

Minutes
Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
Thursday, September 26, 2019

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustee: Richard Phillips
Dale Leiser
Robert Baumeister
David Flaherty

Also attending: Paul Calcagno, Peter Bujanow, Kate & Dave Pesano, Renee Shur, Sigrid Gray, Dorene Weir

Mayor Dunham opened the meeting at 7:30pm

APPOINTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mayor Dunham accepts the resignation of Glenn Smith, the Village's Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Dunham appointed Peter Bujanow as Code Enforcement Officer; Seconded by Trustee David Flaherty. All voted "aye". Trustee Leiser asks about salary as this should have been discussed prior. Mayor Dunham states that Mr. Bujanow will make \$13,000/year, the same amount the Mr. Smith was making. Trustee Leiser disagrees. A compromise of \$12,000/year is reached, position will not include mileage. All voted "aye" except Trustee Leiser who voted "nay" to the salary.

PROPOSAL FOR ZONING DISTRICT CHANGE AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT, PAUL CALCAGNO, 3 AND 5 BROAD STREET

Mayor Dunham congratulates Mr. Bujanow. The Village Board will meet with Mr. Bujanow to review expectations and items. Mr. Bujanow has been certified since 2012. He is looking to help the Village, he is a problem solver. He is excited and thanks the Village Board for the opportunity.

Mayor Dunham reads the letter from Paul Calcagno from the last Village Board Meeting (September 11, 2019) regarding 3 and 5 Broad Street and the extension of the B-1 district. This will be quite the process. Village Board will need to approve a rezoning of 25' of the property. This is along the left side of the former Pesano driveway to the arborvitae hedges to the building in back. Then a lot line adjustment needs to be made by the Planning Board. One or two variances will need to be made by the Zoning Board. Mayor Dunham prepared a schedule with actions that need to be taken. It is recommended by the Village Attorney to have a joint public hearing. The Comprehensive Plan states the Village "needs new business." This would be a positive improvement for the business district. Trustee Phillips in favor of this. He noted that if Mr. Calcagno wanted to do work on the building such as putting scaffolding up against 3 Broad Street, he would be encroaching onto the property of 5 Broad Street if owned by a different owner. Currently, these are both owned by Mr. Calcagno. All agree this is a good improvement and the Board shall proceed.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mayor Dunham announced that Rod Blackburn has resigned from the HPC due to health reasons. Sean Sawyer will be appointed as his replacement at the next Village Board meeting.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Speeding trucks are a concern on Route 9. The owners of the Benedict Arnold House have concerns. There is substance on the road by the Carovail sight. Stewart's construction site has a lot of dirt in the road. Farmers do not have to cover ensilage. This is a cost of living in a rural environment.

The speed sign provided by the Columbia County Sheriff's Department, was on the Sheriff's lawn and is down at the Fire Department. The flashing lights are very effective. This sign can take a picture of a license plate. There is a permanent solar powered speed sign located on Route 9J which is also effective. Trustee Flaherty to take a video of this sign.

PERSONS OF COLOR CEMETERY

A man in Stottville is willing to donate wrought iron fencing for the People of Color Cemetery. Warren Applegate and Ruth Piwonka have seen it they say it is good. Fence will need a little painting, welding and storage at the DPW garage.

MILLS PARK

Sigrd Gray has a new plan for Mills Park letting a high percentage grow as tall grass with some mowed paths and picnic areas. Also intend to put an informational sign up about the history of the Vly. Neighbors have concerns. This will be an agenda item for the next VB meeting.

VILLAGE HALL

New boilers for the Village Hall are almost done and we have a new padlock for the boiler room.

A motion was made by Mayor Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. A short meeting with Peter Bujanow followed before executive session was called into order., seconded by Trustee Flaherty.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol van Denburgh
Village Deputy Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Dunham opened Executive Session at 8:40 PM for Personnel.

Personnel was discussed. No motions made.

Dave Flaherty voted to close the Executive Session and reopen Regular Meeting

Seconded by Bob Baumeister

Bob Baumeister moved to close the Regular Meeting

Seconded by Rich Phillips

Regular Meeting closed at 8:55 PM

James Dunham

Mayor