

Minutes

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees and Public Hearing on
Proposed LL No. 3-2013

A law to amend the Code of the Village of Kinderhook to establish regulations for the
erection and maintenance of signs.

October 9, 2013

Present: Mayor Weaver

Trustees: Richard Phillips
Dale Leiser
Robert Puckett
Brian Murphy

Also attending: Jim Dunham; Brud Snyder; Glenn Smith; Mr. Schmit, Bruce
Charbonneau; Matt Cohn, Laura Hankin; Rima Bostick; Emilia Teasdale, Columbia
Paper.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Weaver opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm. The village Clerk read the public
notice that was published in the Register Star on September 20, 2013.

Mark Browne, Chairmen of the Planning Board stated the sign law is something the
Planning Board has worked on for two years under Gene Schuler and Phil Giltner. The
committee received comments from the HPC and the village board before finalizing the
proposed law. They wanted business owners to have an easier time interpreting the
law and make it business friendly.

Mayor Weaver thanked all members of the boards who worked on the improvement of
the law and acknowledged the dedication of former member Gene Schuler who recently
passed away.

Mayor Weaver closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 pm.

MINUTES

Mayor Weaver made a motion to approve the monthly minutes of September 11, 2013;
seconded by Trustee Puckett. All voted "aye".

ABSTRACT

Trustee Phillips made a motion to approve the abstract in the amount of \$198,383.75;
seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted "aye".

TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Matt Cohn reported six calls, one drill and four details. Tyler Fire repaired the
generator on truck 35-2. Truck 35-1 is scheduled to be serviced on October 7, 2013.
Truck 35-2 will return to Tyler Fire for a pump test.

The fire department will help with the hydrant flushing on Oct. 15th, 16th & 17th. The
snow flags will be mounted on the hydrants as they flush the hydrants.

DPW

Leaf pick up will start Oct 15th and continuing through November. The new chlorinator at the pumphouse was installed.

The boy scouts have moved all their things to the new Town office building. Mayor Weaver would like the DPW to install shelving in the closet they occupied. She would like them to clear the Holiday decorations off of the top of the bathrooms and place the items in the closet.

The village received notification that paint chips were falling on the floor from the water leak on the 2nd floor of the village hall. Mayor Weaver requested Brud clean and scrap any loose paint from the walls of the village hall 2nd to keep additional paint from falling.

Electric Village Square–The fuses in the village square are blowing during the farmer’s market. Brud thought it would save the village money if at the time when the boring of the sewer lines are being done could a separate boring be done for the electrical lines. Mayor Weaver requested the village receive an estimate for the boring of the electrical lines. The electric at the bandstand is sufficient to handle lights/grills etc in the Village Green. The cable would come up near the monument and then additional outlets will be placed along each side of the Village Green (3 on each side). The mayor requested an estimate to complete the electric work from Sherriff Electric when she met with them.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Glenn’s monthly report was received with 29 permits issued and \$1,899.70 of fees collected.

Glenn is requesting the village board to consider an increase to the village’s permit fees. He stated there has not been a rate increase since 2006. Trustee Phillips would like the permit fee schedule for renewal permits increased to encourage residents to complete their projects on time. Glenn stated you cannot penalize people for renewing their permits when you’re truly trying to push a few residents to finish their projects. Trustee Puckett felt the proposed schedule Glenn submitted is a 30% increase and he felt the increase is too high. Glenn does not want him to look at it as the percent of increase but what the surrounding areas are charging. The village board decided they would review Glenn’s permit fee proposal and make a decision at the village’s November Board meeting. The Mayor stated that the 18 month extension to complete the work was too long. Trustee Phillips agreed. Glenn stated the Board could make the time shorter.

VILLAGE HALL

Trustee Puckett and Mayor Weaver met with National Grid and Fairpoint concerning the high voltage lines in front of the Village Hall. The high voltage lines are for the 3 phase siren on the roof. If the siren is converted to a single phase, the lines could be removed. Trustee Puckett stated he is meeting with Scheriff Electric to see what changes would be needed to convert the siren to a single phase. National Grid would install new pole 3 houses down from the Village Hall. The pole by the bank will have the high voltage lines removed. Since that pole is not in good condition, a replacement pole will be placed there. They will need to meet with DOT and receive approval to install the new pole. The village will have to change the fire siren on the village hall to a single phase. Once this is done, the Village can commence work on the Village Hall without having to hire a contractor that can work in areas where there are high voltage lines.

The adjuster from the village's insurance carrier inspected all of the village's buildings for hail damage. They will replace the roof at the pumphouse and the salt shed. They will paint the DPW garage and the playground pavilion.

PP LL LAW# 3-2013 TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF KINDERHOOK ZONING LAW IN RELATION TO SIGNAGE

SEQRA–Mayor Weaver read the SEQR and made a motion issuing a negative declaration for purposes of SEQRA; seconded by Trustee Puckett. All voted “aye”.

Mayor Weaver made a motion to adopt LL No. 3-2013; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted “aye.”

RECORDS DESTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION SHEET

Mayor Weaver made a motion approving the destructions of records listed on page #43; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted “aye.”

WASTEWATER COLLECTION PROJECT

The village is working with the Office of Community Renewal on the extension request of grant funds. When the village receives approval, Mayor Weaver and Jim Dunham will meet with the B-1 property owners to sign the easement paperwork.

SIDEWALK LINK PROJECT

The project is coming to completion in the next two weeks. The metal sign for Kinderhook was stolen, most likely by a metal scrapper. SNK Enterprises, Inc. has ordered a new sign for replacement. Mayor Weaver would like to plan a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Mayor of Valatie.

APPLICATIONS

Mayor Weaver made a motion approving the following requests; seconded by Trustee Murphy. All voted “aye.”

- a. Randall Schmit is requesting a sign for an event on October 19th from 11 am –5 pm. Mr. Schmit will meet with Glenn Smith for placement of the sign.
- b. Theresa Rossi is requesting the Village Hall 2nd fl on Saturday mornings from 1/14–12/14 at 8 am.
- c. Kinderhook Memorial Library is requesting the Village Hall 2nd fl on 12/13; 5–9 pm for teen night.
- d. KBPA requested a sign advertising Oktoberfest.
- e. Mandy Lawson is requesting the Village Hall 2nd fl on 10/27; 12–5 pm for a child's birthday party.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Rima Bostick will write a press release on behalf of the Economic Development Committee and the Village Board to encourage residents to volunteer their time. The EDC Committee and the Village Board will review the press release before sending it to the press or posting on the village's website. Rima would like to post a summary of the results of the business and residential surveys at the same time.

ZONING BOARD

No meeting held.

PLANNING BOARD

Update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan—Mark Browne will draft a statement requesting residents interested in volunteering on a committee to update the village's comprehensive plan. Anyone interested my contact the village office. Mr. Browne would like the committee to meet before the monthly Planning Board meeting.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Glenn Smith placed a stop work order on Isabel Dobies home on William Street. He did authorize a front door to be installed for safety reasons. Columbia Opportunities was performing work on the home without a building permit or going before the HPC Committee. The agency should have met with the HPC committee and received approval from SHPO before performing any work on the home. Mayor Weaver will speak with Ruth Piwonka concerning the HPC Committee and Columbia Opportunities.

RECREATION COMMISSION

The annual Halloween party will be held in the Village Hall 2nd floor on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 2:00 pm. Trustee Phillips and Trustee Puckett will be available to judge the costume contest.

KBPA

The committee is planning their annual Oktoberfest in the village square. The farmer's market will move inside St. Paul's. The KBPA will host the reading of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow at 3:15 pm on the steps of the Vanderpoel House after the Village's Halloween party.

TAXPAYER TIME

Rima Bostick wanted the Village Board to be aware that National Grid is shutting power off without notice to the residents. National Grid does not supply numbers in the local phone books to be reached. She feels this is a safety issue and the village board should be aware. Trustee Puckett responded the non-publishing of the phone numbers is a concern. As for shutting off power without notice is usually done for emergency work and residents are notified ahead of time if electric will be shut off for scheduled work.

Rima Bostick and her daughter, Laura, neighbors of Ms. Dobies, voiced concern that Columbia Opportunities would start work on a home without prior approval. She stated she has worked in agencies such as Columbia Opportunities, and the agencies do know that they need building permits to do work. Since this is in the Historic District – both Village and National, they should have had approval from SHIPO. She wanted to know how long it will take to remedy this situation. The Mayor stated that she will contact the HPC and CEO regarding their concerns.

Mayor Weaver made a motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 8:54 pm and enter executive session for litigation and personal issues; seconded by Trustee Puckett.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk

Executive session opened at 8:50 PM.

The Board discussed personnel and no decisions were made.

The Board discussed possible further litigation on the Article 78.

The Board discussed the Chu sewer easement. The board agreed that they would not be receiving any benefit from the sewer. The Board agreed that if compensation was requested, easement footage could be used to calculate the amount. This was how it was done for the sidewalk link project. So far no easement money has been utilized for the Wastewater Project.

Mayor Weaver made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM with Trustee Murphy seconded.
Vote: All "aye".

Submitted by
Carol Weaver
Mayor