

Minutes

Regular monthly village meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
August 12, 2015

Present: Mayor Carol Weaver

Trustees: Richard Phillips
Dale Leiser
Robert Puckett

Absent: Trustee Brian Murphy

Also attending: Dave Booth; Renee Shur; Rima Bostick Laura Hankin; Stewart & Audrey Peckner; Paul Calcagno; Chuck Rothermel ; Sue Van Alstyne; Frank & Bonnie Shannon; David Flaherty; Matt Cohn; Alexandra Spivy; Emelia Teasdale, Columbia paper.

Mayor Weaver opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

MINUTES

Mayor Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes of July 8, 2015 regular monthly meeting; Special Insurance meetings of July 10th, July 22nd, and July 30th, 2015; seconded by Trustee Puckett. All voted "aye".

ABSTRACT

Trustee Phillips made a motion to approve the monthly abstract in the amount of \$49,590.49; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Weaver made a motion approving the monthly Treasurer's report; seconded by Trustee Puckett. All voted "aye".

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly fire report and officer's meeting minutes were received. Two new windows were installed in the truck bay. Matt Cohn reported 4 calls, 2 drills and 4 details. The new AED is out of service, new pads and a battery was purchased. Until the new AED is back in service the older unit is on truck 35-2.

DPW

Shared Services—A shared service committee was formed at Monday night's Town of Kinderhook's board meeting. The committee consists of two Town Board members: Deb Simonsmeier and Paul Voltz. Two village of Kinderhook's board members: Mayor Weaver and Trustee Dale Leiser and resident, Chuck Rothermel. Mayor Weaver is waiting for a phone call on their availability of meeting dates.

Water Department—the village received a request from resident Carol Knause to use the village water spicket to wash her building. Trustee Phillips made a motion, as past practice, to deny the request; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

Water tank—Dave reported the water tower may have been hit by lightning again. He received a call that the level in the water tank was low. He called Smith Control to inspect. They will be here tomorrow. Dave will run the wells manually until then.

Columbia County Dump Truck— The village has taken possession of the dump truck that was given to the Village free of charge.

William Street —tabled

Resurface of Berkshire Drive— Dave Booth requested a week notice from Gorman brothers to allow the residents notice of the resurfacing. Gorman will schedule the village when they are in the area as the village project is small.

Requested duties for the DPW–Trustee Phillips made a motion to have Dave fix the playground faucet, baluster at the bandstand, entrance at the elevator door and to paint the doors on the village hall including troopers door and add rope and chain to the driveway behind the bandstand; seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted “aye”.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The CEO/ZEO’s monthly report was received with \$1,060.20 of fees collected.
Violation–Trustee Phillips made a motion to allow the CEO/ZEO to hire someone to cut the lawn at 3 Church; seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted “aye”.

REAL PROPERTY TAX

The village received a letter from Suzette Booy, Director of Real property Tax Service that resident, Mr. Banovic, did not receive a combat veteran exemption on his 2013 taxes in the amount of \$79.33 and his 2014 village taxes in the amount of \$81.54. Mayor Weaver made a motion approving the village tax collector refund Mr. Banovic his veteran exemption; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted “aye”.

ZONING BOARD

Minutes of December 22, 2014 and June 22, 2015 were received.

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a non–conforming use at 86 Broad Street for Carlucci–Simon Catering.

PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of June 4, 2015 minutes were received.

The planning board is in the process of reviewing the village sign ordinance. They are working with the Historic preservation board for the business district in anticipations to help promote the businesses in the village.

Trustee Phillips made a motion to waive enforcement for six months of the village sign regulations pertaining to the placement of “sandwich boards” to allow for placement in areas other than immediately in front of the applicable business when events are being held in and around the village square; seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted “aye”.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The village code does not permit a co–chair position. Ken Neilson will be chair and Neil. Van Alstyne will be Deputy Chair in Ken’s absence.

The Committee discussed the procedure of issuing Certificate of Appropriateness to the applicants.

A list of open COA’s was given to the Village Board.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Renee submitted a list of activities and projects she is currently working on along with a list of possible signage for businesses within the boundaries of Historic Business District.

Renee organized a live auction for the village’s old street signs. She raised \$2,925.00 towards improved signage at the village municipal parking lot.

She organized a volunteer to paint a chess board and checker board on a village picnic table on the village green for residents to enjoy.

Renee assisted with Dancing in the Square on Saturday, August 1, 2015. She is working on the 2nd Food Truck event to be held on August 27th in the village square.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tobacco Free Village Policy–The village received a letter from Lisa Heintz, Community Engagement Coordinator. She inquired if the village would like to adopt a tobacco use policy. Her office provides free assistance and signs prohibiting tobacco use on village property. Mayor Weaver tabled the tobacco use policy until further review from the village attorney.

Department of Transportation–NYSDOT has determined Columbia County 21 (Hudson Street to Broad Street) requires a Functional Class change. The class change will allow the village to apply for future grant funds. Mayor Weaver will request the village attorney draft a resolution that can be approved at the village’s September meeting.

VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Roof–Trustee Puckett stated he is facing logistic issues problems. He is working with the asbestos company on the placement of the trailer and dumpster. Business owner, Paul Calcagno, offered his vacant lot where the liquor store was or the parking lot in front of his building next to the post office. Trustee Puckett thanked him for the offer and will inform the company of his offer.

A permit may be needed from DOT to place them in front of the village hall. He called DOT for the permit for the scaffling in front of the building. A meeting with mid-state will be schedule e for Monday or Tuesday. The project is expected to be completed in two months.

WASTEWATER COLLECTION PROJECT

Cascale was given a punch list of items to finish. They will give the village five days’ notice before they schedule the repaving of the parking lot area and the other items on the punch list.

SIDEWALK LINK PROJECT

Jim is still working on the close out paper work.

APPLICATIONS

Mayor Weaver made a motion to approve the following applications with the correction of Candlelight night to be December 11th; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted “aye.”

- a. Kinderhook Library is requesting the 2nd floor of the Village Hall on December 11th from 6–8 pm.
- b. KBPA is requesting two signs in the village square to advertise Kinderhook Tasting and Dog Days.
- c. Elizabeth Hamtin–Berninger is requesting the village hall 2nd floor on Tuesday evenings from 7–8 pm to hold yoga classes.

RECREATION COMMISSION

An outdoor movie night was held on Friday, August 7th at Rothermel Park. The Big Hero 6 was viewed.

Community Night will be held on Saturday, September 12th from 6–9 pm at Rothermel Park.

TAXPAYER TIME

Mayor Weaver and Trustee Leiser met with the Town Board to discuss shared services. A committee was established of two Town Board members; Deb Simonsmeier and Paul Voltz. Two village board members; Mayor Weaver and Trustee Leiser and resident Chuck Rothermel.

Rima Bostick inquired on what equipment has the village purchased and what other capital projects has the village moved on in regards to the village DPW. Trustee Leiser responded the village purchased a mower and approved to have the village leaf machine to be repaired.

Chuck Rothermel stated the village made a motion to expend the insurance money on an engineer to moved forward with a new garage. He also requested Trustee Phillips gather two years of numbers on the village DPW.

Mayor Weaver responded to say the board is working parallel with researching shared services and the engineering to have plans drawn for a new building. She would like to be prepared either way the village decides to go. She is waiting on the Town to give the village a price on each service they may take over.

Trustee Phillips responded that he worked with the village Treasurer and has given the Mayor the numbers. Trustee Leiser stated he requested a prior two years of numbers to review if the current DPW is handling more items in-house. Mayor Weaver is not prepared at this time to make the numbers public until the Town gives what they are prepared to take over and the cost of this.

Rima Bostick noted if the village was to merge with the town the savings should be considered to be used in village wide snow clearing of the sidewalks.

Mayor Weaver made a motion to adjourn the village board meeting and enter into executive session on litigation at 8:20 pm. She invited Mr. Dunham to attend the executive session; seconded by Trustee Phillips.

Mayor Weaver made a motion to adjourn executive session and the village board meeting at 9:00 pm with no decisions made; seconded by Trustee Puckett. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk