

Minutes  
Regular Monthly Village Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips  
Dale Leiser  
Robert Puckett  
Robert Baumeister

Also attending: Larry Eisen; Nick Eisen; Renee Shur; Andrew Pellerterrie; Ruth Piwonka.

### **Taxpayer Time #1**

Ruth Piwonka, Village Historian requested permission from the village board to apply for approximately \$3,000 of grant funds for the Persons of Color Cemetery from Furthermore grants in publishing.

A motion made by Trustee Puckett allowing Ruth Piwonka to apply for grant funds from Furthermore grants in publishing for the Persons of Color Cemetery; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

Mr. Pelleterie would like to thank the DPW for the crack sealing on Jarvis Lane. He wanted to let the board know work performed does not go unnoticed.

### **MINUTES**

Trustee Phillips made a motion approving the minutes of July 13, 2016 Regular monthly meeting; July 6, 2016 Emergency meeting DPW Highway Garage and July 11, 2016 Special meeting DPW Highway Garage; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

### **ABSTRACT**

Trustee Leiser made a motion approving the monthly abstract of \$32,362.24; seconded by Trustee Puckett. All voted "aye".

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **Annual Financial Report (AUD)**

The Mayor and Trustees received a copy of the Annual Financial Report submitted to the state on July 23, 2016 for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2016.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Larry reported 7 calls, 1 drill and 2 details. The monthly officer's meeting minutes were received. Physical are scheduled for Dec.3, 2016 at 9:00 am. Two gas meters were ordered to replace the ones on their last leg.

Columbia County has moved forward with the High-band radios. The installations will start on August 1, 2016 starting with Battalion 3, 5 and 4.

Policy/Procedures: A motion made by Trustee Phillips to adopt a zero tolerance policy not allowing the drivers to use cell phones including texting, no alcohol use, and to wear their seat belts while driving; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye". Larry will inform the firemen and update their operations manual.

## **DPW**

DPW Highway Garage-A change order is requested to make the 10 ft doors to 12 foot doors for \$2,000 to accommodate the trucks with plows and to remove the wall between the repair and storage areas for \$960.00. This would allow the village DPW more flexibility and better access for a front end loader to place material in the storage area above the office.

Trustee Phillips feels with the removal of the wall will cause the village to use more heat. He feels the wall would help keep the heat in.

Trustee Leiser states there will be three heaters with separate thermostats for better heat control. By removing the wall will allow the DPW to store more items and the use of equipment to place the items above the office.

Trustee Puckett feels it will be more versatile for the DPW to work without the wall.

Mayor Dunham stated if heat becomes an issue the wall can be added at a later date.

Trustee Leiser made a motion to remove the interior wall for a cost savings of \$960.00; seconded by Trustee Puckett. All voted: Mayor Dunham, Trustee Leiser, Trustee Puckett and Trustee Baumeister “aye”. Trustee Phillips voted “nay”.

Water Department- the first phase of the GPS mapping of water manes and water lines have been completed. Rural water will come back on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the curb stops.

Waterline at Creek-Work on the village water line at the creek has begun with Harkins Mechanical. The silt around the waterline was dug out and item #4 was added and packed in and around. He blanketed the pipe and will add bigger boulders for protection. He will also add boulders to the upstream side to create a more gentle flow of water current around the pipe for protection. Harkins feels this is just a temporary 10-15 year fix. The line needs to be boured down further. Previously the pipe was 6ft under and the bank was further out for protection. Now the bank has been washed away.

Chip Sealing-the village originally proposed to resurface Rothermel Lane in the 2016-2017 fiscal year but Jim would like to consider chip sealing of the following four roads: Albany Ave (Sunset to Best Rd), Gaffney lane, James Lane, and Ban Buren Drive. In the past chip sealing was not reimbursed by CHIPS. Jim has learned chip sealing is now eligible for CHIPS funds. He spoke with Bernie Kelleher Superintendent of Columbia County Highway concerning the extension of life of the streets by using chip sealing. Chip sealing will give the street an additional 6 yr of life with an approximate cost of \$14,000 per mile; Nova Chip would give the street 12 years of extended life but would cost \$73,000 per mile with Gorman Brothers. Jim feels this will give the village more time to save for big projects like Albany Ave. Chip sealing is the laying of emulsion with ¼ inch stone rolled in. It is not as smooth as the Nova Chip but the cost savings is big. Jim is recommending chip sealing the roads with Peckham Industries Inc. under the Columbia County contract.

Trustee Phillips made a motion to move forward with the Peckham Industries to chip seal Albany Ave. (Sunset to Best Rd) Gaffney Lane, James Lane, and Van Buren Drive; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted “aye”.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

The CEO/ZEO monthly report was received with \$943.00 of permit fees collected and 10 permits issued.

## **TREE FUND-TREE PLANTINGS**

A tree is being planted in the green space between the sidewalk and Hudson Street in front of 7 Hudson Street, The Flammerie. One more tree will be planted at 32 Hudson Street.

## **TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY**

The committee selected WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff and will meet next Wednesday to discuss the scope of services needed.

## **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES**

The village adopted The Climate Smart Communities Pledge. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of The Commissioner sent a letter congratulating the village on the adoption.

## **INSURANCE**

Trustee Puckett and Trustee Phillips met with Matt Sherman on the claim with Mid State Industries due to the water damage. A check of \$18,000 will be issued to replace/repair the insulation and painting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the village hall. If the estimates of the repairs are higher the village is to contact Matt for additional funds.

DPW Garage-Matt stated the insurance company will cover the insulation of the garage above the total replacement cost of the building.

## **SURPLUS PROPERTY**

The village received a total of \$2,950.00 from the sales of equipment with Auctions International and \$50.00 for the sale of a welding machine. (1985 Ford F700 Dump Truck \$1,675.00; 1990 Tarrant Big TVac Leaf Machine \$320.00; Jaws of Life \$800.00; Porto Power \$155.00)

## **ZONING BOARD**

There was no business to conduct no meeting held.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Minutes of May 5, 2016 Public Hearing was received.

A public hearing was held for Maple Hill Creamery to rent the first floor and the basement of the old certified building.

## **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Minutes of May 5, 2016 Public Hearing was received.

Final comments need to be submitted to Nan Stolzenburgh for the preparation of the Public Hearing with the Planning Board before the submittal to the Village Board.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The framing and foundation of the two houses proposed by Tina Lang were approved on Church Street was approved.

A new Certificate of Appropriateness was adopted by the Commission.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Renee's monthly report was received giving an outline of all the work she has done and updates of the projects/grants she is working on.

Main Street Program- The Historic Preservation was receptive and supportive of the proposed projects of Carol Knause, Columbia County Historical Society and Kim Voltz, Anderson Agency to the Main Street Program. Renee, former Mayor Carol Weaver and Mayor Dunham with the assistance of Laberge Group submitted an application to the NYS Main Street Grant Program. Renee also worked on developing Streetscape Enhancement budget as part the Main Street grant application for \$15,000.

Lighting of the village Parking lot-The village received the official notification of receiving the NYS Lighting Study grant with the NYS Office of Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation.

NYS Grants Gateway- The village registered with the NYS Grants Gateway a requirement for receipt of the Office of Parks and Recreation Preservation Division Award and a requirement for future application of grants.

Renee read a press release she had written about the Economic Development of the village. She wrote about the business that were still operating in the village, the eight that have opened and about the current empty store fronts. She requested permission from the board to have the press release printed in The Columbia Paper. The Village Board approved of the press release to be printed.

Persons of Color Cemetery-Warren Applegate and Ruth Piwonka are working together on grant funding and donations for the cemetery.

## **NYCOM CONFERENCE**

Trustee Phillips made a motion for Mayor Dunham and Clerk-Treasurer, Nicole Heeder to attend the NYCOM conference in Saratoga on September 13 &14 and move the regular Monthly village board meeting to the following Wednesday, September 21, 2016; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

## **SCHEDULING OF VILLAGE CLERK AND COURT CLERK'S BOOKS**

The Village Board scheduled the annual audit of the court clerk's books for Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm and the Village Clerk's books at 7:00 pm.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

ADA Compliant bathroom 1<sup>st</sup> floor-Trustee Puckett made a motion to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$4,000 to modify from one bathroom to two bathrooms; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

The village board will meet Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 for an inspection of the village hall to discuss the projects needed to be completed and prioritize by project. (Coupola, replacement of State Troopers doors, painting the village hall windows, Village Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> fl work etc...)

## **SIDWALK LINK PROJECT –TITLE VI**

The Title VI Plan has been submitted and was approved by DOT. Mayor Dunham will speak with Glenn Smith, Title VI Coordinator, on several details.

## **WASTEWATER COLLECTION PROJECT**

Mayor Dunham is still working on the Emmons pump at the pump station.

## **APPLICATIONS**

Trustee Phillips made a motion to approve all applications with insurance required; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted “aye”.

- a. Kinderhook’s Runners Club requested the village square from 6/9-6/10 of 2017 for the OK5K race in the village.
- b. Broad Street Bagel is requesting to sell ice cream in the village square on Friday evenings in August during the Ghent Band from 7-9 pm.
- c. KBPA requested the Village Square and Bandstand on August 6 with a rain date of August 13 from 6-9 pm to hold a community gathering with the sale of alcohol.
- d. Kinderhook Library is requesting the Playground pavilion on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>; October 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> to play Quidetitch.
- e. KBPA requested the village square and bandstand on September 25 from 10 am-3pm for a car show.
- f. Kinderhook Library is requesting the village hall 2<sup>nd</sup> fl for teen night on Dec. 9, 2016 from 6-8 pm
- g. ENY Blackhawks is requesting the playground baseball diamond on Sat & Sun 9/11-10/30 (4 dates).

Previously, the village board approved The Friends of Lindenwald request to shoot a canon in the village square during a reenactment of the return of then president Martin Van Buren to his home in Kinderhook. The village insurance carrier recommended not allowing the canon to go off in the village square. Mayor Dunham will inform Peter Burjarnow that the shooting of the canon would not be allowed.

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

Tennis Court-Trustee Baumeister received a quote of \$7,800 from Copland Coating for the repairs of the tennis court. He will acquire two more to meet the village procurement policy. He will also request a quote for the repair and lining of the basketball court.

The commission is hosting a movie night at Rothermel Playground on Saturday, August 13 with a rain date of August 20<sup>th</sup> to view Zootopia. The annual Community Night is scheduled for Saturday, September 10 from 6-9 pm.

## **KBPA**

The Farmers Market and events hosted by the KBPA this summer has been going very well.

## **TAXPAYER TIME #2**

Ruth Piwonka requested the removal of rag weed along the sidewalk of one Chatham Street down Albany Ave. Mr. Dunham reported if it is extending over the sidewalk the village can remove it.

Renee Shur noted the Planning Board is working on regulations of pods placed in the front yards of village residents.

Trustee Baumeister made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted “aye”.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole H. Heeder  
Village Clerk