

July 28, 2021

A Joint Special Meeting of the Nunda Village Board of Trustees and Nunda Town Board of Councilmembers was held on July 28, 2021 with the following present:

Village Board: Mayor Jack Morgan
Deputy Mayor Darren Snyder
Trustee Mel Allen
Trustee William McTarnaghan
Trustee Donald Wilcox

Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer: LeRoy Wood
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Tammy McCallum

Town Board: Supervisor Merilee Walker
Councilperson Randy Morris
Councilperson Martha Blair
Councilperson James Forrester
Councilperson Michael Hillier

Town Clerk: Kaytlyn Hall

Police Chief: Ryan Dale

Citizens: None

Call Meeting to Order: - Jointly - Supervisor Walker and Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: All present

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mayor Morgan

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Supervisor Walker and Mayor Morgan each welcomed everyone in attendance.

New Business

A. Police Department Strategies

Chief Dale thanked both Boards for allowing him to present information about the Joint Town/Village Nunda Police Department. Chief Dale stated the following: there has been much change in policing over the past few years and am open to ideas to promote public safety, discuss bail reform, and drug activity in the community.

Chief Dale-Why are we here; there are problems in the community that are now just here but statewide. There is not the coverage/police presence needed for our part-time force. There are five areas of concern:

1. Police Reform - mending police relations between law enforcement and the community-creating more community interrelations.
2. Bail Reform – Alleged suspects are being arraigned and then released. Repeat offenders are creating more work.
3. Discovery Law – additional time needing to be allocated to preserving evidence and then presenting said evidence in court.
4. General Crime Rates
5. Drug Activity – sales, usage, increasing at an alarming rate-boiling point, arrests are at an all-time high, and types of hardcore drugs; cocaine, fentanyl, heroin

Chief Dale stated it is important to identify the problems faced today.

Chief Dale provided both Boards with statistical data related to (3) other jurisdictions in Livingston County. Information provided included; average monthly calls for service (including property checks), police coverage (full-time and part-time staffing), population, jurisdiction size (square miles), and police budgets in these other departments as compared to the Joint Town/Village of Nunda Police Department.

Notes of discussion also introduced were Livingston County Sheriff's Office and New York State Police call numbers to our jurisdiction.

Chief Dale stated the Nunda PD covers 16x's the area of next largest sized PD. Discussion on having police working while school is in session and when school is over at the end of classes would be a benefit to the community.

Councilmember Hillier stated overnight coverage is needed.

Supervisor Walker asked about Class D Felonies as Chief Dale stated an arrest can be made under these circumstances where an arraignment takes place and with the suspect given an appearance ticket for a later date to go back in front of a judge. Suspects are usually immediately released back into the community. Types of felonies that fall into these categories; assault, burglary, drug charges.

Chief Dale stated he wants his department to be proactive versus reactive.

Councilmember Forrester stated we need to look at growing the force and being able to pay for it.

Chief Dale stated there could be a full-time police officer option where an officer could build rapport with the community.

Chief Dale stated the two Village Local Laws-Property Maintenance and Nuisance Laws will help curb some of our concerns.

Chief Dale stated we have done a great job over the past three years in working with the police commissioners to build up the department and infrastructure.

Chief Dale asked if there were any suggestions or options. If a full-time police officer were to be considered they would need to have good community relations and be the right fit.

Trustee Wilcox stated it would be a bonus if they lived in the community.

Deputy Mayor Snyder asked how much would it cost.

Mayor Morgan stated there should be in place a measuring standard/parameter to see if this commitment would work over the period of a year, two years, three years.

Chief Dale stated there would need to be a probationary period.

Councilmember Forrester stated expanding services and how we would measure this is what would be needed. Councilmember Forrester agreed with Mayor Morgan's assessment of having parameters to measure.

Mayor Morgan stated this process could take a couple of years.

Councilmember Hillier stated there would be reduction in crime rate with the mere presence with someone on duty.

Supervisor Walker stated the Town will be working on a budget soon and that options should be looked at.

Mayor Morgan stated the recent ARPA Funding received, if that would be a possible a option.

Councilmember Forrester stated how we measure and moving forward with planning on a full-time officer should be discussed with the police commissioners.

MOTION was made by Trustee Wilcox to allow the Nunda Police Commissioners to begin the planning phase of initiating the process of hiring a full-time Joint Nunda Police Department Officers to include budgetary numbers, seconded by Trustee McTarnaghan.

Carried 5-0.

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Carried 5-0.

Chief Dale thanked both Boards for allowing him to present his Police Department Reports and options for future possibilities to be considered.

Both Boards thank Chief Dale for his presentation.

B. Memorandum of Understanding – Letchworth Gateway

Mayor Morgan asked Administrator Wood to present the MOU to the Town Board and explain the initiative. Letchworth Gateway Villages is an initiative that provides opportunity to collaborate with multiple municipalities and other organizations to help promote, market and work together to increase traffic and increase economic development for these communities while identifying and maximizing our local assets. This initiative works with local, state and federal grant projects in this process. The purpose of the Letchworth Gateway Villages is to foster long-term economic and environmental vitality through cross-municipal, cross-country collaboration efforts like sustainable tourism development that will benefit all participants through a myriad of initiatives. The commitment is \$3,500 annually for three years as this will then be measured on the benefits to our specific communities. The Village and Town at one time discussed splitting the cost as both municipalities would benefit from this marketing effort.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Hillier to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Letchworth Gateway Villages Municipal Collaboration & Genesee Valley Geotourism Initiative

with the Village of Nunda while splitting the annual cost of \$3,500 while committing the Town of Nunda \$1,750 for their share in promoting and marketing our community that should increase our economic development and preserve our environmental vitality, seconded by Councilmember Forrester.

Carried 5-0.

C. Joint Town/Village Zoning Law

Supervisor Walker discussed the most recent action of the Planning Board and inquired about the most recent update to our Joint Town/Village Zoning Law. The local law was adopted in late 2016. Updates to this law should be considered.

Councilmember Forrester mentioned to Comprehensive Plan and the status.

Mayor Morgan stated the Village support of the Planning Board and their efforts in pursuing this task.

Councilmember Forrester asked about community participation in this process and the concern at which the length/time line it will take to complete.

D. Water Extension on Creek Road

Discussion on extending the water lines on Creek Road in the Town of Nunda took place in providing an additional customer to the village while costs of this project would be at the expense of the homeowner asking to tap into the water infrastructure.

MOTION was made by Councilmember Hillier for the Town of Nunda to approve Jeremy Blair, located at 9045 Creek Road, in the Town of Nunda to tap into the Village of Nunda's water infrastructure at his own expense and as the Village of Nunda can allow extending its water line/services, seconded by Councilmember Morris.

Carried 5-0.

E. Lawson Property Update

Supervisor Walker asked the Village of Nunda if they could provide an update to the land acquisitions of the Lawson Properties (3). Mayor Morgan asked Administrator Wood to provide the update.

1. Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for the asking price of \$300,000 for three (3) properties that will increase the municipalities source water protection area will be on July 29, 2021.

2. Closing on the BAN and securing funding will be available at the end of the second week in August 2021.

3. Final sale of the properties could be as early as the end of August 2021 or early September 2021.

Other metrics to this discussion was an agreement that was set in place in April 1989 between the Town of Nunda and the Village of Nunda. This agreement was on the premise of water and sewer services to Town residents as provided by the Village over a forty (40) year period. In 1995, an amendment to the original agreement removed some clauses and added a tax abatement to some Village owned properties located in the Town to offset some of the services the Village was providing to include assuming all maintenance costs for water and sewer districts within the Town of Nunda and therefore be the responsibility of the Village of Nunda. The tax abatement in the amendment was for a twenty-five (25) year time period. This time period has since expired.

Administrator Wood asked each board if they would wish to have another amendment written to the original agreement or to have this be a separate stand-alone item and create a Board action (board resolution) to be presented, reviewed, discussed and eventually be adopted by both boards to continue with the Village responsibilities to the water and sewer districts located in the Town of Nunda and a tax abatement on some of the Village owned properties.

Both Boards agreed to keep this a separate issue from the original forty (40) year agreement and asked Administrator Wood to present at the next regularly schedules Board Meetings (both Town and Village) a resolution for review and discussion.

Adjournment

Jointly Supervisor Walker and Mayor Morgan thanked all who were in attendance.

With no further business to be discussed, the motion to adjourn was made Trustee Allen at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LeRoy J. Wood
Administrator/
Clerk-Treasurer