

Minutes  
Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips  
Dale Leiser  
Robert Baumeister  
David Flaherty

Also attending: CEO/ZEO Peter Bujanow; Economic Development Director Renee Shur; Fire Chief Matt Cohn; Climate Smart Chair William Mancini; Dorene Weir; Anne Birckmayer.

Mayor Dunham opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

### **MINUTES**

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the minutes of November 13, 2019 regular monthly meeting; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the following budget amendments presented by the Treasurer; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A.8161.2 Leaf Pickup, Equipment	A.8161.4 Leaf Pickup, Contractual	\$883.77
A.9060.8 Hospital & Medical Insurance	A.9040.8 Workers Compensation	\$1,324.63
A.9010.8 State Retirement	A.9040.8 Workers Compensation	\$5,983.00

### **ABSTRACT**

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the monthly abstract in the amount of \$50,052.52; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Matt Cohn reported 5 calls, 2 drills and 0 details. The monthly fire incident report and Officer's meeting minutes were received. Physicals and fit tests were completed on 25 firefighters. The skid unit for the UTV was delivered and placed on the UTV. The firemen are working on securing the skid box to the UTV.

Water has seeped in from the outside entrance of the Firehouse basement. Due to water seeping in the wooden stairs has rotted. There is three inches of standing water that will need to be pumped out; removal of mold and sealing of the bricks along with the replacement of stairs for a second egress needs to be addressed. The village DPW will conduct the cleanup work. Trustee Phillips will request an estimate for the replacement of the stairs.

Fire Safety Vehicle-The Fire Commissioner Trustee Phillips, Fire Chief Matt Cohn and Village Treasurer Heeder met to discuss financing of a fire safety vehicle. The 2020 Chevy Tahoe is on state contract for \$50,277.50. Trustee Phillips is proposing to use \$10,277.50 for the Fire Departments budget and finance the remainder \$40,000. Looking forward, the funds budgeted for the last two years of capital projects at the firehouse will be used towards the bond payment.

When the bonding for the vehicle and the Scott air paks are paid off the funds can be placed in the fire truck savings account.

We received two vehicle use policies from other fire companies that we may edit to fit our fire company's needs. At this time, allowing the Fire Chief to use the Tahoe to go to and from work and the use within a five mile radius of the fire house. This will allow the Chief to respond quickly to calls and be in an identifiable vehicle when arriving at a scene. The Tahoe will also be able to pull the trailer with the UTV. A motion made by Trustee Phillips to move forward with the purchase of the 2012 Tahoe on state contract applying \$10,277.50 from the fire departments budget and bonding the remaining; seconded by Trustee Flaherty; all voted "aye".

Town of Kinderhook Fire Contract-A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the Mayor to sign the contract with the Town of Kinderhook to provide fire protection for the 2020 year in the amount of \$84,354; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

Multi family/apartment housing inspection-the CEO/ZEO and the Fire Chief will conduct inspections of all multifamily dwellings within the village.

## **DPW**

Trustee Leiser stated the Governor declared Columbia County in a state of Emergency due to the snow storm on December 1st into December 2<sup>nd</sup>. An Emergency Management meeting will be held in Poughkeepsie on Friday. The New York Army National Guard arrived in the village on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to shovel snow from 106 fire hydrants in the village. He had C&E Rothermel assist the DPW in hauling snow away from the village square. They were trying their best to have the village cleaned up for Candlelight Night. He wanted to thank Jennifer Ose for allowing the snow to be placed on her empty lot.

Water Department-Trustee Leiser had C&E Rothermel work on the one inch water line that was servicing three out of village properties. One property was the doctor's office at 90 Broad Street, the house behind it and Motorcycle shop. A shut off valve to each property was installed so not to interrupt another user's service.

Salt Shed- Trustee Leiser requested to contact engineer Ray Jurkowski to discuss the repair of the salt shed.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Peter Bujanow provided three months of building permit reports to the Village Board. He noted the information on the September report was from the previous building inspector. In the future he will be separating the building permits from title searches.

11 Lindewald Court- A certified letter with a return receipt was sent to the owner. He has 10 days to rectify the violation.

48 William Street- A certified letter with a return receipt was sent to the owner concerning the property violations. The owner has 10 days to respond.

Multi/family-apartment housing inspections-Peter is in the process of identifying all multifamily dwellings in the village. He will conduct the required yearly inspections of all multifamily dwellings within the village.

## **ALBANY HUDSON ELECTRIC TRAIL**

Maintenance Agreement-An agreement has not been signed. The village Attorney, National Grid and the Greenway are working on an open issue.

Unauthorized use of the trail-Residents may call the State Police (518.758.7010) to report unauthorized use of motor vehicles on the trail.

Construction Status-Is on hold until the spring of 2020.

Clear areas for sight distance-Mayor Dunham is working with the Greenway concerning a site distance issue with the trail on Sunset Ave.

Raised Crosswalk-The raised crosswalk on Albany Ave will need additional painted lines noting the crosswalk and the installation of posted signs. Trustee Phillips feels the crosswalk needs to be brought back towards Railroad Ave to assist in the reduction of speed. Mayor Dunham noted the regulations are to have the width of the crosswalk the same width of the trail. The reduction of speed will come when all the signage is installed at the crosswalk.

### **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE**

Mayor Dunham appointed Ann Birckmayer and Sandra Tolosa to the Climate Smart Task Force.

Clean Energy Community Award- The village has received notice that NYSERDA has approved the proposed solar project to be funded by the Clean Energy Community grant in the amount of \$35,000. NYSERDA will contact the village to discuss the contract.

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)- Katy Vescio from Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance will conduct a second educational presentation on the Village joining the Capital Region's first Community Choice Aggregation program. The presentation will be held in Van Buren Hall next Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

NYStretch Energy Code-Tara Donadio, our senior planner from the Capital District Regional Planning Corporation, discussed a voluntary statewide program beginning in 2020 that will focus on municipalities incorporating more energy efficient standards into existing building codes. NYSERDA has resources available to help with local adoption of NYStretch.

### **WILLIAM ST. RT. 9 TO MAIDEN LANE AND ALBANY AVE, RT 9 TO SUNSET AVE**

The village has submitted a Grant Application to the Environmental Facilities Corporation for grant funds for water infrastructure projects for William Street and Albany Ave. The award notice should be out by the end of the month.

### **ELECTION RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was made by Trustee Flaherty; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

**WHEREAS** the General Village Election of the Village of Kinderhook is generally scheduled to be held on the third Tuesday of March,

**WHEREAS** §Election Law 15-104(1)(b) states for any year in which the seventeenth day of March shall fall on such Tuesdays, the board of trustees of the village shall provide, by resolution that such election shall be held on the eighteenth day of March, and

**WHEREAS** §Election Law 15-104(3)(b) states the resolution shall include (1) the polling place in each election district and (2) the hours during which the polls shall be open, which shall include at least the hours from noon to nine o'clock in the evening.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Election Day will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The polling place for such election will be at the Village Hall, 6 Chatham Street in the Village of Kinderhook and that the polls will be open from noon until nine o'clock in the evening.

### **ZONING BOARD**

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

### **PLANNING BOARD**

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

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The Commission met November 21, 2019 to review the applications for 8 Maiden Lane.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

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

Van Buren Hall- The architect Gregory Merryweather created a model of the proposed plan for Van Buren Hall. Renee submitted pictures of the model to the Village Board for their review.

A vision meeting with Fred Schroeder of Schroeder Arts and grant writer Mary Ellen Hearn is being scheduled to discuss the direction of Van Buren Hall in applying for funds.

### **KINDERHOOK CREEK**

Water Trail Grant-Barton & Loguidice submitted a grant for another Hudson River Valley Greenway grant for the design, planning and construction of two kayak launches. One will be at River Street Park in Valatie and the other at the creek by the pump house on Hudson Street in the Village of Kinderhook called Hudson Street Landing in the grant application. Due to the weather the award notice meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled possibly in March. Renee inquired if the village would like to consider naming the park "Hudson Street Landing" to assist in applying for grant funds. If awarded, the fence around the pumphouse may be moved to allow additional area for the kayak launch.

### **VILLAGE HALL**

Back Stairway- Trustee Flaherty received pictures of the stair case being built in metal fabrication shop.

Exterior Masonry-Due to the weather the work will be on hold until spring.

### **BANDSTAND**

Bandstand- A discussion to have a contractor look at the bandstand and possibly bring the bandstand lower to the ground and for ADA compliance was had. Trustee Flaherty will request a contractor to review.

### **GARBAGE CONTRACT**

The village's garbage contract will be ending in May. Trustee Flaherty is reaching out to companies that may be interested in bidding for garbage removal. He has sent three messages to Twin Bridges and has not received a response.

### **UNPAID WATER, SEWER & TAX BILLS**

The total for unpaid water to date is \$4,895.94; unpaid sewer \$14,110.55 and unpaid village taxes \$14,810.50.

### **SIDEWALKS**

Snow Clearing- Mayor Dunham made his annual call to the state requesting to gently push back the snow along Rt.9 to keep from redepositing the snow back on to the resident's sidewalks.

### **RECREATION COMMISSION**

The December meeting was cancelled.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Scheduling of events Van Buren Hall-A motion made by Mayor Dunham to allow an hour between scheduled events in Van Buren Hall for improved transition between events; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

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

- a. Kinderhook Runners Club is requesting Van Buren Hall the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month from 7-9 pm  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Sunday of every month from 9am-11am
- b. Jan Monks is requesting Van Buren Hall on February 1, 2020 from 4-9 pm Square Dancing
- c. Ashley Hopkins-Benton is requesting Van Buren Hall on Jan. 25, 2020; noon-4pm child's birthday

**WORKSHOP MEETING PROJECT, VILLAGE PROPERTIES, ETC.**

Mayor Dunham scheduled a workshop meeting for Monday December 23, 2019 at 9 am to discuss projects for the upcoming budget.

**KBPA**

Candlelight Night was well attended. Additional lighting in the village square is needed for the vendors and attractions.

**TAXPAYER TIME**

No comments received.

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to adjourn the board meeting at 8:51 pm; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder  
Village Clerk