

Minutes  
Regular Monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips  
Robert Baumeister  
David Flaherty

Absent: CEO/ZEO, Glenn Smith and Trustee Dale Leiser

Also attending: Highway Superintendent, David Booth; First Ass't Chief, Matt Cohn; EDC Director, Renee Shur; Emelia Teasdale, The Columbia Paper. Village residents; William Mancini; Vesna Marincke; Tina Lang; Patricia Coughlin; Alexandra Anderson-Spivy; and Rima Bostick.

Mayor Dunham called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

### **MINUTES**

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the minutes of September 13, 2017 Regular monthly Village Board meeting; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the following budget amendments presented by the village Treasurer; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

#### *General Fund*

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A.7140.41 Recreational Contractual Community	A.7140.4 Recreational Contractual	\$202.45
A.7140.41 Recreational Contractual Community	A.7310.4 Youth Programs Contractual	\$ 11.98

### **ABSTRACT**

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the abstract in the amount of \$141,440.42; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Asst't Chief Cohn reported 5 calls, 2 drills and 1 detail. All apparatus drivers are required to recertify their driver training by January 1, 2018. If a driver does not recertify they will not be able to drive an apparatus for 2018.

Town of Kinderhook Budget meeting-Trustee Phillips requested a 2% increase for the village's Fire Department. Trustee Phillips, Fire Chief, Eisen and Asst. Chief, Cohn will attend the Town of Kinderhook's budget meeting for the fire companies.

### **DPW**

Superintendent Booth reported several items completed by the DPW this month are: He and Rob worked extensively on equipment maintenance and water meters. They sealed the salt shed and the concrete. They will continue with mowing and focusing on leaf pick up.

Water Department- the Columbia County Health Department conducted their annual inspection of the village's water supply. Dave feels the inspection went well. He and Trustee Leiser are requesting quotes to have the roof replaced at the pumphouse.

William Street Design- Mayor Dunham will meet with Hudson Valley Engineering next week. They will discuss the proposed schedule of resurfacing of William Street from Maiden Lane to Rt. 9 including new water lines and sidewalks.

New Truck- The 2016 Tierra Star truck was received with the plow and sander. The village is waiting on the mid mount side wing. H & L Gauge is offering a five year extended warranty on all mechanical and electrical for a onetime payment of \$700.00. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to purchase the warranty; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

Silver 2008 GMC- Dave reported the 2008 GMC had 70,000 hard miles that no longer should hold the sander and plow safely. The pickup body was no longer safe to use. Removal of the bed, surface rust and work on the cross members with the purchase and installation of a new flatbed will allow another year or two out of the truck. The flat bed can be used on Dave's truck when it is time to rotate the trucks out to keep the equipment in safe working order as needed.

Rothermel Extension-Colarusso completed the resurfacing of Rothermel Extension. The contract came in under state contract by \$1,000. The village DPW did need to build up the shoulder of the road using a lot of Item 4 and top soil.

Assistance with leaf pick up-The village will advertise for part time DPW help for leaf season.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

The CEO/ZEO's monthly report was received with 11 permits issued and \$2,577.34 of fees collected.

14 Sunset Ave- Resident Patricia Coughlin stated it has been 6 months since the owner at 14 Sunset Ave has worked on the property. Mayor Dunham stated he spoke to one of the owners and they are trying to sell the property by winter. Glenn will be moving forward with issuing violations on the property. Ms. Coughlin asked how much is owed on the property. Mayor Dunham stated he could look this up but did not know. Resident Tina Lang inquired if the house was habitable. Mayor Dunham did not believe so but would be a question for Glenn. Trustee Flaherty stated it is hard to enforce the speed of work to be performed. If a resident is working on the property the village cannot tell them when they have to have it done by. He stated he sympathizes with her as he had a neighbor for years that was working on his home.

12 Sunset Ave-Ms. Coughlin stated number 12 has been painted an unfortunate shade of purple and inquired if the village knew what the owner was going to do with the property. She feels the village can follow through with the uniform code; the property owner is in violation of many. The property owner could be given drop dead dates to have things completed besides a coat of paint there has not been any other work done. Mayor Dunham noted he knew the property owner installed a new water line into the house. Trustee Flaherty said it is not the village board's business to request what a property owner will be doing with their home. When they are making progress on the property it is hard to enforce the speed in what they are doing. He is not defending the owner he is just giving the reality. If they are making progress it is hard to enforce something that is occurring. Mayor Dunham apologized Glenn was not able to be at the meeting but she could talk with him.

### **TREES**

Village Property- Mayor Dunham would like to receive quotes to have several trees removed including one on the village's right away adjacent to the Monahan property (50 Broad St) where it borders Berkshire Drive.

## **TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY**

Village Clerk/Treasurer Heeder read aloud the email requested by resident Rima Bostick to be read into the record.

Mayor Dunham noted the village is following the recommendations given by WSP. The company hired to complete the traffic study in the village. The State Police and Sheriff's office has monitored 20 times in three months several streets in the village. Four tickets were issued for speed. The village is purchasing a variable speed sign that will be placed on streets within the village. The village is going through the process of the recommendations from WSP. Six recording devices will be placed in November to see if there is a reduction in speed with the process the village has followed from WSP.

## **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASKS FORCE**

William Mancini gave the following report:

Green Fair: A subcommittee was created and met, they have been in contact with a number of organizations including Pace University and Clynk regarding a program events and presenters for the April 21, 2018 Green Fair.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station: The Task Force is currently considering an application to request a DEC grant for an electric vehicle charging station. Further study, preparation and possible submission dates will be discussed at their November meeting.

Food Waste Recycling: Task Force member, Jolene Race, the county commissioner of solid waste disposal, mentioned a second possible recipient of food waste, Almstead Nursery in Ghent.

Energy Code Enforcement Training: Robyn Reynolds, the Capital District Regional Planning Coordinator, informed the Climate Smart Task Force that Energy Code Enforcement Training related to the Clean Energy Communities initiative will resume. Based on population, the village is only required to have the code enforcement officer attend training rather than three municipal officials. She will contact Glenn Smith with details of the training schedule.

Annual Report: The Task Force prepared an annual progress report highlighting their work over the past year, and potential future projects. Mr. Mancini submitted the report to the Village Board and requested it to be posted to the Village Website.

## **INSURANCE**

1 Berkshire Court-the resident at 1 Berkshire Court notified the village office of a water leak at the meter. The DPW and Trustee Dale Leiser, Water Commissioner inspected the connection between the plumbing and the meter. The supporting blocks under the meter were knocked over. The resident and the village will each contact their insurance carrier.

Inventory-Trustee Phillips submitted a list of equipment for the DPW and Palmer Engine & Hose to Metzwood Insurance for the renewal of the village's insurance policy.

## **ZONING BOARD**

Minutes of June 26, 2017 Public Hearing were received.

The meeting was cancelled no new applications were received.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Minutes of June 1, 2017 were received.

The meeting was cancelled no new applications were received.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The committee approved the work on Cupola. Mayor Dunham will be meeting with Julian Adams from NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation on how things are enforced by the CEO/ZEO.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

The EDC Director's monthly report was received.

Kinderhook Creek-The grant application "Kinderhook Creek Recreational Access Improvements Plan" was submitted by Barton and Loguidice on September 8, 2017. The village is awaiting the award decision to be announced on October 13, 2017. Mayor Dunham is optimistic on the grant he feels four municipalities applied together for the project.

Lighting Study- George Campbell of Sage Engineering completed the Lighting Study; Renee prepared the final report to be approved by Mayor Dunham for the grant reimbursement of \$3,500 with the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Trustee Flaherty stated Renee's work on The Native Son Brochure is "Impressive" it is much more than a brochure.

## **COLUMBIA COUNTY YOUTH PROGRAM**

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to have Mayor Dunham sign the contract with Columbia County Youth Bureau to apply for program funds for the 2017 year; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye"

## **PROPOSED SOLAR PANEL LAW**

A motion made by Trustee Phillips to hold a public hearing on November 8, 2017 at 7:15 pm on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2017 Solar Energy Installations; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

## **VILLAGE HALL**

Van Buren Hall-Renee is looking for any ideas on an official ceremony now the Van Buren Hall sign has been installed.

Other Projects-2<sup>nd</sup> fl-Trustee Flaherty is waiting for a call back from Scheriff Electric on adding additional lighting in Van Buren Hall and adding three outlets on either side of the hall. He would also like to call a carpenter to change the two doors under the stage to four doors for better access.

Elevator- the elevator/lift signs are installed on the village hall.

Cupola Repair Project-The cupola project is complete. Mayor Dunham feels Tim and Chris Smith and Jeff Pizza, who did the woodworking, did a very good job.

Capacity limits-Marylyn Kaplan will review the capacity limits for the village. It is based on sq footage, number of exits.

## **WASTE WATER COLLECTION PROJECT**

Anti-Siphon Valve-Emmons Pump is supposed to get back to Mayor Dunham on a solution for the siphoning issue.

## **EMPIRE STATE TRAIL**

Hudson Valley Greenway is requesting to be lead agency on the Empire State Trail and have a SEQR TYPE I action. Mayor Dunham feels they should be the lead agency and he will not be objecting. A meeting for the Town of Kinderhook & Villages of Kinderhook & Valatie, will be held on November 27<sup>th</sup> A letter will be sent to village residents adjacent to the trail.

## **SIDEWALK CHURCH STREET**

If, The School is installing an elevator the village will need to drop the sidewalk for handicapped access. There may be a tree root issue by dropping the sidewalk. Mayor Dunham would like to speak with a tree specialist.

## **DEMONSTRATIONS**

On Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> The Indivisible Immigration Group will be meeting at The School to have a picture taken from a drone and will proceed to the village square to Congressman Faso's office. Mayor Dunham will place barricades up for safety if the group gets to large. They did request the bandstand and electricity but were not able to provide the proper insurance.

## **APPLICATIONS**

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

- a. Ms. Eignebrodt requested Van Buren Hall on October 22, 2017 from 11am-4pm
- b. V.E.R.A requested to place a sign in the village square advertising their Fall festival
- c. Ann Marie Mink requested Van Buren Hall on Thursdays from 9:30-10:00 am for Zumba Gold classes
- d. Living Resources requested the use of Van Buren Hall for open interviews on 10/30,11/1 and 11/2 when available; 9-1 and or 1-5pm (Insurance required and a \$50.00 fee)

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

Due to the Holiday the meeting was reschedule to Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7pm.

## **KBPA**

The OK Fall Festival went very well. Candle light night will be Friday, December 8, 2017; from 6-8:30 pm.

## **TAXPAYER TIME**

Traffic Calming-Resident Rima Bostick thanked the Mayor for the speaker system she appreciates the effort but noted the quality needed work. She also asked for reports to be provided before the meeting placed on the village website in the spirit of open government. She feels it would be good for the public and the village board to review reports like the abstract before the meeting. She is not trying a legal suit but she will continue to ask.

Rima stated she has now lost her third cat in the same spot. A truck coming down Hudson Street taking a left onto William Street hit her cat and did not stop. She feels when the village widened the mouth of William Street it allowed vehicles to take the turn at a higher speed. Due to the width of the street compared to Maiden Lane it creates a hazard. By the village encouraging people to come into the historic village we are increasing our liability. She is not practicing law but we have to realize the village creating a liability. She feels it is a simple solution by narrowing the road. She has measured the width of the road and it is wider than other streets. She feels the village should consider reconstructing her end of the street since we will be working on the other end. The village will have a record of all her complaints and hopefully next time it is not a person hit.

Mayor Dunham disagrees with her. Trustee Flaherty inquired when did the village reconstruct her end of William Street. Mayor Dunham noted the street was completed in about 1996.

The fly along Albany Ave. -Alexandra Spivy asked who and why was the vegetation cut down along the fly on Albany Ave. It was not done in a horticultural manner and she should receive a tax break due to the ugly view. She would like to know if the village will be cleaning the area

up. Mayor Dunham responded the Town of Kinderhook cut the brush down to allow a better view. It was done with good intentions. It should look better in the spring.

Butterfly Garden-Alexandra Spivy inquired if the village knew of the sequence of the Butterfly Garden. She is requesting a notice be placed on the village's website explaining the process of the Butterfly Garden. Trustee Phillips asked if the village can have Sigrid Grey write something on the process of the Butterfly Garden.

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to adjourn at 8:31 pm; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder  
Village Clerk