

## Minutes

Special Meeting on the William Street Project and Hall Construction Sidewalk Clearing Contract  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips  
Dale Leiser  
Robert Baumeister  
David Flaherty

Also attending: Village Residents: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bauch; Jacob Samascott; Jennifer Ose-McDonald.

Mayor Dunham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **WILLIAM STREET PROJECT**

The village board is proposing the reconstruction of William Street including the replacement of the water mains from Maiden Lane to Rt. 9. The village will need to research where funds may be available for the water main replacement. Mayor Dunham believes the village board needs to consider if the installation of a dry sewer line is warranted.

#### ***Sewer line***

Mayor Dunham informed the public that Clark Engineering conducted a Wastewater Collection study of the village in 2007. They broke the village into 5 sections based on the need of a sewer system. The Waste water collection system has been installed in the B-1 area. Clark Engineering listed the "Hudson Street area" (Hudson St, William St from Maiden Lane to Hudson St, Maiden Lane and Jarvis Lane) as the next area in need of a sewer system. They determined this area was the next in need primarily due to the effect of existing on-site septic systems in the area of the village's wells.

Mayor Dunham stated Steve Winkley of the NY Rural Water Association did not identify septic systems as an impact to the village wells in his Wellhead Protection Study in 2002. Mr. Winkley stated the agricultural use of fertilizers was the cause of the rise of nitrate levels in the village wells not the flow from septic systems.

An estimated cost for a dry sewer line to be installed in this section of William Street is approximately \$150,000. In the future, additional sections of the "Hudson Street area" would be added including grinder pumps at each house and a force main to pump from the lower end down William Street. An additional \$200,000 is estimated to activate the system with additional cost when adding the other sections of "Hudson Street area". If the dry line was to be installed Hudson Valley Engineering will need additional time for further study and design. Time will be needed from for approvals of other agencies and the Village of Valatie.

Mayor Dunham feels based on the lack of need, high construction costs and the additional time needed from other agencies and Valatie, the inclusion of a dry sewer line should not be considered further.

#### ***Water main***

The reconstruction of William Street will also address the drainage issues in several areas along William Street. Mayor Dunham roughly estimated the project to be \$300,000 to \$350,000 for the reconstruction of William Street and another \$100,000 for the water main. The village will have approximately \$90,000 saved in CHIPS money to go towards the project. If the village wants to use this money we will need to meet the standard handicapped requirements.

The availability for funding the replacement of the water main on William Street may not meet Hudson Valley Engineering's schedule. The village will reach out to New York Rural Water Association and/ or a consultant such as Laberge Group to assist in finding funding for the water main replacement. The project may need to be delayed to take advantage of funding for water mains. The project probably needs to be shovel ready to receive funding. The village was not shovel ready last April and was not able to apply for grant funding.

The purchase of the right- of -way takings adjacent to the sidewalk may also delay the project. The current New York State Department of Transportation requires a minimum 4'with sidewalk. This can be an issue around the utility poles and mail boxes. Moving sections of sidewalk around each utility pole or mailbox or moving the entire sidewalk back 1' from the road, will probably mean narrow 1'-2' taking from the adjacent properties.

Hudson Valley Engineering will hold a Public Informational meeting on the project in December. They will recommend all residents with galvanized piping into their homes have them replaced by a contractor of their choice.

### **Snow Clearing Contract**

Hall Construction & Landscaping amended their annual contract to include: (If back to back snow events occur and contractor is not notified to clear sidewalks, contractor will be paid for each snow event.) The Village Board was on consensus the village needs to follow the village code allowing 24 hours after each snow fall to clear their sidewalk. The village will be more diligent in contacting Tom Hall. Mayor Dunham and Trustee Leiser will meet with Tom to discuss.

### **Applications**

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

- a. ICC Booster club is requesting to place a sign advertising their Craft Fair from November 15<sup>th</sup> -November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Columbia County Historical Society is requesting the use of Van Buren Hall on November 21, 2017 from 6-9 pm for a program on Benedict Arnold with author and speaker David King.

Mayor Dunham adjourned the special meeting at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder  
Village Clerk