, toilet paper, whatnot is catching on those roots. Now on our side, which would be on the sidewalk, between the sidewalk and curb, there is a sag or a belly, and in my experience, I mean, we've seen those kinds of issues in the past. And I'm more, I'm more prone to think that the sewer issue is more to do

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with those roots. I'm not sure if it's a clay tile line that you have, or if it's just iron line. Regardless, those roots have found their way inside your lateral. And when I talked, spoken, I think I spoke with you a little bit, before the guys were down there, and I checked with them after I read your letter to the board, and they did re-iterate that there was definitely roots at around 12 feet outside the lateral. So, um, you know, past experiences. I mean, it's hard to actually say where the problem lies, but my experience says that those roots are the cause of the problem, and what we wanted to do is get with your, your contractor and I know this has been, you know, pricey for you. I understand, and I sympathize with you. Moving forward is to work with your contractor. We were going to cut our section out, where the belly, or the, the sag, is. And then, while we're there, your contractors there, we can all work together and get the new line in and I was under the impression to that you have a galvanized waterline which, I assumed while everybody was there, we could address at the time, I know that isn't really what this letter is about, but I just wanted to add that.

- Cheryl karpel

04:46 - 04:53

Well, I guess my problem right now is that when Hazelwoods was there, both times, when they went through my side of the issue, that snake back. There was no roots, there was no debris, there was no dirt, and I've been messing with this for three years? This is just half the bills I have from Hazelwoods. And I think my my biggest problem is when February 2nd when Hazelwood came and they called to the village. And they looked and said, no, that's not us. It's not us, And then February 17th, I'm back up again. If Hazelwood called on February 2nd, I never received the call.

- Cheryl karpel

05:43 - 05:44

Who was it, who came? Dustin came. The Village truck was at my house. He picked up the handle, he looked down it, and he said no, it's not us.

- Terry Jones

05:53 - 05:54

All right, Dustin came. Well, that's the sewer department.

- Terry Jones

05:58 - 05:58

So, we run the camera, my DPW crew runs a camera. And I had Mark, and Mike there. And like I said, I understand what you're saying and it's not up to me to decide to pay these bills. It is entirely up to the village board. All I can tell them is what I saw on my side and that's what we saw. If the Board decides that they want to pay for these bills that's up to the

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village board. And that's basically all I can say, and I did write a letter, basically, telling them, that, we addressed the issue. What my guys told me there was Tree Roots, at the tree on our side. It didn't cause any stoppage. I don't know why Mike is saying that, or Hazelwood's crew is saying that there is nothing at the roots, because we visually saw it in the video. So we actually did see roots and the Hazlewood crew had no way to actually know if there was roots because he doesn't own a camera. Dakota or Cota Morrow was there, and he did witness according to my guy. So I'm just repeating what my guys have said. Of course, I wasn't there.

- Cheryl karpel

07:19 - 07:21

Sure, sure, I understand.

- Terry Jones

07:22 - 07:24

Just you know, this falls in the hands of the board. And if they want to pay for half or whatever they do, that's entirely up to them and the sewer department.

- Cheryl karpel

07:33 - 07:37

I'd even be happy if I could just get a ...of those last two bills which I have that I haven't even paid yet I mean at this point, I just like I said I've been, we've been dealing with this for awhile and I'm just even even Hazelwood's like, we can't take any more of your money. This is ridiculous, and I agree, I need to get something done on my side. But, this issue, well, you saw the letter. You saw the letter.

- Terry Jones

08:03 - 08:06

Cheryl, I wasn't aware that you've been going through this for three years. This was just brought to my attention, not too long ago. I think early, mid, mid winter is one, I think I found out about it. And that's when my guys went down there. So, if I was uninformed or didn't realize or didn't know about it, I apologize. But I, to be honest with you, this was the first that I'd ever heard of it when my guys went down.

- Norma

08:28 - 08:32

And this is the first time the Board is heard of it, as well.

- Cheryl karpel

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08:33 - 08:34

Well, that's.

- Norma

08:34 - 08:35

Sorry, go ahead.

- Cheryl karpel

08:35 - 08:41

Well, that's only because after week, they came on the 2nd and they came on the 17th. They're like, wait a minute. This is at the other end. This isn't your problem. This is what I'm saying They've got the camera. This is what I've been told try: Hazelwoods. Andrew was there both times. Andrew Wood, my, my Groundskeeper, I want to say, he's the man that takes care of. You know, explains things to me. So that's why you haven't heard from her, because I've been taken care of it thinking it was my end. But apparently, it's not all on my end, that's all I'm saying.

- Norma

09:14 - 09:20

From the notes that we got from Terry, who thought that they had done an agreement of some sort with you, Cheryl. That together, we would go in at the same time and figure out what is wrong. And he thought that would be sometime in March when the frost gets off the ground and he can start doing those things. We'll take a look at it at that point in time, and um see what we come up with, and they take a review of these outstanding bills that are here now. And see where we're at. What else the board like to add?

- Cheryl karpel

09:57 - 09:58

Pardon me.

- Norma

10:01 - 10:04

Is there someone else on the board that would like to add to this.

- Joe Chrisman

10:09 - 10:11

...backup....

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- Cheryl karpel

10:12 - 10:15

What is he saying, I don't understand what that means.

- Nancy

10:19 - 10:25

I think that, this is Nancy Hyde, I think we need to get in there and look and see what the problem actually is. And if, if it turns out that it is the village's problem, I would have no problem in the reimbursement of the cost. From what I understand we're kind of at a standstill as to where all the, for lack of better words, responsibility lies. Until we really open it up and look at it. Is that true, Terry? Is that what you're thinking?

- Terry Jones

10:52 - 10:55

That's accurate and .... weather, I mean, if it is nice, but we're gonna get down there as quick as I can take that because I want, I want to make it right on our side anyway. I mean, I feel bad that you're going through it. I really do sympathize with you and if it is on us, I'm sure the board will make it right. If Mike can hold on. Mike Hazelwood can hold on for a couple of more weeks till we can get down there or sooner depending on you know what we find. Um. Mike's a fair guy, so I'm sure he'll work with you on that until we get to open that up and see exactly what's going on.

- Cheryl karpel

11:35 - 11:35

So. I understand. How do I, how do we schedule it, so that if you guys are doing it, I've got somebody there to do it. Do you co-ordinate that?

- Terry Jones

11:45 - 11:45

I don't. The only thing I can do, is I can leave the ditch open so that your crew can come in and do what they've got to do. I mean, I can give you a set date, as long as it's not snowing, but that's that's where we were there. Because I don't, we're still in March and I don't want to tell you a day and your guys are there and uh. I mean for all practical purposes, your guys, your people can go in there and do their thing. They're going your you to the, between the sidewalk and curve, that's where we take over. So obviously, unless they can slide a line under the sidewalk, part of your sidewalk is obviously going to have to get tore up anyway. We've done this many times, and there's, we've worked with the contractor, or the contractor goes first, and then we come in, or we go first, and the contractor comes in.

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- Steve Badour

12:47 - 12:52

If its an old galvanized line it is probably right next to the sewer right.

- Terry Jones

12:52 - 13:00

It is and that's my main concern, because once, once you scratch along that line, it's probably going to start leaking.

- Steve Badour

13:03 - 13:03

You know, you've got an old lead gooseneck.

- Terry Jones

13:05 - 13:08

No, I don't think so, Steve, that's on the list from 1982 when they redid the water line and its ...and then it's copper to the curb line. It's a corporation stop, with copper, copper to the curb stop, and then it's galvanized it shows it.

- Cheryl karpel

13:21 - 13:24

Now, would that have anything to do with my water pressure?

- Terry Jones

13:24 - 13:25

Absolutely. You're probably, you probably can't even see through that waterline Cheryl. When, when you get to that point, the guys will come section out and I'll show you exactly there. It's amazing how much roots gets in there. I wouldn't even be surprised if it's leaking.

- Cheryl karpel

13:45 - 13:47

All right, so I guess we. I don't know what to say either. I guess at this point we. Need to do It all so we can figure it out. I mean I do a lot of wash and cringe wondering what's going to happen right now, I live in the Village to Clayton and pay the water bills I pay. I should be able to run the dishwasher and have flush my toilet at the same time, obviously. And I shouldn't have to worry about backing up my sewer every time I do something, so.

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- Terry Jones

14:25 - 14:27

And it's no fault of yours. But over time, that house, probably, no previous owners, just never worried about those kinds of things, and now that you're the new owner, you've been there for awhile, you're noticing the perks of this place. Somebody else dealt with it. I've, we've gone to places where we couldn't even imagine how they were surviving with such low water pressure.

- Cheryl karpel

14:49 - 14:49

Right. Right.

- Norma

14:53 - 14:57

So we'll leave it at Terry will work with you, Cheryl. And let him know if you're getting in there before we do so they can co-ordinate.

- Cheryl karpel

15:04 - 15:11

Ok, well, I don't think I'm going to get them before you do, because I've gotta come up with a contractor, somebody to do it. And I'll tell you, I call Bach's three months ago, and I haven't even heard from them, so If you guys do it, just get a chance to do it, Terry. Just do it. Then I'll. Work on my end. You know, but I'd like to know when you do get down there What what, what you see.

- Terry Jones

15:27 - 15:29

Ok Absolutely.

- Norma

15:33 - 15:37

Cheryl, would you give Terry your cell phone number so he could get ahold of you easily?

- Cheryl karpel

15:37 - 15:38

Sure I can. Are you ready? Actually, I have your number, I'll just text it to you.



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- Terry Jones

15:45 - 15:47

OK, yeah, why don't you do that your.

- Cheryl karpel

15:47 - 15:47

I have your number.

- Terry Jones

15:49 - 15:52

Ok, ya, just shoot me a text and I'll get I'll be in touch with you. Let's get this resolve.d

- Cheryl karpel

15:55 - 15:59

Yeah, I agree, I agree, thank you so much.

- Terry Jones

15:59 - 16:00

Thank you.

- Norma

16:09 - 16:10

Thanks, Terry. Kevin Patenaude, you're on the phone right?

- Kevin Patenaude

16:17 - 16:18

Yes, yes.

- Norma

16:19 - 16:19

Thank you.

- Norma

16:20 - 16:20

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Now, Executive Order number 203. Kevin has been working on that to have a response for the State. On how the police reform and re-invention is going to be for the Village of Clayton. He's on the phone and he's willing to listen to anyone this on the phone tonight with any comment that you'd like to have included in the report. So, if you wish to speak. Would you give your name please and address the comments to Chief Patenaude and we will write them down and make sure they get included in the report. Is there anyone on the line that would like to speak? We don't have anyone? Oh, Kevin, did a survey, put that out there. There were 25 responses to the survey, which was pretty good because I was talking to some other localities and they put a survey out, and only got 2 or 3. So I was pleased that we had 25 that participated on that. So, does anyone on the Board have anything for Kevin? ... this executive order? No one on the Board has anything for Kevin?

- Peter Parker

18:01 - 18:04

Mayor, I'd like to comment. Pete Parker, from Clayton. Is Chief Patenaude available?

- Kevin Patenaude

18:09 - 18:10

Yes. Go ahead, mister Parker.

- Peter Parker

18:13 - 18:13

Thank you. Unfortunately I don't know what was given out for your... reform and re-invention has that have been posted somewhere?

- Norma

18:26 - 18:29

It will be once we get the public comments in it.

- Peter Parker

18:30 - 18:35

So we're we're not able to comment on anything because we don't know what's there though.

- Kevin Patenaude

18:39 - 18:44

I am going to be in my office on Thursday, mister Parker. If you would like to pick up a hard copy of our mission statement and the police reform plan, I'd be more than happy to sit

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down with you and discuss it and Let you know how I arrived there, what I... I would certainly make that kind of time for you.

- Peter Parker

19:11 - 19:15

Thought was that, perhaps it would be something that could be posted on the Village website which would create a situation where we were the taxpayers could have a chance to review and then make comments.

- Kevin Patenaude

19:25 - 19:39

Actually, actually, it was posted on the website, up until, I believe, the beginning of February, when when the survey came down. I believe that this came down also. So, that wasn't my intention to have this come down, but we could certainly get it back up there, and I'd be more than happy to discuss it with you in detail.

- Peter Parker

19:55 - 19:57

I think if it got posted and we have a... Not all of us taxpayers have a chance to view the Village meetings all the time so I obviously missed it. So, if you get a chance to post it this week or next and then ... got a chance to comment. I will leave it at that.

- Kevin Patenaude

20:20 - 20:25

Ok in my invitation is, you know, Pete it's always open.. My door's always open to discuss ideas that the community has for our police department and even if it isn't in this report that is going to the Department of budget, I would certainly be happy to entertain any concerns or ideas that anyone has.

- Norma

20:48 - 20:51

Kevin, can you put that back up on the web page?

- Kevin Patenaude

20:52 - 20:53

I can call, I can call Chris. We can get that up there because there isn't a problem, it was up there, our mission statement. As well as I write re-invention plan was up there in. Evidently it was taken down when when we concluded our survey, and I just wanted to point out it

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wasn't 20, 20 something people that took the survey. It was nearly 100 people and 20 something offered comments. The rest of that...that sample did not feel necessary, feel it necessary to offer comments. But, we did receive almost 100 responses to that survey and I was very very pleased at the feedback we got.

21:43 - 21:49

- Alicia Dewey

21:57 - 22:06

Kevin, this is Alicia, I just wanted to let you know that your information on the mission statement, as well as the re-invention plan, are still available on your web page on the website. So if they go to Department, Police, they should be able to find it there.

- Kevin Patenaude

22:11 - 22:12

Ok, very good. Do you Did you hear that, mister Parker?

- Peter Parker

22:18 - 22:19

Yes, I heard that. And so how does one go to that Alicia?

- Alicia Dewey

22:23 - 22:24

At the Village of Clayton website, there's a tab at the top that says department, and then an option for police. And if you scroll down, you should see the information right on the webpage.

- Peter Parker

22:36 - 22:37

Thank you. And thank you, Chief Patenaude, very much.

- Kevin Patenaude

22:37 - 22:40

You're very welcome. Thank you, Alicia, for bringing that to our attention. I'm kind of relieved that's still on there.

- Norma

22:50 - 22:53

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Ok, so, anyone else that would like to speak to the police chief?

- Steve Badour

22:55 - 22:58

This is Steve Badour. I've seen Kevin in action, first hand, quell a family dispute and I was amazed at how he handled that. I probably should have written something but I didn't. And I think it was fantastic for the way you handled that. That's all I can say about that. I'm real happy with the job he does.

- Kevin Patenaude

23:21 - 23:31

Thank you very much, mister Badour, that's, I don't expect any less of my officers than I expect from myself.

- Steve Badour

23:33 - 23:36

You were on duty at the time. I'm not saying that you're better than anybody, but you did a fantastic job.

- Kevin Patenaude

23:41 - 23:41

Well, thank you. I appreciate it.

- Norma

23:45 - 23:52

While we still have Kevin on the phone does anyone has any questions on that, police report that was in the package? Do you have any comments, Kevin, as long as you're with us here?

- Kevin Patenaude

23:59 - 24:15

No, I do that, other than it was, it was quite a learning experience for myself, too, to kind of, you know, take a look at, uh, take a look at us from an outside eye, you know, and develop this mission statement plan. And I think that, I think that every police department can benefit from that, from taking a look at themselves. And I think that possibly that was Governor Cuomo's intention. When he crafted, This Executive Order, was for us to take a real hard look at ourselves and make sure that, make sure that we're up to snuff.

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- Norma

24:44 - 24:57

I think the part, this kinda difficult from all all of Us, is that the same report is due from whether you've got 2 people in your department or 500.

- Kevin Patenaude

24:57 - 24:57

Yeah. That is correct. And, you know, of course, the scope of that report will be small for smaller departments in larger for larger departments. And, you know, we we've always prided ourselves that we try to keep up with all of the directives all the latest law changes so that were not caught on our heels at any time. And I think we've done a pretty good job of that. Hence the the brevity of this whole thing.

- Norma

25:39 - 25:41

Ok thank you very much for joining us tonight, Kevin, and answering our questions.

- Kevin Patenaude

25:44 - 25:55

Well, it's a pleasure and if anybody has any questions or comments about this or going forward you know my door's always open to both the board and the public.

- Norma

25:57 - 26:00

Ok, thank you, OK.

- Kevin Patenaude

26:00 - 26:01

Thank you, have a nice evening.

- Norma

26:02 - 26:03

Thank you. Terry Jones?

- Terry Jones

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26:05 - 26:07

Hi everybody. You all have a copy of my DPW activity report. I we did have a rather busy couple of weeks. We had several water leaks and hopefully that's. Put on the back burner for awhile. I wanted to think, not just my guys and I know I omitted some people the last time, and I apologize. Rob Stevenson from DANC, who was on the Kinney and Castle repair. We did. He was instrumental and get me some repair clamps after we had run out for the first Julie, and he was in constant communication with the Department of Health for me through me. So he was kind of relay on the messengers of what I was telling him and, and keeping the ball rolling. So we were able to get the water back on and keep everybody that could have water with water. And also off Star, Star Carter, who, as I said, to Carrie, I said that star was a star, because she was instrumental in finding that leak that we had out on ... street the Beecher street. She traced it down from note of noticing that it was coming out of catch basins, because it wasn't surfacing. And her quick response saved a lot of water and that water tower from draining to a point where we were going to be in some dire straits. So definitely a shout out to both of those people for their for their excellent work. And, again, DANC, very much appreciate it. Again, our guys did a fantastic job that one that we had on Wednesday on State Street, that was a tough one. That's one of the toughest ones that I've been on and I've been here 27.5 years, and that one, that was that one got me so that the guys, the guys endured it. Took us three drives, but we've got it fixed, and you can see by the picture, wasn't easy. It was on flat rock in the sewer water rate side-by-side and, um. Everybody, to. Think that's all I have. If you have anything for me.

- Norma

28:26 - 28:32

We had a discussion cut all week or so ago, about the papers that have been taken up by the project and Joe Chrisman you're on, would you address your questions to Terry that you had. You'll had some questions about it.

- Joe Chrisman

28:44 - 28:45

Say it again. Can you say that again, Norma?

- Norma

28:49 - 28:49

Sure. Well, you know, I sent an e-mail out regarding the pavers that are over at the job site, the DOT Site. And over the weekend, you got back to me and said You had some questions you wanted to have addressed, And Terry has been involved in this. So I thought, as long as Terry was here, you could address your questions, and we'll see if we can get them answered for you.

- Joe Chrisman

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29:13 - 29:14

I gotcha. I'm sorry. My phone was acting up. Yeah, Terry, Those pavers what are they? There's are they extra pavers from after the project, or.

- Norma

29:30 - 29:33

They're pavers they had to take off, that people had put down. Remember Coyote moon, Hilda's, all down to there. And then the village had some down by rotary park. They aren't pavers that match what they've got in here. Now, they're the ones that we're in, original ones. Maybe they're stored over at D O T on pallets.

- Joe Chrisman

29:56 - 30:01

I got it. Yeah, I wasn't sure or what papers they were talking about as well. That's all I had on the pavers.

- Norma

30:07 - 30:12

They're not any of the new ones they are just the old pavers, and God knows what shape their in... They took them off, and people had the option to have them take them over there, because I didn't want them, or they could keep them. They'll be the same deal when we come up on James Street, because there's pavers over there. Then he got a name on those who set aside, so they can deal with those. A will be set aside.

- Joe Chrisman

30:39 - 30:40

Gotcha, OK. That's it with the pavers.

- Norma

30:45 - 30:48

Terry, did anybody sign up for the vaccination?

- Terry Jones

30:50 - 30:53

I've got two employees that have so far because.

- Norma



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30:53 - 30:54

Because there were openings that. Oh, yesterday, still Friday deal. I bet they open it up to more people. If they don't get the 65 and EMTs knows. So that's a lot easier to go to JCC than the Plattsburgh, or Potsdam.

- Terry Jones

31:11 - 31:12

Certainly.

- Norma

31:15 - 31:18

Does anyone have any questions for Terry?

- Joe Chrisman

31:19 - 31:22

Yeah, I have a couple more questions for Terry.

- Terry Jones

31:23 - 31:25

Sure, shoot?

- Joe Chrisman

31:25 - 31:27

Yes, I always have questions Terry. Um. I guess the car downtown that we were having issues, where are you still having issues with it?

- Terry Jones

31:38 - 31:44

Um, there's still cars, but not those particular ones, Joe. But there there are vehicles still parking down there. I wrote some tickets last week, it's March, and I'm looking forward to May. So I mean, the only time I'm going to write any tickets now, is, If it snows, I'm not going to chase them around obviously. You know, it's it's something that needs to be addressed. I don't know. Norma says, we've been dealing with it for years. So I really don't know what we can do.

- Joe Chrisman

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32:24 - 32:26

I brought this up last time, Norma. I guess we need to adopt something. So Terry doesn't have to keep writing tickets. It's getting to the point where it's ridiculous. He shouldn't have to do that while he's trying to plow. Um, another thing there is no flag at the at the flag pole at the Building, the Village office. Do we know why there isn't?

- Terry Jones

32:54 - 32:56

Because Bobby's not there anymore. I will make sure it's up. He always put it up and took it down every night. So, we're not, we're not based out of there, so I'll have to the police department. Maybe Kevin will take the flag down at night. Um, because the light doesn't work and I know it's supposed to be lit at night.

- Joe Chrisman

33:20 - 33:20

Right.

- Norma

33:21 - 33:22

But there is the light there, right?

- Terry Jones

33:24 - 33:26

There is, but it doesn't work. It never worked right.

- Joe Chrisman

33:33 - 33:34

That's all I got there.

- Norma

33:37 - 33:39

Anyone else got anything for Terry? Did you get your truck lettered yet, or is that next week?

- Terry Jones

33:50 - 33:50

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Our truck?

- Norma

33:51 - 33:53

Your new truck, did it get lettered yet?

- Terry Jones

33:56 - 33:57

Supposed to be lettered this week. He hasn't gotten back to me. He's a busy guy.

- Norma

34:03 - 34:04

Yeah, probably, yes. Ok, if we're all set with Terry, thanks very much.

- Terry Jones

34:09 - 34:09

Thank you. Have a good evening.

- Norma

34:13 - 34:21

Ok, Rob you're on the phone, and you're sent something late this afternoon about this spill prevention plan that you wanted us to get approved tonight. Could you give. Us a little heads-up on it so we can do that for you?

- Robert Stevenson

34:31 - 34:37

Yes, ...January: The New York State DEC came out and did a chemical...inspection at the ...A pump station...Cape Vincent Correctional Facility. And they found five minor violations ranging from a belt that...open to close On the top, that's been replaced stickers on the flow within the pipe... And then the asset, lifespan... Now that we've been added to the SPR SPR. I can attach that to the violation sheet, submit that DEC...

- Norma

35:56 - 36:10

So you've got the plan already to go longer need, those are blessing, right.

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So, would someone make a motion to approve the spell prevention plan, the others put together, so you can get that filed?

- Steve Badour

36:11 - 36:11

I'll make a motion.

- Norma

36:12 - 36:12

OK, thank you, Steve. Do I have a second?

- Nancy

36:12 - 36:13

I'll second.

- Norma

36:14 - 36:19

Ok, thank you, Nancy. All in favor? Anyone opposed? Ok, so it's over at the office Rob ...the morning, OK.

- Robert Stevenson

36:27 - 36:30

Ok, very good, I don't know if star has anything to add. You may want to ask. She's been working really diligently the new metering software that you might have an input for you.

- Norma

36:40 - 36:41

Um, Star. Do you want to give the public a little update on the water billing? Because they aren't going out until this week?

- Star C

36:48 - 36:50

Yes, I will. Can you hear me OK? All right, I'm gonna assume you can. Yes, So, the village is going through an update to the water and sewer billing software, and also to the meter reading software, and this project has been going on for several months. But this billing

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cycle was the first cycle for the new billing software, and it took, you know, it came into effect. And when we printed the new bills, this time around, they looked very different than the old bills. And it has to do with how the software takes in the reading from the meters. And so, after going through the bills, I asked Joanne to hold off on sending until we can get some of the issues fixed on the back end. So, the bills are going out this week, instead, and we have pushed back the due date by a week as well. There isn't a rush that people have to get there. And I'm still working with the billing software, people to kinda get some things sorted out again on the back end. And I've also scheduled the second phase of this where we're updating the meter reading software. And it looks like we're going to be having some training for staff on that in early April, which at that time, we're going to run another test of the entire meter reading and billing process. So that we have enough time to iron out any more little hiccups before the next billing cycle in June. ..., then, that gives us time to workout issues.

- Norma

39:00 - 39:01

It was a little challenging.

- Star C

39:02 - 39:18

It's always challenging. Oh, well, yes, and yeah, and Joanne had to put in extra work there to get the new bills in, and I do appreciate her help, and it's always challenging when you are moving from one piece of software to another piece of software, and the two aren't the same. And so, you know, definitely, it's taking some finagling on the backend, just to make sure everything's reading right. So, I'm still working on it. And like I said, well, we'll run another test in April, so, we have plenty of time to get things sorted out.

- Norma

39:35 - 39:37

Ok, thanks for that update Star. Does anyone on the Board have any questions for Rob or for Star? If not I think we're all set from the Wastewater department.

- Star C

39:54 - 39:55

All right, thank you.

- Norma

39:55 - 39:56

Ok, thanks for all your help.

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- Norma

39:59 - 40:02

We have a consent agenda in front of us here. Does anyone here have any questions on items 1, 2, 3, and 4? If not, can we have a motion to approve the consent agenda for those first four items?

- Nancy

40:18 - 40:20

I'll make that motion for items...

- Norma

40:20 - 40:22

Ok, can I have a second?

- Joe Chrisman

40:25 - 40:26

I'll second it.

- Norma

40:28 - 40:29

And that was Steve?

- Joe Chrisman

40:30 - 40:30

Joe.

- Norma

40:31 - 40:33

OK, thank you, Joe. All in favor?

- Jeremy Kellogg

40:36 - 40:37

Aye.

- Norma

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40:37 - 40:39

Anyone opposed? Ok, those are taken care of. On the capital projects, are there any questions on item 5? If not, can we have a motion to approve item 5?

- Steve Badour

40:55 - 40:56

I'll make the motion.

- Norma

40:58 - 40:58

Thank you. Do I have a second?

- Joe Chrisman

41:04 - 41:04

I'll second it.

- Norma

41:12 - 41:13

Do we have a second?

- Jeremy Kellogg

41:15 - 41:16

I'll second it.

- Norma

41:17 - 41:18

Is that Jeremy? OK. Thank you, all in favor? Anyone opposed? We're all set there. Thank you.

- Norma

41:29 - 41:34

Oh, Joannee do you have the information on the watercraft inspection. This is something that Terry is always get involved in and ask him to come here again this spring and do the watercraft inspection. We always courtesy to Republican though, we've got a place for them to pull in. It was in your meeting packet. Anybody on the board have any questions? Ok, so we'll get back to them tomorrow.

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- Joanne

42:16 - 42:17

Ok, sounds good.

- Norma

42:18 - 42:34

And the support letter, we do on just about every year for neighbors in Watertown, Also, in your package, so that they can continue to get grants, and try to do some improvements for the homeowners in Jefferson County. Let's have a motion on that, because there is a letter that Scott had wanted to be signed, so, if somebody would make that motion I'll sign the letter.

- Joe Chrisman

42:46 - 42:48

I'll make the motion.

- Nancy

42:48 - 42:49

I have the letter. Do I have a second?

- Nancy

42:52 - 42:52

I'll second.

- Norma

42:53 - 42:56

Thanks, Nancy. All in favor? Anyone opposed? Ok, thank you. Under the Old Business last board meetings, we've put out there, I gotta figure out what we want to downtown about parking. Does anyone have any suggestions or comments? Or, what do you want to do. Nancy, you did a lot of work on your ... Do you have any information you want to share now?

- Norma

43:32 - 43:32

Well, I would love to see us have the kiosk system but from a cost perspective I don't believe that we can do it now. So I think we're going to have to stick with the meters at this



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particular point. But, maybe put a timeframe on it to work towards the kiosks, and I think through the kiosk system, it would keep traffic moving better. There are just an awful lot of advantages to the kiosk, but I also know that purchasing kiosks are 7 -10000 a piece and then the maintenance, etcetera, etcetera. So, it's something that I think we're going to have to plan for, and our budget for the next, over the next few years.

- Norma

44:18 - 44:24

I Did a little research and Thomas Haynes had some information. And he had done for someone else. And, somehow, I think with the people you worked with too Nancy, they seem to think we needed 10, which seems like a lot. And if you had 10 down there, it would be \$500 a month, just for the service on them. That's a big chunk of change. You know? And they're only good for us, for six months. So, I think we got to do some homework on it. And they're all set up. We can put the meters in the post can be put in and Kevin, and, excuse me, Terry thought we should paint the posts black. That would look better.

- Nancy

45:11 - 45:13

I thought that was a great idea. Yeah, that that would blend in with all the other things, I thought that was a great idea.

- Norma

45:20 - 45:25

I don't know if we'll have an opportunity to put those in this year, we'll have to see where they end up with the project downtown. If ... the construction places is going to be hard to get people to park anyways without having to do. So, we're working on on the snow removal part of it, So, on. The information that we have for snow removal now is 35 years old. It does, I think the big hang up in that code is, what is the 24 hours after the event? Who makes a call, When does the event begin, when does the event end. So, I would like to get some new language. 46:14 - 46:23

There amends the law that we have and see if we can't be better prepared for snow removal next year. We'll have to have a public hearing on it. It will go to the public, an opportunity to come, they complain about people not doing their sidewalks, all will be an opportunity for them to express ways that we can get the message out to, personally, I think 24 hours is too long. But, we've got to come up with a better plan, So could I get Joe Russell to come up with a law so That we could amend the one that we have now, so we could have a public hearing.

- Joe Chrisman

46:58 - 47:00

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Yeah, that sounds great. The quicker we get it done. Um, I know it's going to be a little warmer. You know, if we could handle a flyer to all the residents for all this. I know it seems like a lot of work, but these people weren't here all year, and that's why we're running into a lot of problems before.

- Norma

47:24 - 47:29

Well, before they go away...And another thing that came up this year, there was no snow, but the sidewalks. So we should include snow and times in the new workday? It would be a good show to come up with anything else you'd like to put in there? Once we have a public hearing, we can get some input and find out how we can get a handle on this.

- Joe Chrisman

47:52 - 47:53

That would be fantastic.

- Norma

47:54 - 48:01

Anyone else got any information they want to make sure that gets included in it in the first round?

- Steve Badour

48:03 - 48:05

Definitely icy sidewalk. One that I take care of between me and the bank and the Masonic Hall. I can see. We're in the snow I could see were people slipped and fell. They didn't have any idea that there was, under the snow. But, I think that's pretty important.

- Norma

48:37 - 48:40

We'll get something like that. Another thing we're talking about parking. Is there any interest in investigating charging station, an equally sound town, the hotel. At one time, they talked about putting morning. Donating more about that and tell you something that we'll want to have eventually. Alicia, on the Code of ethics that, you.

- Nancy

49:12 - 49:13

I don't mean to interrupt. I don't know if it's my phone. I can't I can't hear you well, Norma, and nor can I hear Joe or Stevedore when they spoke. So, I don't know if there's a problem

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I don't understand what you guys are saying at all.

- Norma

49:34 - 49:36

Well, yeah.

- Norma

49:37 - 49:39

I was having issues. I had to log off and log back.

- Alicia Dewey

49:43 - 49:48

There's quite a bit of feedback because there's a number of people that aren't muted.

- Norma

49:49 - 49:56

I think there are a lot of people on and everybody's got their Mic on. If you're not talking, isn't it better that they turn the mic off?

- Nancy

50:11 - 50:13

I would like to see the village use Savvy Citizen more often because it is a service that we have, and at least after every snowfall send out the alert, Take care of your sidewalks, make sure to put the ice down. I agree, 100% with everything that is being said about the ice, but if we cannot get them to shovel. I don't know how we're going to get people to put salt down. So one way might just be to constantly put it out there on Savvy citizen, is just another is a thoughtful communications.

- Norma

50:52 - 50:57

Now, the vehicle, get the information, I wonder how many local people use Savvy Citizen. I don't know if there's any way to turn now, because there's about 600 people that have signed into law. I kinda think a lot of them might be away from here. I don't know. Ok, onto the Code of Ethics that was introduced last week, and it was in your package. Anybody have anything that they wanted to change her talk about? Nancy and I worked on it with Alicia. When we were meeting on Friday mornings. Just part of them package, we're trying to agree upon. If no one wants to add, delete, or do anything to it. Can we have a motion to accept the code of ethics as it's been presented?

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- Nancy

51:52 - 51:53

I'll make that motion.

- Norma

51:54 - 51:54

Thank you. Nancy, do we have a second? I need a second, on?

- Joe Chrisman

51:55 - 52:02

I'll second that.

- Norma

52:04 - 52:08

Ok, thank you, anyone has any questions about it? All in favor.

- Nancy

52:12 - 52:12

Aye.

- Norma

52:13 - 52:13

Anyone opposed? So we can get that to you, to Alicia, so that you can have that information. Kind of wrap up that project. Last week, we had a meeting with Barton & Logudice, your grant that's out there. When we apply for about two years ago and got denied, but because we were rent, like recently, I had to make some temporary peers think we have a better chance, A. Million and a half and two million would be the price tag on it. About 5% of that there is the responsibility of the village. It would have 75 year lifespan, The difference in the price will make how they design it for that temporary bypass option. They're trying to figure out to make it as least inconvenient as it can, while they're doing the project. So, the working on that, the good is, grant is due on May 10. Will be awarded in September, so, we should have some kind of an idea how long we make out on that. Oh, the 150th celebration that. I'm talking about and get them interested in. I got to kind of all boiler plate proclamation and got some information together that would identify what we're trying to do, and the chamber has been really helpful, and the historian is really into this project. So, this week, if I can get this proclamation in a draft form, I'd like to send it out to all the Board members and put your input into how you'd like to read what we need, more or less all. So, we could put it out there at the next board meeting, get this and go along, as it sounds like a

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Did a NYCOM conference. Last week? There were 36 people that participated, which was great. I think virtual meetings gets more people together in some of these events. The big question was the stimulus bill that was passed, 65 billion that's going to be divided up among towns and villages that hopefully, the money does not go to the state. It'll go directly to the village. I don't know, whatever the amount wise, because they don't want the state to get their hands on the money and peel off the top. So, well, NYCOM has got a really great group that works really well. They were pleased with the input from Senator Schumer on this. So, I think we'll hear in the next, within the month. What we'll get for money, and I can't believe that 65 billion sounds like a lot, but there's a lot of people looking for money. So, we'll keep you posted on that. The Summer youth program did you put them on their webpage, Joanne?

- Norma

56:06 - 56:07

Yeah.

- Norma

56:07 - 56:14

That is on the webpage, OK, So, because, you know, starting to take applications **There might be** some opportunities for some local law people to get involved in that. Friday and I got an e-mail from Save the River. They're looking for support for world protection of the Great Lakes, and it's not a hard copy letter that they want now. It's online, it's all set to go, or you're just got to say yes or no that you will support us. So, can I complete that form. Do you support and protect the river and the Great Lakes?

- Joe Chrisman

56:55 - 56:55

Sure. It sounds good.

- Norma

56:59 - 57:07

Ok, and I sent you out the January, financials to the board and to department heads. And everybody get those. Because it might be helpful, library made this Friday for the budget nine o'clock Friday. We gotta get going, hopefully we'll have something from the EFPR before Friday, to kinda get our heads wrapped around that, so we can ask some questions. We're going to put this together. Has anyone in the village noticed ice sculptures and come around here? There were two downtown John Street, and we have a little frost. But there's a nice Lions view, and the people doing part of a package, the Village Office, which I picked up yesterday and I'll scan it and send it to you on how they would like to see the community to get involved with this ice sculptures. And I don't know much about it, and I'll

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see if I can find out a little bit more, and send your own way, and scan the information to you, and we can see how we can respond to their room. Letters are several pages of information that they sent. So, does anyone on the board have anything they want to share with us? What's been going on?

- Joe Chrisman

58:40 - 58:42

I just have a couple questions at all. I know I was appointed. On, I guess, per foil request. I'm heading up. Got a meeting with johanne tomorrow. Um, there's a couple of things. There was a nice article in the Alex Bay about Alex .... About oversight and different responsibilities and stuff. I think every board member should read that. It's a pretty good read. Also. What is the status on the lyric have we heard anything back on that?

- Norma

59:29 - 59:30

Um, Joe, that's a legal issue. Remember, she had a lawyer. Did I say at the bottom here we're going to have an executive session tonight?

- Joe Chrisman

59:39 - 59:42

Ok, I didn't know that was including that. And also when the auditor come due date. Did we get a letter of the scope of the audit?

- Norma

59:53 - 59:53

But he's not done.

- Joe Chrisman

59:55 - 59:56

No, No, no, No. No. Their initial letter. When we were getting audited did they gave us a letter or a cover letter of the scope of the audit?

- Norma

01:00:08 - 01:00:08

Oh. It was quite a while ago? I don't think we have anything in writing? Because usually, I hadn't seen a Mom, and I send them a text message one day late last week, and he got right back to me and said that he has more than our audit to do and he can all the auditors have been pulled off to do a special project for the Comptroller. He didn't say what the special

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project was, but in the paper, Saturday nights paper, there was some, an article. Open meeting Laws that they had been checking into in Albany, and they scored everybody on how they were participating in open meetings. And they were two in the north country that failed. But our name wasn't on there. So I wonder if this, what he'd been doing, I don't know. Have you heard from him at all, Joanne?

- Joanne

01:01:19 - 01:01:20

No. I have not.

- Norma

01:01:21 - 01:01:26

Like, he said, it's been about a month, since it even taken a look at anything for law. Might have a question what they want to do. We just have to co-operate with them.

- Joe Chrisman

01:01:32 - 01:01:34

Oh, no, I understand that. But usually when an audit takes place, they give you a letter saying, this is what they're looking into. It doesn't mean it's not going to sneak off in another direction, but usually they give you a cover letter.

- Norma

01:01:49 - 01:02:02

It was from 2019, That's where he was going from June of 2019 for work, gave us dates that they were working on, but that was about all they gave us. I'll say, I don't think we had a letter from it.

- Alicia Dewey

01:02:10 - 01:02:15

We didn't received a letter, we received an e-mail, and it was generic.

- Norma

01:02:15 - 01:02:18

We had an e-mail that said he was going to call. ... audit, but I don't think any scope.

- Alicia Dewey

01:02:26 - 01:02:27

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Just provided the period.

- Joe Chrisman

01:02:31 - 01:02:31

Thank you.

- Norma

01:02:31 - 01:02:33

I'll find out for you, Joe. Anything else? Ok, if not, can we have a motion to go into executive session? And Alicia, how are we going to do this?

- Alicia Dewey

01:02:51 - 01:02:52

We can close the meeting. Just don't start your discussion until you get the OK from me. I'll make sure everybody's out.

- Norma

01:02:59 - 01:03:00

Ok, thank you.

- Joanne

01:03:05 - 01:03:05

We need a...

- Nancy

01:03:06 - 01:03:08

I make a motion to close the meeting.