

Wednesday, July 12, 2023
Village of Kinderhook Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

Present: Mayor Mike Abrams Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Heeder	Trustees: Dorene Weir James Mark Browne Susan Patterson Quinn Murphy
<u>Attendees:</u> Tina Lang, Phil Giltner, Alexandra Anderson, Bill Murphy, Sabine Murphy, Astrid Montagano, Sandra Tolosa, Ron Rich, Sean Sawyer, Ann Birckmayer, Matthew Buckner, Vesna Marincek Grossjohann, Mark Wilson	

Call to Order:

Mayor Abrams opened the Regular monthly Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All stood for Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Clerk/Treasurer (Nicole Heeder)

- Minutes of June 14, 2023, Regular monthly Village Board meeting

Trustee Weir motioned to approve, Trustee Patterson seconded, all voted 'Aye'.

- Budget Amendments - correcting budget mistake not listing SCADA system (automated system monitoring water system) in final budget. Intent was to draw from water pump savings account to pay for it. Make budget transfer out of fund balance with no change or impact to taxes, just an administrative change. Lowers reserves by \$26,809 as intended.

Trustee Browne motioned to transfer \$26,809 into budget, Trustee Weir seconded, all voted 'Aye.'

- Abstract – Treasurer Heeder reported abstract totaling \$62,139.75; General Fund \$36,090.17; Water fund \$7,654.18; water main upgrade on Albany Ave. \$14,955.40; and capital project construction Albany Ave. \$3,600.

Trustee Weir motioned to approve Abstract, Trustee Browne seconded, all voted 'Aye.'

- Treasurer's Report -Trustee Murphy motioned to accept Treasurer's report, Trustee Weir seconded, all voted 'Aye.'

2. Code Enforcement Officer (CEO Trevor Bean)

- Monthly Report-Submitted this month and last month's report.
Can now submit applications online as well as code complaints.
CEO's training is done and is now licensed.

3. Fire Department. (Chief Matt Cohn)

12 calls, 2 drills, 5 details

Fire Department reported on new LED lighting.

Held drill 7/10/23. Upcoming events: summer program at Rothermel Park 7/14/23, drill 7/20/23, 7/22/23 Fire Day at Rothermel Park, 7/27/23 work detail, 7/29/23 Columbia County Fair parade in Ghent, step up 1:00 pm. Call count is up as Stuyvesant Falls is looking for manpower. KFD now covering Town of Kinderhook and Town of Stuyvesant for substantial

calls. Issues with weight restrictions on Falls bridge. Stuyvesant FD must come through Kinderhook to get to Falls area.

4. Water & Sewer Commissioner. (Comm. Dale Leiser - absent)

- Unpaid water & sewer

5. DPW. (Superintendent Dave Booth)

- Monthly update- SCADA representative coming tomorrow to reinstall the antenna for the alarms, other than that system working perfectly. DPW planted a tree for Arbor Day, installed new fountain at the playground, washed the tennis courts which are now ready for paint, are filling potholes, and mowing grasses.

6. Economic Development Director (Director Renee Shur)

- Monthly EDC Report –Preparing to submit village projects for NYForward, assigned 3 projects for the application. At height of season for businesses with a lot of promotion happening.

- Grants

7. KBPA (Renee Shur)

- Summary of Preparations for Outdoor Film Night at The School - August 11, 2023, Finishing planning for outdoor film at The School, lawn opens 7:00 pm, food and drink available, DJ, Saissonier beer/wine sales, Adirondack kettle corn, Dutch Desserts, and Lydia's empanadas. Parking to be same as last year. Asked DPW for safety cones for difficult-to-see areas.

- Upcoming this Saturday, 'Arm of the Sea' theatre in the Village.

8. Trustee Weir

- Recreation Commission - Pride event was held 2 weeks ago with good turnout.

Three pieces of older playground equipment need repair at Rothermel Park. DPW will try to epoxy the slide. Two pieces of equipment are waiting on replacement parts, an older climbing piece awaiting a part and one missing plexiglass.

- Summer jam tomorrow 6-8 pm; rain date Thursday 7/20/23.

- Tennis Courts – power washed, ready to be painted, and weather permitting next week nets will be installed.

- Kayak Launch – CEO had site visit with DEC on 6/27/23; reps from DEC are in agreement with proposed plan with a couple minor adjustments. Will reduce width of access point from 12 to 8 feet and the stop point for installation is to be the mean high-water mark of the bank. CEO is putting together new application. DEC will forward new proposal to Army Corps of Engineers. Trustee Weir will forward a copy of the Village of Kinderhook's adjusted application to Valatie to assist them with their resubmission.

- LWRP – committees met Monday, June 10th. Renee Shur filled in for her as she was at Recreation Committee meeting. Participation includes 3 public meetings beginning in September. Public survey to be issued focusing on how the public uses waterfront now, and would like to use in future, with launch date starting 7/24/23 through 8/14/23 via Survey Monkey and hardcopy. Barton & LoGuidice to send a link for Valatie and Kinderhook to distribute. Distribution of survey in village hall and libraries, possibly an IPAD at table at farmer's market. Also sending targeted emails. Hard copies need to be scanned and sent to Barton & LoGuidice who will tabulate results.

9. Trustee Murphy

- Zoning Board

- National Grid surveyed all village lights and the price to convert all lights is \$8,904.

This would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25,000 pounds annually, saving \$3,300

annually and would cover costs in under 3 years. Discussion ensued regarding where the funds are in the budget. Per Treasurer this needs further discussion, then board would go overestimates and make a decision. Trustee Murphy states the funds generally for fire alarm, roof, Trooper's air conditioning, painting/scraping windowsills but those things generally could wait and thinks best to convert to LED lighting.

Trustee Browne asked do we have a fixed bid quote? Yes. Mayor asks if Village must get 3 quotes for expenses over \$3,000?

Treasurer states that lights in Van Buren Hall would be under NYForward grant, could prioritize what village wants to do, windowsills didn't get done, has asked CEO to look at the roof, those were top priorities for those funds.

Per Mayor let's wait a month and see if NYForward pays or we could pull from other budget lines.

Trustee Browne will talk to Rob to see if there's a need for comparison estimates. Trustee Patterson reminds this includes an incentive from National Grid. Trustee Browne states that could be our justification. Trustee Patterson said we could ask the one that approached us for streetlights and what it includes. Trustee Weir asks do they have to replace fixtures? Yes. Trustee Browne asks how would they contract with us, billing? Mayor asks - National Grid? Trustee Murphy states we can pay over 12 months. Trustees and Mayor will have offline discussion.

- Generator for Village Hall – looking for our own generator.

- Working on converting streetlights to LEDs, Trustee Murphy reached out to NYPA and believes it's best to go through them not National Grid as they offer help and flexibility. Village can choose lumen output, type of light, color of light, output, and we could control dim, and change colors. Would need to buy lights from National Grid and change them. In 2021 Village received an estimate of \$350,000, with savings of \$30,000, if possible, to pay with NYForward (includes buying streetlights, all materials, installation, contracting costs). Would need new estimate. Mayor states we're paying \$40,000 per year now. Trustee Weir mentions because they own the stuff, may want to consider not taking ownership and instead using service. Trustee Murphy states National Grid takes care of lights, with NYPA assistance. Mayor asks how much are maintenance are done on lights? Treasurer Heeder states we own the streetlights on McNary, Duck, Reynolds, Post Office parking, so depending on what's wrong, we hire Sheriff Electric, and DPW helps with repairs depending on need. NYPA monitors all streetlights and assumes dispatch and coordination for repairs. Mayor asks can they come in and brief us? Yes.

Trustee Browne states would need some sort of boom truck and manpower. Trustee Patterson mentions Real Time energy approached Village years ago, will forward that email to reach out to them.

Climate Smart Task Force report - Trustee Murphy mentions prospective new task force member, neighbor Osheen would like to join, and would like to make a motion to have him join. Per Mayor we usually talk to Bill (Mancini) and then sit down and discuss including roles and responsibilities.

Electric Vehicle campaign update. Trustee Browne asks does (Bill) want us to vote? As part of NYSERDA clean energy committee, scoping document to encourage residents to purchasing EV/hybrid, with coordination Kinderhook Toyota, tracking EV sales, with successful campaign will receive 200 points CEC program and \$5,000 grant from NYSERDA.

Trustee Murphy motioned to submit to NYSERDA, Trustee Weir seconded, all voted 'Aye.'

Trustee Murphy suggested Food Truck night next year.

Trustee Murphy addressed power lines situation on Albany Ave. and understands it's impossible for the board at this time, states its ridiculous previous boards and Mayors haven't

done anything nor prepared for a golden opportunity like this one, hopes future boards don't make same mistake, and would like to explore opportunities for underground power lines in the future for William Street.

10. Trustee Patterson

- Municipal code review project – First stage of the review is back, all stakeholders, CEO/DPW/Village Attorney have reviewed their sections vis a vis legislation. On track for completion end of July. Of 135 sections we've been asked to review, half of those have been responded to. (66), with 59 more to go. The HPC is meeting this month and will look at their section. The ZBA started their review but have 38 sections. Planning board has completed review on water and sewer. Right now Rob (Fitzsimmons) completed half of what was sent and will be reviewing for recommendations. Scheduled for completion by deadline. At next month's board meeting, will have to review all changes, make recommendations back to general code. Will put on agenda for August meeting.

- National Grid transformer relocation update on Hudson St. -Mayor and Trustee Patterson communicated to National Grid contact who stated that the project is scheduled for completion end of August. Question by residents on Hudson St. whether or not completion means just moving transformers or includes removing old utility poles? National Grid relies on Spectrum and others to move wires from old poles to new poles. May be slower progress on Hudson St. Permission to reach out to Bob Shevy, National Grid? Yes, per Mayor.

- Interior lighting conversion assessment

- Planning Board met July 6th, discussed Samascotts Garden market and they're changing greenhouses to another large greenhouse, all temporary structures replaced with a permanent greenhouse. Covered under Dept. of Agriculture and Markets.

11. Trustee Browne

He and Trustee Patterson met with Lisa Weilbacker, Director of Historical Society and discussed historical events, financial support, parking and Albany Avenue Projects. Working with Renee Shur on Parks designation for bandstand area.

-Historic Preservation Commission – Meeting conducted June 15th to cover new and old business. [Fences, Porches, Mini-Splits, Doors and Window Lettering]. HPC is doing great job with cleaning up old business and getting new business through. HPC has been awarded grant, is generating RFQ for selection of contractor. Liz Martin is managing and will forward information to Renee Shur in support of NYF DRI. Reported last month that the Albany Ave. watermain SHPO document was sent from HVEA to Parks. Received a response back and shared with HPC. It's pretty straightforward, the work done underground will not impact historic Albany Ave. Received draft SHPO for the work above ground, roads, sidewalks, etc., Trustee Browne sent letter to Tim Husband asking for workshop prior to July 20th meeting to go over SHPO with HPC and get guidance & advice prior to submission to DOT. Will have HVEA available to answer questions at workshop meeting.

- Albany Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project -Preliminary design on Albany Ave. Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvement project still aiming for shipment to DOT by 7/31/23. Looked over Economic Impact Statement and asked for changes.

Albany Avenue Projects workshop meeting was conducted Wednesday June 28th, 2023. Presentation materials and minutes are to be posted on the Village website. Prepared a bulletin article covering what is next. Will work with Mayor asking for input on the various options on preliminary design. Meeting periodically (weekly) with HVEA to go over preliminary design and support documentation and plan to submit to DOT by July 31st, 2023.

Invoice #1 and #2 and #3 were approved by DOT. Invoice #1 and #2 have been paid.

Drafted NYF/DRI project proposal covering the additional 20%

Albany Avenue Watermain Upgrade Amended Resolution - amended authorizing improvements to the water system. In 2021, then Mayor Dale Leiser had a resolution to bond money for Albany Ave. & William St. for roads and water. It was done to support grant submissions to DOH and EFC. Since then we've been incrementing grant proposals on basis of inflation and basis of changes to parts and materials. With recent grant for Albany Ave. Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project, both DOH and EFC asked we update the resolution so it matches, adding RF metering technology and significant costs increases for parts and materials. This resolution will match the grant and loan request. The amount is changing from \$1,600,000 to \$1,954,500.

Trustee Browne and Trustee Murphy read resolution dated 7/12/23 (see below).

AMENDED BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF KINDERHOOK, NEW YORK (THE "VILLAGE"), DATED JULY 12, 2023, AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM IN THE VILLAGE; ESTIMATING THE AGGREGATE COST THEREOF TO BE \$1,954,500.00; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,954,500.00 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE SAID COST

Resolution by Trustee James Mark Browne Seconded by Trustee Dorene Weir

WHEREAS, the Village of Kinderhook (the "Village") owns and operates a municipal water system within the boundaries of the Village which serves approximately 1,100 residents including various businesses and numerous residences; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that it is necessary to replace approximately 2,700 lineal feet of water main pipes, water service lines and related water system improvements on Williams Street and Albany Avenue within the Village and to replace the Village's water meters (collectively, the "Project");

WHEREAS, T&B Engineering and Landscape Architecture, PC, a reputed engineering firm retained by the Village (the "Engineer") prepared an Albany Avenue and Williams Street Watermain Engineering Report (the "Engineer's Report"), dated November 2021, which cited a HVEA Engineers Estimate, and advised the Village Board of Trustees that the cost of the Project would be approximately One Million Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Village adopted a bond resolution on November 17, 2021, authorizing the issuance of bonds in an amount up to One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00) to finance the cost of the Project as determined by the Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Village submitted an application to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("EFC") for a grant to pay a portion of the cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer subsequently amended the Engineer's Report by virtue of addendum letters dated June 17, 2022, September 6, 2022 and, most recently, July 7, 2023, pursuant to which the Engineer modified the estimated cost of the Project to reflect inflationary increases in the cost of labor and materials for the Project, as well as the first phase of changing the Village's water meters over to an AMI water meter system;

WHEREAS, the Village desires to amend its November 17, 2021 bond resolution to authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount up to One Million Nine Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,954,500.00) to finance the revised cost of the Project as determined by the Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Village plans to revise and resubmit its application to EFC for a grant to pay a portion of the cost of the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kinderhook, New York, (by a favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of its members), as follows:

SECTION 1

Pursuant to Sections 31.00 and 32.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law"), the Village hereby authorizes financing of the Project. The maximum aggregate cost of the above Project, based upon the Engineer's Report, dated November 2021, as most recently amended July 7, 2023, is hereby estimated to be \$1,954,500.00, which shall initially be paid from the issuance of \$1,954,500.00 bonds to finance such costs.

SECTION 2

It is determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid Project is forty (40) years pursuant to Section 11.00(a)(1) of the Law;

SECTION 3

The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,954,500.00 serial bonds or a statutory installment bond, the potential reimbursement of up to sixty percent (60%) of said amount through a grant from EFC, payment by Village users of water charges (the "Charges") and, to the extent of any shortfall from the Charges, the levy of a tax upon all of the real property in the Village to pay the principal of an interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and owing.

SECTION 4

The temporary use of available funds of the Village, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized to be expended pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law for the Project described in Section 1 of this resolution. If such temporary funds are used for any expenditure authorized in this resolution, the Village intends to reimburse such funds with the proceeds of the tax-exempt borrowing authorized and identified pursuant to Section 1 above.

SECTION 5

The proposed average maturity date of the bonds authorized pursuant to this resolution is expected to exceed five (5) years.

SECTION 6

The bonds issued to finance the cost of the Project described in Section 1 above shall mature no later than the date of the expiration of the period of probable usefulness for each such object or purpose.

SECTION 7

The Village hereby covenants and agrees with the holders from time to time of the Village issued pursuant to this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes of the Village issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, that the Village will duly and faithfully observe and comply with all provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and any proposed or final regulations of the Internal Revenue Service issued pursuant thereto (the "Regulations") unless, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the Village, such compliance is not required by the Code and Regulations to maintain the exemption of interest on said obligations from Federal income taxation.

SECTION 8

Pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Village has identified the Project as a “Type 2” action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), and no further “action” as the same is referred to in Article 9 of SEQRA and SEQRA regulations, needs to be taken prior to issuance of the Bonds. Additionally, the Project the Environmental Protection Agency has assigned “Categorical Exclusion Status” under the National Environmental Policy Act to the Project requiring no further action thereunder.

SECTION 9

Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the Village without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and notes to mature in such year, and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 10

Subject to the provisions of this amended bond resolution and the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of serial bonds and bond anticipation notes, or the renewals of said obligations and of Section 50.00 and Section 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bonds and bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and content as to sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, are hereby delegated to the Treasurer of the Village, the chief fiscal officer of the Village. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph a of Section 56.00 of the Local Finance Law, the power to determine whether to issue bonds and bond anticipation notes having substantially level or declining annual debt service, as provided in paragraph d of Section 21.00 of the Local Finance Law, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer of the Village, as the chief fiscal officer of said Village. In addition to the delegation of powers described above, the powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale and award the bonds in such manner as she shall deem best for the interests of the Village; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any other order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds.

SECTION 11

All costs and expenses in connection with the acquisition and development of the objects and purposes set forth in Section 1 above, and the financing thereof by the sale of bonds, including but not limited to, the fees and expenses of bond counsel, financial advisors, counsel for the Village and other professionals, shall be paid to the extent permitted by law from the proceeds of the sale of such bonds.

SECTION 12

The validity of the bonds authorized by this amended bond resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:

- (a) Such obligations are authorized for any object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money; or
- (b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

SECTION 13

This resolution or a summary thereof shall be published in the designated official newspapers of the Village for such purpose, together with a notice of the Clerk of the Board of Trustees in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

SECTION 14

This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the Village's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures related to the additional costs of the Project authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the bonds and notes, as required by the United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

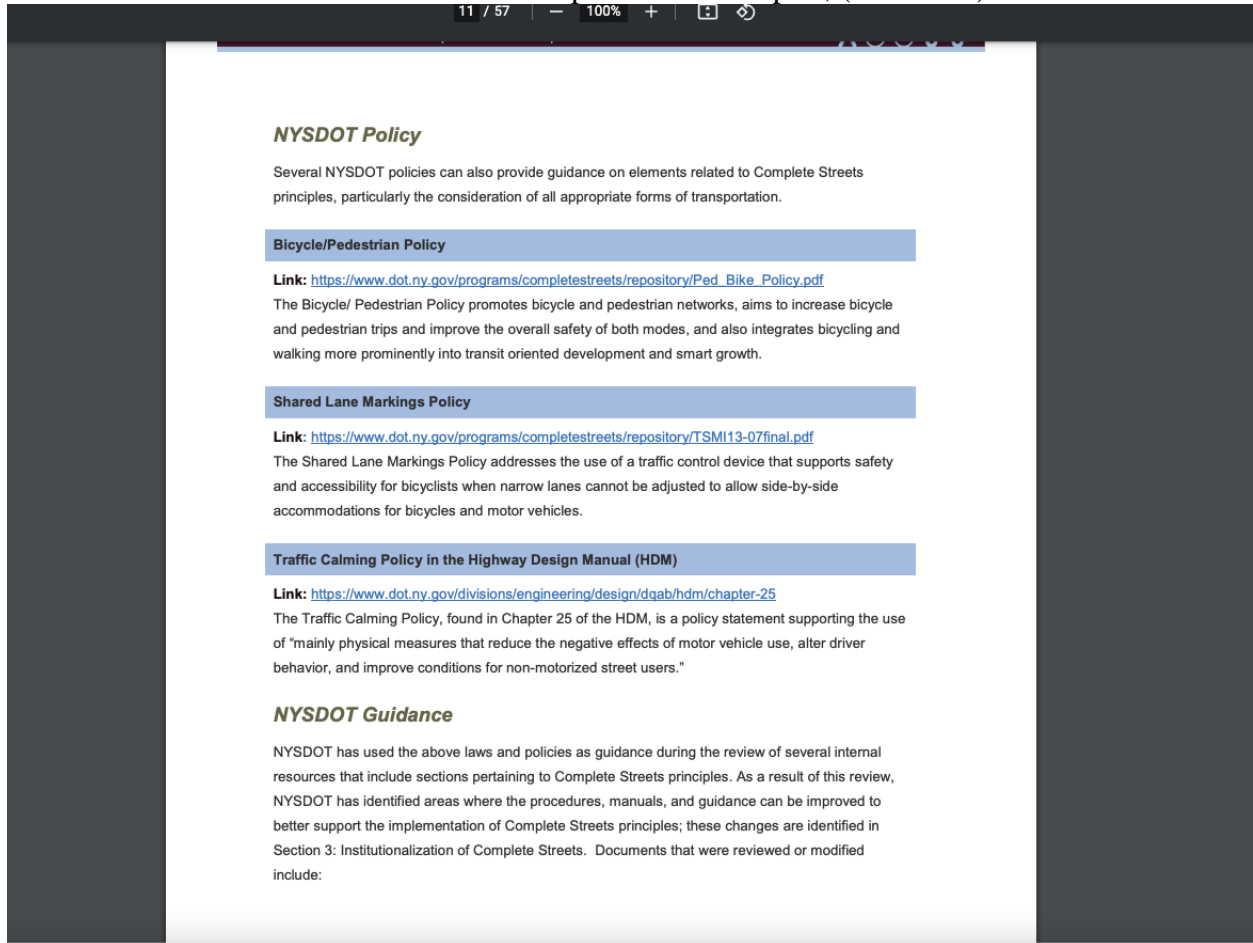
SECTION 15

This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum in accordance with Section 36 of the Law and Article 9 of New York State Village Law.

SECTION 16

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Trustee Browne referenced NYS DOT Complete Streets Report, (see below):



Trustee Browne stated there are 3 policies DOT they will use to evaluate the options put forth:

- 1) bicycle pedestrian policy – improve trips, improve safety of both modes, smart growth;
- 2) shared lane markings – support safety/accessibility for bicyclists when lanes narrow;
- 3) traffic calming policy Ch. 25 of Highway Design Manual policy statement...improve conditions for non-motorized street users.

12. Mayor Abrams

- Speed enforcement update – this past June haven't had support from Sheriff's due to their change to 12 hours shift. Mayor is speaking with Lt. Dunsbaugh about adjusting to 4 hours shifts for Village and will follow-up.

- Set date for Short-Term Rental regulation vote. Based on feedback the Village has updated the STR draft to add Planning Board approval. The applicant submits to CEO then to Planning Board and then neighbors are notified. All else is the same, just added extra layer of community involvement. Emailing latest draft to all residents, then setting the date to have next public hearing on Monday, July 31st at 7:00 pm.

- Set date for volunteer firefighter LOSAP (Length of Service Awards Program) referendum, which is a retirement annuity for volunteer firefighters. The tentative date for the referendum vote is September 19, 2023. It's a \$25,000 annual commitment which goes to an investment fund for volunteer firefighters.

- NY Forward LPC meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 13th.

Public is invited to attend second meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in VanBuren Hall. The Village would like to apply for the rest of Albany Ave., the bandstand, Broad St. lighting, Rothermel park, Van Buren Hall, and village square parking (potential parking collaboration with Aviary). NYForward folks offered architectural and engineering consultant support and

village is working with them to design what Rothermel park could look like, Van Buren Hall and village square parking which will be presented to Local Planning Committee.

- Resolution for naming the bandstand park area as Dunham Park. Mayor Abrams read Resolution adopted July 12th, 2023. On Saturday July 29th 4:00 p.m., Jim Dunham and family will be in the Village for the ceremony.

WHEREAS: During the past five years, there has been an effort to formalize and name park areas owned by the Village of Kinderhook and to create associated signage for the benefit of the community.

WHEREAS: The current park location at the western corner of Hudson and Broad Streets has been central to the development of Kinderhook village. For example, after a fire in 1880 destroyed buildings at this location, a public scale was installed for weighing wagons and their contents. Decades later, Kinderhookers constructed a bandstand where musicians presented concerts and orators delivered speeches. More recently, the statue of President Martin Van Buren by Edward Hlavka, dedicated by the Friends of Lindenwald in 2007, has become an essential point for tourists and locals to visit.

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees, representing the people of Kinderhook village, recognize the many contributions James C. Dunham and his family members have made over the centuries. Jim, a model community leader and neighbor, is known for his wisdom, generosity, determined work ethic, and kindness. For these reasons, and for the reasons enumerated below, it is fitting that this park be officially named Dunham Park.

WHEREAS: James C. Dunham's commitment to the village and to public service started at a very young age. According to his children, George "Bud" Dunham and Laurie Maul, Jim coached Little League before he had children and continued coaching for more than 30 years. Jim served on numerous village boards and committees, including multiple terms as mayor and village trustee, and generously donated his time and engineering expertise to important village infrastructure projects, such as the Kinderhook/Valatie sidewalk-link project, the business-district sewer project, and multiple street-repair initiatives. He has been an involved member of the

Kinderhook Reformed Church, serving in many leadership positions, including the Cemetery Committee. He has been active in civic life and volunteer activities as long as his son and daughter can remember and continues to volunteer today at age 80.

WHEREAS: Jim's wife, Bonnie Becker Dunham, supported her husband's public service efforts while also striving to better the community herself. According to the Dunhams' children, Bonnie accepted many evenings and days with Jim being away, saw vacations cut short for village commitments, and witnessed how consuming his devotion was, and is, to public service.

Bonnie's work on behalf of the community is impressive and distinguished in its own right. As a long-serving, dedicated, and skilled educator, Bonnie impacted the lives of many young people and their parents. She also assumed lead volunteer positions at local organizations, including the Columbia County Historical Society and the Kinderhook Reformed Church.

WHEREAS: In 1944, Jim's father, Private George H. "Bud" Dunham, was killed while serving honorably in the Third Infantry Division, United States Army, in France. According to Jim's children, Jim and his entire family remain proud of George H. Dunham's legacy as a person and as a soldier. The people of Kinderhook continue to honor the memory of Private Dunham. The supreme sacrifice he made during World War II is commemorated on the village green War Memorial near Dunham Park.

WHEREAS: The history of the Dunham family provides a window into more than three centuries of Kinderhook history.

Jim, two years old at the time of his father's death, was raised by his mother, Mary (Van Schaack) Van Alstyne Dunham. He grew up on Sunnyside Farm, located in the present-day Town of Stuyvesant but once part of the Town of Kinderhook, with his three maternal uncles and their families. As reported in a 1976 article in *The New York Times*, Jim's ancestors, "Jans Martense Van Aelsteyn and his wife, the former Dircke Harmense, bought several thousand acres along the Kinderhook Creek in 1671 for '70 good and whole and merchandable beaver skins.'" In that year, they came from Albany to cultivate this land. Another of Jim's ancestors,

Peter Van Schaack (1747–1832), was a prominent attorney in early New York who taught law to over 100 students in Kinderhook between the years 1786 and 1830 and counted John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States, among his close friends. Thus James C. Dunham represents a trailblazing family whose history dates back over 350 years in this immediate area.

WHEREAS: James Dunham’s grandparents, George E. C. Dunham and Jean A. Dunham, formalized their gift to the village of a portion of the land comprising the park at the western corner of Broad and Hudson Streets through a deed dated May 11, 1945. According to local historian Ralph Duck, George Dunham bought the building at 1-3 Broad Street from the heirs of Charles Palmer in 1944 and opened a second hardware store there after running a successful one on Main Street in Valatie. (In 1944, Augustus Torres, owner of the former Kinderhook Knitting Mill building at 2-4 Hudson Street, donated the land on which the bandstand stood to the village of Kinderhook.)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby proclaims that the village park at the western corner of Broad and Hudson Streets, Kinderhook, be named Dunham Park in honor of James C. Dunham and the Dunham family, in recognition of the many ways Dunham family members have benefitted Kinderhook through their legacy of public service and sacrifice.

“The dedication and designation is only as to the lands North / East of the existing 10’ easement consisting of the bandstand and bench areas, subject to any existing easement rights of others”.

Mayor Abrams motioned to approve Resolution, Trustee Patterson seconded, all voted ‘Aye.’”

13. Applications

- a. Kinderhook Runners Club is requesting Van Buren Hall on July 16th, Aug 20th and Sept. 17th from 9:30am-11:30am for yoga classes; July 23rd, Aug 27th and Sept 24th from 7-8pm for monthly board meetings.
- b. Andrea Horowitz is requesting the use of Van Buren Hall on August 26th from noon – 5pm for a baby shower.

Trustee Weir motioned to approve applications, Trustee Browne seconded, all voted ‘Aye.’

14. Taxpayer Time

Alexandra Anderson questioned if July 13th NYForward meeting was posted and open to public as she received nothing? NYS hosted meeting. Mayor states we will put those out. Suggests post office as many don't download Mayor's emails and a varied system announcing meetings will be helpful. Very concerned about Albany Ave. project and asks does DOT has final approval at end of day? Trustee Browne relays DOT has some authority over grant money usage. Can they cancel grant? Yes, but it's a matter of working with them, some requirements they won't budge for eg. ADA/PROWAG requirements for personal safety for individuals, and some can be waived. Also very concerned as president of the Historical Society of the impact on the historic district. Destructive to the character of village, challenging toward residents and their houses. Respect for historic district and impact need to be taken seriously.

Sean Sawyer asks after workshop June 28th can they summarize process and discrete steps? Will there be another public vote? Overwhelmingly in favor of option A and would like to see that sentiment put in minutes.

Trustee Browne relays the minutes have been posted on website, Mayor and Trustee Browne will send email blast, put out in blog, and request input from rest of community on preferred option. The board will give preferred option to HVEA by July 31st.

Phil Giltner asks about SHPO letter on amendments?

Trustee Browne has SHPO from HVEA presubmittal to DOT. It's 100 pages long and was received Monday. Sent email to Tim Husband, asking it be shown to HPC, distributed beforehand on the 20th, holding a workshop prior to the 7pm meeting, summarizing with questions. Phil asks if he's willing or able to summarize character of what was heard? What was nature of determination of SHPO? Per Trustee Browne – The draft response from SHPO was for the water project. What is SHPO's? Trustee Browne replied we complete application to DOT, they send to SHPO, who sends it back to DOT in August, after that we submit to DOT. We're on front end.

Will there be prioritization of options by village trustees? Only one will be submitted, decision made by Village trustees and voted on by next meeting.

Advertise or do on fly? More transparency? Resident wants to know what's happening in front yard.

Trustee Browne answered this is preliminary conceptual design, not the detailed design. There will be another public workshop meeting. Resident Phil Giltner feels Village is rushing. Mayor states we will revisit and make sure everyone has ample time to weigh in and will send out minutes. Mayor mentions overwhelming support from public on keeping conceptual design at A, that's what the Mayor will support right now. Will revisit dates and timing of upcoming meetings. Mayor will send out notice tonight for tomorrow's meeting.

Sean Sawyer states there's a dynamic of tension. Would like to hear what are the opinions as trustees? Realizes this goes through other processes. The way options were presented, most wanted option A, why are other options still presented? Trustee Browne is concerned about bicycle safety, and option 1 has least amount bicycle safety and may be an overrepresentation of what Albany Ave. wants, and states other perspectives such as safety of bikes, pedestrians. Need to get preliminary design in as the clock ticking, we could possibly lose money, unless we hear from community otherwise, option 1 is probably good.

Tina Lang states you say you're concerned with bicycle safety, there's relatively small amount of space for bicycle safety from Sunset to Broad St. and then what happens to bicycle safety at Broad St.? Seems pitched as way for folks to come off bike path and come into Kinderhook to get a cup of coffee and doesn't seem valid reason.

Not sure anyone's been hit on bike on Albany Ave. Not anymore unsafe than any other street.

Ron Rich asks what is the deadline for comments? Right up to July 31st, 2023. As a bicyclist, he states dedicated bike lanes are proven to be significant safety enhancements. Doesn't live on Albany Ave., other voices might want to provide input on traffic calming options and shared lanes, which is why he asked about deadline for submission. Mayor responds send email anytime.

Sean Sawyer asks could they use removable spray-paint to show width? How does tractor and car go down street together and not run over bike lane? Diagrams don't represent real space. Trustee Browne states it will be presented in detailed designs. There's a definition of what preliminary design package is, will share elements of it (1,000-page document), which we will vote on it.

Discussion about transparency and prior sewer and sidewalk project which didn't include public input. The board is including public in Albany Ave. project.

Alexandra Anderson states if you want bike lanes put them on every street in village. Trustee Browne agrees.

Ron Rich mentions annual event on July 30th, 300 bicyclists and Parks & Trails NY doing a Hudson Valley ride from Troy to Columbia Greene Community College.

Sean Sawyer mentions the whole electric trail has no markings on it, concerns with bike safety should start with trail itself.

Mayor states we will reevaluate the timeline, make sure there's time to review for full transparency.

Matt Cohn questions does the LED project include exterior lighting for firehouse? Yes, per Trustee Murphy.

Trustee Weir motioned to adjourn regular meeting and enter executive session to discuss staffing and property acquisition, inviting Trevor Bean and Renee Shur, Trustee Murphy seconded, all voted 'Aye.'

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Mayor motioned to hire John Yezzi as a part-time DPW employee for \$22 an hour. Trustee Weir seconded, all voted 'Aye.'

Mayor motioned to raise Nate Becker's salary to \$22 an hour retroactive to when John is hired; Trustee Weir seconded, all voted 'Aye.'

Executive Session adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Pulver.