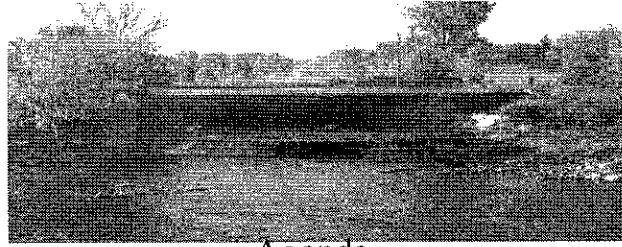


Board of Trustees
Village of Black River, New York



Agenda
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2022

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of minutes of the 4/4/22 regular meeting.
- Public Comment.
- Police Department Report.
- Code Enforcement Report & review of related correspondence.
- Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
- Superintendent's Report.

Correspondence Received:

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| A) Black River Fire Department | Re: Fundraisers |
| B) Tri-Village Baseball League | Re: Facilities Use Application |
| C) Case & Leader LLP | Re: Oath of Office |

Correspondence Sent:

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| A) Attorney Joseph Russell | Re: Legal Representation |
| B) Attorney Timothy Farley | Re: Hadley Dr. property |

New Business:

- A) Water bill adjustments
- B) Set date for end of fiscal year meeting

Unfinished Business:

- Reports from Standing Committees.
- Reports from Special Meetings.
- Authorize payment of bills; adjournment.

Village of Black River
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2022

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Mayor Dishaw called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Francis Dishaw
Trustee Gary McCullouch
Trustee Bonnie Proven
Trustee Randy Lake
Trustee Corey Decillis
Superintendent Les Williams
Clerk Treasurer Kristin Williams
Police Chief Steve Wood
Code Enforcement Officer James Holland

Attorney Henry Leader was present to meet with the board.

Mayor Dishaw opened the public hearing for the 2022-2023 tentative budget and the tax cap override at 6:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Trustee McCullouch to approve the minutes of the 2/28/22 and 3/28/22 special meeting and the 3/7/22 regular meeting. The motion was carried.

Public Comment: Linda Campbell, 107 W. Remington St. asked about installments for village tax payments. It was explained that the village had inquired about this previously and that it is not feasible at this time. Charles Rumschlag, 108 Hadley Dr. was present and thanked the village for everything that everyone does.

Police Department Report: Police Chief Wood stated that he will be attending a traffic seminar in Syracuse and that he may be leaving the village for other employment. He stated that he will keep the board informed of his plans.

Code Enforcement Report: CEO Holland stated that he had issued two stop work orders for the same property owner at two separate addresses. He discussed a grant from New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) which will help purchase code enforcement software. He stated that the village must apply and be awarded the grant first and then issue a request for proposals. He stated that the software must include the option for visual inspections. CEO Holland stated that his only concern is the legacy costs associated with the software.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Clerk-Treasurer Williams stated that she and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Benson participated in accounting school hosted by the NY State Comptroller, they are working on adjustments to bills associated with meter changes and have gotten tax bill information to the county.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Williams stated that the DPW has worked on clearing the spring house, the state brought 38 tons of salt as payment for work the village did for them, he got a quote for the fence around the salt barn and it was \$50,000, he contacted the Development Authority of the North Country about taking the garbage to Rodman and it would be a savings of about \$7,000 a year. Superintendent Williams stated that Jefferson County sent him a letter regarding the work experience program, he stated he would be interested in participating. He stated that he has ordered water meters and that they will arrive in June.

Correspondence Received: The board reviewed a letter from the Black River Fire Department.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee McCullouch to approve Zach Kichen and Katelyn Johnson as members of the fire department. The motion was carried with Trustee Lake abstaining from the vote.

The board reviewed the annual report from the Black River Ambulance Squad.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Lake to approve the facilities use request for the Black River American Legion Easter egg hunt and for the Black River Cemetery Association. The motion was carried.

The board discussed brush pickup and decided that pickup will be in May, July and October instead of monthly.

A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Decillis to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Village of Black River will hire Attorney Henry Leader as legal council for the village. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw	Yes
Trustee Lake	Yes
Trustee Decillis	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor Dishaw closed the public hearing for the tax cap override and the 2022-2023 tentative budget at 7:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Decillis to approve the water/sewer adjustments in the amount of \$1,354.29 as presented. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Mayor Dishaw to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that unpaid water/sewer and property maintenance charges totaling \$15,240.25 be relieved to Jefferson County to placed on the June, 2022 village tax bills. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw	Yes
Trustee Lake	Yes
Trustee Decillis	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution was duly adopted.

The board agreed to hold the 2022-2023 budget adoption meeting on Wed. April 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Dishaw, seconded by Trustee McCullough to override the tax cap for the 2022-2023 fiscal years budget. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Mayor Dishaw to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the following abstract of audited vouchers be approved: interim abstract dated 3/24/22 in the amount of \$19,741.28 (General Fund: \$3,123.28 Water Fund: \$12,752.64 Sewer Fund: \$3,865.46) and regular monthly abstract dated 4/4/22 in the amount of \$5,979.25 (General Fund: \$2,474.70 Water Fund: \$1,301.40 Sewer Fund: \$2,203.15) The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw	Yes
Trustee Lake	Yes
Trustee Decillis	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Decillis to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Williams Clerk-Treasurer

Black River Fire Department, Inc.

P.O. Box 95

Black River, New York 13612

Established in 1891

April 29, 2022

Dear Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:

This year the Department has created a fundraising committee to explore options to offset the cost of the department's operational expenses.

First and foremost, The Department would like to hold its yearly fundraiser this year during the month of September, 2022. It will be our usual envelope drive. A copy of the annual letter accompanying the envelope is provided. The distribution will be the usual door to door delivery.

The committee has also brought forward an idea to hold a firearm raffle. The committee has met with Denver's Firearms located in Watertown N.Y. to discuss this idea. We would begin selling raffle tickets by the beginning of June 2022, and hold the drawing in August or September of 2022.

Denver's Firearms would keep possession of the firearms at all times, and handle the background checks and sales.

There would be a cash option for those wishing to purchase tickets, but not interested in, or able to possess a firearm for whatever reason.

The Department is looking for the Village's permission to hold both fundraisers. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. As always thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Gaines

Jonathan Gaines, Secretary

BRFD

Board of Trustees
Village of Black River, New York



FACILITIES USE APPLICATION

Name David J Daily Today's Date 4-27-22

Organization Tri-village baseball

Telephone # 315-783-2698 Date & Hours Requested May 1, 2022 - June 25, 2022

Check Facility (ies) Requested:

Municipal Offices Meeting Room () Maple Street Park ()

Maple Street Recreation Building (X)

Maple Street Pavilion ()

Other () (Please Specify) _____

*Certificate of Insurance provided? () Yes () No

Please give a brief description of planned activity: Our baseball league uses the facility Tues Thurs, Fri nights & Saturday morning.

Statement of Responsibility

I/We agree to assume responsibility for the facility/grounds requested above. I/We will ensure that all buildings and/or grounds are clean, neat, and returned to the physical condition in which they were found. No alcoholic beverages or glass containers are allowed on the premises.

David J Daily
Signature

OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved () at the _____ Village Board Meeting
Disapproved () at the _____ Village Board Meeting
Reason for disapproval _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Any person with a disability who may need to make special arrangements to use the above facility (ies) may do so by calling the Black River Village Office at 773-5721 during business hours at least three days in advance of the planned activity.

Thank you.

www.blackriverny.org

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April 22, 2022

Hon. Francis Dishaw, Mayor
Village of Black River
107 Jefferson Place
Black River NY 13612

Re: Oath of Office

Dear Mayor Dishaw:

We enclose herewith the Oath of Office with our thanks to the Board for the opportunity to represent the Village of Black River.

Very truly yours,

CASE & LEADER LLP



Henry J. Leader, Esq.

HJL:ljl
Enc.

cc: Hon. Kristin Williams, Clerk-Treasurer

Board of Trustees
Village of Black River, New York

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April 6, 2022

Joseph W. Russell, P.C.
120 Washington St.
Suite 500 Watertown, NY 13601

Dear Mr. Russell;

The Village Board of Trustees would like to thank you for representing the Village from the retirement of Mark Gebo to present. The Board has decided to obtain new legal representation. Please let us know the best way to transfer our files to our new counsel.

Thank you again for your time.

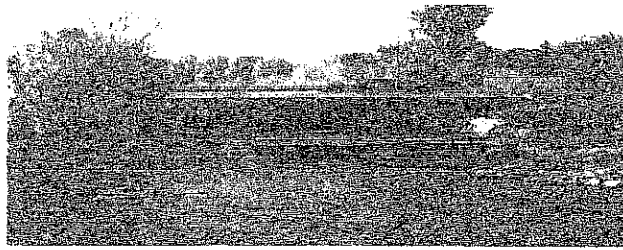
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis Dishaw". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Francis Dishaw
Mayor

Board of Trustees
Village of Black River, New York

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Timothy A. Farley
514 State Street
Carthage NY 13619

RE: Mansfield B. Jordan, Jr.
Property: 107 Hadley Dr. Black River, NY

Dear Mr. Farley,

After reviewing your letter concerning the driveway at 107 Hadley Dr. owned by Mansfield Jordan, it is the decision of the Village Board that we would discuss this concern with our Attorney. Once a satisfactory resolution has been achieved, we will contact Mr. Jordan.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Dishaw".

Francis Dishaw
Mayor