

Minutes
Regular Monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips
Dale Leiser
Robert Baumeister
David Flaherty

Also attending: Superintendent David Booth; CEO/ZEO Glenn Smith; Economic Development Director Renee Shur; Second Assistant Chief Gordon Pratt; Tina Lang; Dorene Weir; Stewart Pecknar; Peter Bujanow; Ann Birckmayer.

TAX PAYER TIME

Stewart Peckner would like the village to paint the curbs at the street intersections showing a more permanent marking on where parking is not allowed. There should be no parking for 50ft anytime not just for events.

MINUTES

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the minutes of July 10, 2019 Regular monthly meeting; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

ABSTRACT

A motion made by Trustee Phillips to approve the monthly abstract in the amount of \$55, 895.38 voiding out the duplicate payment to Hudson River Tractor for \$29.79; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the monthly Treasurer's Report; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Village Clerk Treasurer Heeder stated she and the Village accountant filed the Village's Annual Financial Report with the State Comptroller on July 20, 2019 for the June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 fiscal year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The village received the monthly Fire Incident Log report. There were 5 calls, 2 drills and 4 details. One of the drills was handling a brush fire with the UTV (35-6). A radio was installed on the UTV. The trailer for the UTV will be arriving soon. A meeting was held with the Fire Chief Matt Cohn and Sheriff David Bartlett Trustee Phillips and Mayor Dunham concerning traffic during events. They confirmed with the village's insurance and Conference of Mayors that Fire Police may be used for parades and events if directed by the Fire Chief.

DPW

Superintendent David Booth noted they spent a few days cleaning by the village's water tower on County RT 21. A tree came down taking down the power lines and two poles. They did patch paving on Presidential Drive, Lindenwald Court and Martin Court and replaced a culvert pipe by 43 Albany Ave. They are clearing the tree line on the west side of the pumphouse to allow better access when mowing. An estimate of \$40,000 to crack seal two roads from Gorman Brothers was received. This is not feasible, with scheduling the DPW can complete the crack sealing for much less. They are looking to complete a Chip Sealing project for Catskill View, Berkshire

Drive, Presidential Drive, Martin Court and Sunset Ave. By Chip sealing the road it will add years of life to the road.

Weed Control-Mayor Dunham received a quote to remove the weeds along the curbing of village streets. A quote of \$550.00 was received from TruGreen for village streets and \$600 if we wanted to include Rt 9. Trustee Phillips noted he does not feel we should use village funds for state roads. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to hire TruGreen for \$550 after review of their contract with the village attorney; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The CEO/ZEO's monthly report was received with \$900.60 of permit fees and CO searches collected.

48 William Street- Glenn has condemned the garage. He will be receiving quotes for the demolition of the garage. He will need access into the house to inspect for structural integrity. He will need to come before the village board for approval to move forward with the demolition.

TREES

Mayor Dunham received three quotes for the removal of trees. He did request the contractors give two separate numbers. One for the removal of the trees at 10 Albany Ave, 11 Hudson Street, and Berkshire Drive and the second for the tree removal at the water tower. New Leaf \$2,275/;\$1,750.00 Homestead Tree Service \$2,900/\$2,750; Columbia Tree Service \$3,485/\$2,485.00. A motion made by Trustee Baumeister to hire New Leaf for the removal of the proposed trees; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye". Insurance certificates were received.

TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

Mayor Dunham would like to consider a flashing speed sign in the spring if the budget allows.

ALBANY HUDSON ELECTRIC TRAIL

Maintenance Agreement-The Village will sign a maintenance agreement with Hudson River Valley Greenway. The village will maintain the portion of the trail that runs through the village. A discussion of garbage containers at each end of the trail in the village was discussed.

Construction Status-the first course of pavement is her down from Stewarts' to Eichybusch Road. Another course will be laid when the intersections are done. Seeding and the installation of signs will also be completed.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

Community Choice Aggregation- Due to scheduling the committee was unable to meet this month. The committee would like the Village Board consider holding a presentation on Community Choice Aggregation. The Committee Chair, William Mancini, sent articles to the Village Board for review.

Street Light Conversion- William Mancini has spoken with Dan Frering and John Bullough from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. They have offered to provide a demonstration of the types of LED street lights to the village.

WILLIAM STREET RT. 9 TO MAIDEN LANE

The village is submitting an application for grant funds for the water portion of the William Street project and for Albany Ave.

ZONING BOARD

There was no new business before the board therefore the meeting was cancelled.

PLANNING BOARD

Old Dutch Inn-Three Sisters Tavern LLC-There is no update after the meeting with village engineer Ray Jurkowski and Jennifer Ose-McDonald's engineer Walter Kubow from Chazen Engineering.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There were not enough members for a quorum. The meeting needed to be cancelled. An opening on the commission is pending anyone interested and that has a background in Historic Preservation may contact Mayor Dunham.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The EDC Director's monthly report was received and is on file in the village office and posted on the village website.

Van Buren Hall- the committee met with part time village resident and architect Gregory Merryweather. A plan was discussed for the scope of work needed for Van Buren Hall. What is the vision for Van Buren Hall? What is needed besides a kitchen and an ADA bathroom? The village will need a full set of plans to apply for grant funds. Renee would like to have Fred Shroeder in for a session with the committee to decide on the vision for Van Buren Hall. The work may need to be done in phases. Mr. Merryweather submitted a contract to draft a set of plans and create a model for \$3,500.00. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to hire Gregory Merryweather with village attorney approval of his contract; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

Municipal Parking Lot Lighting-The village is waiting on the easement from the US Postal Service for the installation of lights for the village parking lot. Renee has offered to meet with representative and property owner Peter Cecchini in hopes to move the process. She is afraid the pricing of the lights will increase. She met with a representative from Vertex and Paul Calcagno who will be purchasing an additional two lights to match along his parking area for the Maple Hill Creamery building for a total of five lights. The size of the electric box needs to be discussed.

Food truck village-the next scheduled event is August 22nd.

Renee Shur, economic development director, requested that she have the opportunity to comment on some claims included in a letter to the editor in The Columbia Paper dated August 1, 2019. Those claims related to special events that the letter writers claimed did not produce positive economic impacts for existing village businesses. R. Shur reported that she spoke with Carolina House, Dyad Wine Bar, Saisonnier, and The Flammerie. Contrary to claims in the letter, Carolina House and Dyad reported increased business during first Food Truck night. Saisonnier and The Flammerie reported no noticeable increase and no decrease. Saisonnier and The Flammerie shared with R. Shur that both establishments see Food Truck Village as a positive investment in attracting future customers who discover their establishments the night of the event and return at later dates.

KINDERHOOK CREEK RECREATIONAL STUDY

Hudson River Valley Heritage Area Grant –Last month Mayor Dunham signed the proposal from Barton & Loguidice for \$3,000 to be split 50/50 with Valatie to apply for grant funding for Creek Resiliency. Most of the work is proposed to be done along the creek in Valatie there will be a small amount along the creek by the village's pumphouse. Now Barton & Loguidice would like to apply for funds for the creek resiliency to be construction ready to protect the banks on the west side of the creek. This will be based on the percent of land in each village. Mayor Dunham feels this will be approximately 90% Valatie and 10% Kinderhook. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to hire Barton & Loguidice for construction ready plans billed by the percent of land in each village; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

NYSDOT

NYSDOT has not painted the handicapped parking space in front of the village hall. Mayor Dunham may include in the striping of the parking spot with the village's parking lot.

Shared Service agreement- A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to have Mayor Dunham sign the Shared Service agreement with NYS DOT for highway work permits; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

VILLAGE HALL

Boilers for the Village Hall- Main-Care has ordered the new boilers for the village hall. Trustee Flaherty will let the office know when they are scheduled to be installed. The office will not have hot water.

Back Stairway- Waiting on S & S Fabrication for the installation.

Exterior masonry-Lance Glenn the owner of L.G. Stone & Restoration will be at the village in the next 10 days to apply the sealer on the bricks of the Village Hall. He will also replace the back door and remove and seal the whole.

BANDSTAND

Bandstand- Dan Proper from Proper & O'Leary Engineering PC submitted a very extensive report on the proposal of work to be done to the bandstand. The estimation of work is approximately \$92,000. Mayor Dunham and Trustee Flaherty will meet with Mr. Proper next week to discuss what can be done until spring.

VILLAGE SQUARE GARBAGE

Trustee Flaherty noted most of the trash in front of Broad Street Bagel is personal garbage not garbage from the restaurant. He feels we should install a larger receptacle there as there is no way to police who places garbage there.

LAWS AND POLICIES

The first Sexual Harassment training for village employees and or board members who do not receive training in their day job is scheduled for September 13, 2019 at 1 pm.

UNPAID WATER, SEWER & TAX BILLS

Water bills are paid to date. At this time approximately \$4,000 of sewer bills are unpaid.

WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

The NYS DOT site and the Rescue Squad will be connecting into the village sewer line. Emmons Pump completed the recalibration of the meter.

SIDEWALKS

Church St-A 5ft sidewalk will be replaced on Church Street.

12 Broad St-The village will replace the sidewalk when the Dutch Inn installs the water line.

10 Albany Ave-Due to the roots of a tree the sidewalk will need to be replaced.

EVENTS

Food truck Village is scheduled for August 22nd. There will be additional cones placed at the intersections to assist with site distance. An email blast and any social media advertising the event may state no parking on sidewalks, blocking hydrants and respecting village resident's lawns. Discussion to have the Rescue Squad in attendance at the event and where to have them park was discussed.

APPLICATIONS

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the following application; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

- a. Rotary Club is requesting a sign from 8/15-8/26 advertising a chicken BBQ to benefit Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail
- b. Kinderhook Tri-Village Rotary Club is requesting the Playground Pavilion on Saturday August 24th from 4-7 pm
- c. Kinderhook Reformed Church is requesting a sign to advertise Brooks BBQ 9/18-9/25
- d. Jody Balluyt is requesting to sit at the corner of Chatham & Hudson Street for voter registration
- e. Friends of Kinderhook Memorial Library book sale from 8/30/19-9/15/19

RECREATION COMMISSION

The committee discussed the village's six week summer program and planned Community Night to be held on September 14, 2019 from 6-9 pm.

Trustee Philips requested a report on how many children attended village residents, paid nonresidents work in the village, and how many children attended and are using the grandparent rule.

KBPA

The committee is working on the Fall Festival and discussed traffic control for the events.

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to adjourn the board meeting at 8:44pm and enter into executive session on personnel; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk