

Minutes
Regular Monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips
Dale Leiser
Robert Baumeister
David Flaherty

Also attending: Superintendent, David Booth; Fire Chief, Larry Eisen; Economic Development Director, Renee' Shur; Reporter for The Columbia Paper, Emelia Teasdale and Village residents, William Mancini; Jennifer Ose-McDonald, Jake Samascott and Paul Calcagno.

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

TAXPAYER TIME

Paul Calcagno wanted to inform the village board that he changed his primary address to the village. He has a few concerns and questions he would like to discuss with the village board. He inquired if the Fire Department and the village received any grants. He stated for the past fifteen years he has written grants for towns and villages. He wrote a grant for the Village of Philmont for \$87,000 for two police cars; a grant for the Town of Greenport for \$100,000; and for the Niverville Fire Department for over \$100,000. In total he has written grants in upward of over \$500,000.

Mr. Calcagno said a year ago he was contacted by the village's EDC Director who was submitting a grant for business and property owners in the village. The grant was a matching grant for the property owner to fix up their property. He gave Renee a name of a grant writing company that he felt would fit the village perfectly. The company wrote grants for historic villages. The company would just have to match the grant the village wanted with a grant they have received. The village did not hire the company he provided. The village did not receive the grant and he inquired why the village did not receive the grant. He stated he found out the village did not complete all requirements of the grant. He finds that frustrating. He says there has been an issue with properties in the village for the past 15 years. That is why he moved into the village. He cannot complain about the village without doing something about it. He wants to offer his services to write grants for the village. He would like to see the work plan for 2017 and 2018 so he can see where the village is going. He believes Economic Development means to encourage people to invest in the village. He stated people are hesitant to come here to invest because there are inconsistencies. He said he works with the village attorney in three different municipalities and he does not get why the board has to ask the village attorney for answers. Like the grinder pump on his property. He is positive it is illegal for the recipient of a grant to give away equipment received in a grant. He would like to challenge the village attorney on this. If he does own the grinder pump then he should have a key to the grinder pump and the maintenance agreement for the grinder pump.

Mr. Calcagno is upset the building inspector says he cannot site Al Roberts for shingles falling from the building and exposed electrical wires. When Paul was contacted by CEO/ZEO, Glenn Smith years ago when his brother owned the property Glenn stated that he was going to close off the property for the same issues. Now Glenn is saying he cannot write a violation on the property.

Mr. Calcagno said he cannot complain about things unless he is willing to do something about it and that is why he moved to the village. He is offering his services as a resident to the village.

Fire Chief Eisen did address Mr. Calcagno that the Fire Department has received grants the newest being for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera. Mayor Dunham also addressed that the village has received grants the sewer project being the biggest grant received.

MINUTES

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the minutes of December 13, 2017 Regular monthly meeting; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “aye”.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the following budget amendments; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted “aye”.

General Fund

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A.1420.4 Law Contractual	A.4020.4 Registrar of Vital Statistics Contractual	\$120.00

ABSTRACT

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the abstract in the amount of \$28,116.73; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “aye”.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Trustee Leiser made a motion approving the monthly Treasurer’s Report; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted “aye”.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Eisen reported 6 calls, 3 details and 1 drill. They attended 60 calls for 2017-15% fire calls 15% wires down 13% auto accidents 12% alarms and 10% eco cardiac arrest calls and 35% of miscellaneous calls. The purchase and installation of a thermal imaging camera to fire truck 351-3 was completed on Saturday. They have changed their bi laws to have their meetings start at 7 pm instead of 8 pm.

Multi family inspection-the fire department has no authority to complete inspections without the Building Inspector. The Building Inspector will need to schedule the inspections with the property owners and contact the Fire Chief to attend.

DPW

Dave reported the village has had 4 snow events that have depleted the village’s salt reserve. He has used 61 tons of salt. He stated the village requested to purchase 120 tons of salt on state contract and is allowed to purchase up to 150% over the village’s budgeted amount. After that the state does not allow the village to purchase anymore and the village will need to reach out to adjacent towns for salt. He stated the village’s salt shed does not allow the village to order more.

Trustee Phillips requested Dave to be mindful of the amount of salt that is spread. He stated most village streets are 30 mph and the salt is mainly needed at the stop signs and intersections.

Water Department- the DPW attended to the frozen line at the Reformed Church and at the pumphouse. The village tested the nitrate level in the village’s water. The test showed a 2.7ml nitrate level. A nitrate level less than 10 ml is in acceptable range.

FEMA-The village will be receiving \$9,736 from FEMA for the March 2016 storm.

Hazard Mitigation planning-Trustee Phillips and Superintendent Booth will attend Columbia County’s Hazard mitigation meeting next week.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The CEO/ZEO's monthly report was received with 6 permits issued and \$160.00 of fees collected.

TREES

Mayor Dunham mistakenly directed Mr. Onderdonk to the wrong tree to be taken down on Berkshire Drive (back of Monahan property, 50 Broad St.) at a cost of approximately \$1,000. The correct tree was be taken down and the village will need to plant a replacement tree.

TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

Former Trustee Brain Murphy has been working with the DPW to move the variable speed signs between Gaffney Lane, Albany Ave and Hudson Street. He has spent a lot of time on the data collected from the signs. The results for the ATRs placed from WSP showed the average speed on Gaffney Lane is down by 2.5 mph from the complaint drivers with the variable speed sign up. The data showed there was no reduction of speed with the variable speed sign in place from the vehicles that tend to go over the speed limit.

The Department of Transportation requested a meeting with the Town of Kinderhook, Village of Valatie and the Village of Kinderhook to discuss speed limits on January 29 at the Town Hall.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

Mr. Mancini reported their meeting was cancelled. The committee did hold a workshop on Saturday, January 6th to draft the application for a grant from the DEC to install and electric vehicle charging station. Robyn Reynolds, the CDCEC coordinator, will arrange and meet with prospective vendors to get estimates of installation and equipment costs.

Mr. Mancini has contacted the Historic Preservation Commission informing them he will be submitting an application when they have a more detailed plan of the proposed charging station. The proposed installation will be in the village parking lot along the perimeter closest to the bank. This will allow the electric dropped from the street light pole. The charging station will use two parking spaces.

WILLIAM STREET RT. 9 TO MAIDEN LANE

Mayor Dunham received an estimated cost of \$700,000 with an additional 20% contingency cost totaling \$840,000 from Hudson Valley Engineering for the project. He is expecting the preliminary drawings tomorrow and a tentative informational meeting to be held on February 5th.

ZONING BOARD

There was no new business presented therefore the meeting was cancelled.

PLANNING BOARD

There was no new business presented therefore the meeting was cancelled.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There was no new business presented therefore the meeting was cancelled.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The EDC Director's monthly report was received.

Kinderhook Creek- Renee is requesting the village pass a resolution to apply for a Hudson Valley Greenway grant due by February 9. The grant is an inter municipal grant between the Village of Valatie, Town of Stuyvesant, Village of Kinderhook and the Town of Kinderhook for the Kinderhook Creek Recreational Use Study.

Barton & Loguidice will be submitting the grant application pro bono to the Hudson River Valley Greenway under the Greenway Communities Grant for the Kinderhook creek on behalf of the village.

Resolution-“Kinderhook Creek Recreational Use Study, Phase I”

RESOLUTION NO. 1

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 10th day of January, 2018 at the Village Hall, 6 Chatham Street, Kinderhook, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Trustee David Flaherty;

Seconded by: Trustee Dale Leiser.

WHEREAS, the Village of Kinderhook is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant Program for a project entitled “Kinderhook Creek Recreational Use Study, Phase I” to be located in the Village of Kinderhook Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires the applicant municipality to obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality or municipalities in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing board of the Village of Kinderhook hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant Program, for a project known as “Kinderhook Creek Recreational Use Study, Phase I” and located within this community.

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

Mayor James Dunham;

Trustee Richard Phillips;

Trustee Dale Leiser;

Trustee Robert Baumeister; and

Trustee David Flaherty.

The following Board members voted "No" in opposition thereto:
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The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Village Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Mayor of the Village of Kinderhook.

Dated: January 10, 2018

Nicole H. Heeder, Village Clerk
Village of Kinderhook

Sister City-A draft Memorandum of understanding was sent to Buren in the Netherlands. Renee is awaiting their comments. Once signed the sister city will be established and she is hoping this will allow opportunities for our youth and more advertising for the village.

Van Buren Hall- A committee will be created to develop an overall renovation plan to Van Buren Hall. This will allow the village to be prepared for any grant money that may be applied for.

OLD DUTCH INN

A letter was written to Judge Koweek stressing the importance of a decision to be made on the Dutch Inn for the economic development of the village.

CODIFICATION OF NEW LAWS

Mayor Dunham requested the solar law be sent to General Code for the codification of the new law into the village code book.

RESOLUTIONS FOR VILLAGE ELECTION

Polling Place-

The following Resolution was made by Trustee Phillips; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

WHEREAS the General Village Election of the Village of Kinderhook will be held on March 20, 2018,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the polling place for such election will be at the Village Hall, 6 Chatham Street in the Village of Kinderhook and that the polls will be open from noon until nine o'clock in the evening.

Election Inspectors-

The following Resolution was made by Trustee Phillips; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

RESOLVED THAT: The following persons are appointed inspectors for the village election to be held on the 20th day of March, 2018.

Linda Moran, Chairman
Sue Lauster
Geraldine Smith
William Mancini

Bernadette Powis, Alternate

WHEREAS, Registration Day is required to accomplish this action, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Registration Day will be held for the Village of Kinderhook General Election on March 10, 2018, 12 noon to 5 PM at the Village Hall.

Inspectors of Election will meet at the foregoing place to prepare a register for the Village Election.

VILLAGE HALL

Projects 2nd fl-Trustee Flaherty is waiting for a response from the electrical contractors for an estimate on the proposed work to be performed in Van Buren Hall.

State Troopers Office- the State Trooper's requested several items to be addressed in their office. Replacement of several ceiling tiles, changing of a light switch in the locker room was addressed other items like the repair of the sheet rock in the entrance and painting of office will wait until the spring.

Capacity limits-Trustee Flaherty sent an email to Maryln Kaplan on the capacity limits after last month's meeting he has not heard from her.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY

Mayor Dunham and Trustee Phillips met with Village attorney, Fitzsimmons and received examples of a workplace violence policy required by the state and the village's insurance carrier NYMIR. Trustee Phillips would like to establish a committee at next month's meeting to be added to the village's committee appointments. He would also like to update the current village policies after the adoption of the workplace violence policy.

REAPPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE REGISTRAR AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to re appoint Nicole H. Heeder as village Registrar and Carol van Denburgh as Deputy Registrar; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

UNPAID WATER, SEWER & TAX BILLS

Trustee Leiser knocked on several residents' doors handing them their water shut off notices. He was able to collect all but three for unpaid water collection and two for unpaid sewer collection.

WASTE WATER COLLECTION PROJECT

Anti-Siphon Valve- The village is still measuring 50% of what the village is sending in water use. He is waiting on Emmons Pump on how to address the issue.

EMPIRE STATE TRAIL

Mayor Dunham, Andy Beers from Hudson Greenway and the Historical Society will meet on Saturday to review the proposed easement at the Historical Society. The Hudson Greenway is preparing the Environmental Impact Statement. The project is on schedule for construction in 2019.

SIDEWALK CHURCH STREET

The project is on hold and may need to be added to next year's budget.

APPLICATIONS

David Smith is requesting Van Buren Hall on February 24th and March 24th to hold "Concert in the Village". He is also requesting to leave his piano in Van Buren hall for approximately six weeks. A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving Mr. Smith's request to hold two concerts in Van Buren Hall and to leave his piano if he signs a hold harmless agreement; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

RECREATION COMMISSION

The meeting was cancelled.

KBPA

No meeting held.

TAXPAYER TIME

Jennifer Ose -Mc Donald is in support of the Albany Hudson Electric Rail Trail. She would like Mayor Dunham to discuss the safety concerns with the trail crossing at the curve on Gaffney Lane with them placing it on their radar. She would also like to comment on the electric vehicle charging stations. She stated as a parent with the next generation living here and purchasing cars and the miles families put on the cars driving children to activities. She would like the board to consider the charging station like a service like as a gas station or a car wash so you are in and out not fighting over traffic in a small parking lot. If the Climate Smart Committee would consider placing the charging station on the main street outside of the parking lot or anywhere there is extra capacity. The electric charging stations will be important when you look into the future of living in a rural area and the miles you will place on your car.

Mr. Mancini stated the guidelines of the grant allow the charging station to be installed on municipality property only. A short discussion on additional charging stations and the different places where they can be installed was discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk