

Minutes
Regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Present: Mayor Carol Weaver

Trustees: Richard Phillips
Robert Puckett

Absent: Trustee Brian Murphy and Trustee Dale Leiser

Also attending: Mark Browne; Hailey Hickman; Mrs. Morgan; Jim Dunham; Renée Shur; Emilia Teasdale, Columbia paper.

Mayor Weaver opened the meeting at 7:01 PM. She welcomed student Haley Hickman to the meeting. Hailey is attending the meeting for her Social Studies class.

MINUTES

Trustee Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2014 Regular monthly meeting and minutes of Special meetings September 15, 17, and 29th of 2014 on the roof repair project; seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted "aye".

ABSTRACT

Trustee Phillips made a motion to approve the monthly abstract in the amount of \$31,425.44; seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted "aye".

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Weaver made a motion to approve the monthly treasurer's report; seconded by Trustee Puckett. All voted "aye".

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The monthly fire report and officer's meeting minutes were not received. Larry Eisen, a fireman, was injured at his home and the other firemen were at the hospital with him.

D P W

Dave Booth was unable to attend the meeting he was attending a wake and funeral. Mayor Weaver gave the following DPW Report: the water main leak on Hudson St and William St was found and repaired. Paving of the area as well as Berkshire Ct, Duck Lane and the Firehouse back parking lot was done. They insulated above the truck bays of the Firehouse; Pump #2 is offline Smith Well Drilling was called to look at it. Pump #4 was cleaned and refurbished to restore the flow rate.

Street signs-Mayor Weaver contacted Columba County, Core Craft, and Saxton Signs concerning the purchasing of new street signs. Columbia County informed Mayor Weaver the street sign by law had to be Green and White. Saxton Signs reviewed the state law and informed Mayor Weaver the village could stay with the black and white signs. Trustee Phillips made a motion to purchase the aluminum street signs from Saxton Signs. The DPW will straighten and paint the poles; seconded by Mayor Weaver. All voted "aye."

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Glenn was unable to attend the village board meeting. His mother had a stroke and he was at the hospital. His monthly report was received with 13 permits issued and \$1,353.10 in fees collected.

Mayor Weaver will request Glenn to write a letter to Jeff Pinkowski to mow the grass along the sidewalk in front of his property on Rt. 9.

ZONING BOARD

A meeting was held to respond to the appeal from Stewart Peckner concerning the CEO/ZEO's decision to allow the banners on "The School". Mr. Peckner wanted clarification of the village's signage law on what is allowed in a residential area. It was determined the size of the banners are larger than the allowable size according to the village code. In the future, they may apply for an area variance if they would like to hang the large banners advertising the exhibits.

PLANNING BOARD

Mark Browne is currently working on updating the village's Comprehensive Plan. He would like to apply for a Greenway Grant to help fund the cost of a professional consulting service to assist the committee with the update. He believes they should concentrate on the Economic Development of the village. Mark will meet with Renee Shur, the village's new EDC Director, for suggestions this Friday, October 10th, 2014. He will also meet with Jim Dunham to discuss the procedure to follow the village's procurement policy in hiring a consulting firm.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The HPC had questions concerning the village's sign regulations. HPC Chairwomen, Ruth Piwonka, attended the Planning Board Meeting to discuss the sign regulations with the board. The Planning Board will take the Historic Preservation Commission's comments into consideration and will keep comments on file if the sign regulations are updated in the future.

VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Roof-A meeting is scheduled for Monday October 13, 2014 at 5:00 pm with Marilyn Kaplan to discuss the rebidding of the village hall roof repair project. Trustee Leiser will be on vacation and will not be able to attend the meeting.

State Troopers Office-Trustee Puckett is coordinating a date with the troopers as they need coverage in the office during the time of the rug installation.

Sidewalk at 4&6 Eichybush Road- At last month's meeting the village board made a motion to allow Trustee Leiser to accept the low bid for the reconstruction of the sidewalk at 4&6 Eichybush Road. The village sent the specs to four contractors and received the following two quotes: Casale Construction \$6,200,000; Hall Construction & Landscaping, Inc. \$6,250.00. Trustee Leiser will notify Casale Construction they were the low bidder.

AUDIT OF THE VILLAGE CLERK AND COURT CLERK'S BOOKS

An audit will be held on November 18, 2014 at 6:00 pm to audit the village clerk's books. The Court Clerk is unable to meet as she works at the Town Court that night and will need to reschedule her audit.

WASTEWATER COLLECTION PROJECT

Rob Fitzsimmons wrote a letter to Steve Gilger (9 Hudson Street) outlining the costs he will incur for the partial pipe that was installed and the quarterly fees for the sewer. As of yet the village has not received a response from him.

Casale Construction added a second crew to the project to move the project along. With the second crew they may be able to complete the project by November 1st.

SIDEWALK LINK PROJECT

Jim is having a close out issue he will be going to the Regional office in Poughkeepsie for a meeting. He is hoping to close out the project in November.

WILLIAM STREET DESIGN AGREEMENT WITH HUDSON VALLEY ENGINEERING

Jim Dunham would like to have Hudson Valley Engineering start the design work for the reconstruction of the water lines and paving of William Street from Rt. 9 to Maiden Lane. The cost of the design work will be approximately \$38,000. Trustee Puckett and Trustee Phillips would like to put the project on hold until the village knows what the financial status is as of the end of May 2014. They are considering to use the funds towards the village hall roof repair project.

Mayor Weaver stated the money for the engineering was budgeted in this year's budget. Even if Bob knew the financial status it would not matter as he will not know the bid amount of the roof repair project as it is going out to bid again. Mayor Weaver made a motion to have Hudson Valley Engineering start the design work; seconded by Trustee Phillips. Voted: Mayor Weaver "Aye" Trustee Phillips "aye" Trustee Puckett "nay" The motion does not pass.

APPLICIATIONS

V.E.R.A. is requesting to place a sign in the village square from Oct. 10-19th advertising their Artisan Fair. Mayor Weaver made a motion approving the request; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Renee would like to plan a ceremony for the completion of the wastewater collection project possibly on November 14, 2014 when the Mayor will be in the village. A "Royal Flush" ceremony inviting the Chamber of Commerce, Village Boards, Casale Construction, Clark Engineer, the recipients of the sewer etc... If anyone has any ideas or suggestions she would love to hear them.

Renee will work with Mark Brown on the update of the Comprehensive Plan. She would like to acquire data to help her find what type of business would be good for the Certified Reports building. Broad Street Bagel Co. will open at 1 Broad Street; they are waiting for the installation of large refrigeration unit. This will be a full service café, catering, wholesale and retail bakery.

The Flammerie has been providing a food truck on Wednesday evenings in the village square. They have been planning on opening a restaurant at 7 Hudson Street when the renovations were complete. A projected open date of November 12, 2014 is scheduled.

KBPA

The Harvest fest is scheduled for October 10th from 9-1 pm. There will be an apple bake off, hay rides, and pumpkin painting. This will be the last outdoor farmers market. Renee would like help collecting emails from the residents. Trustee Phillips will help collect email while he is there.

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Halloween Party will be October 25th at 2:00 pm. The reading of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow will follow at 3:00 pm at the Vanderpoel House.

TAXPAYER TIME

Trustee Phillips is working on a new permit application for businesses that have a liquor license wanting to sell at events hosted on village property. He would like to have this ready for approval of the village board by the November meeting.

Mayor Weaver made a motion to adjourn the village board meeting and enter into executive session at 8:25 pm concerning personnel; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

Mayor Weaver adjourned the Executive Session meeting at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk