

Minutes
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
Regular Monthly Village Board Meeting

Present: Mayor Leiser

Trustees: David Flaherty
Michael Abrams
Dorene Weir
James Mark Browne

Also present:; Climate Smart Committee Chair, William Mancini; Economic Development Director, Renee Shur; Larry Eisen and Mrs. Sabine Murphy.

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

CLERK/TREASURER

Minutes -A motion made by Trustee Weir to approve the minutes of January 6, 2022 Special Meeting; Regular Monthly Village Board meeting of January 12, 2022 and Special meeting of January 27, 2022; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “aye”.

Budget Amendments- A motion made by Trustee Weir to approve the following budget amendments; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “aye”.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A.1990.4 Contingent	A.1420.4 Law Contractual	\$ 727.70
A.4090.4 Environmental health contractual	A.3620.4 Safety Inspection Contractual	\$ 49.43
A.7997.4 Culture Recreation Equipment	A.5132.4 Central Garage Contractual	\$ 176.18
A.7997.4 Culture Recreation Equipment	A.7180.1 Special Recreation Facilities	\$ 24.20
A.7997.4 Culture Recreation Equipment	A.8010.1 Zoning Personal Services	\$ 30.95
A.1990.4 Contingent	A.8160.1 Refuse Personal Service	\$ 644.20

Water Fund

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
F.8340.4 Transmission and Distribution Contractual	F.8330.4 Purification Contractual	\$ 689.90

Abstract- A motion made by Trustee Abrams approving February’s monthly abstract in the amount of \$44,897.76. General Fund expenses of \$41,261.36; Water Fund expenses of \$1,803.40; Capital Projects of \$1,833.00; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “aye”.

Treasurer’s Report

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the monthly treasurer’s report for February 9, 2022; seconded by Trustee Browne. All voted “aye”.

CPR training for AED requirements-The village owns three automated external defibrillators (AED). They are located at the Village Hall, DPW garage and the Playground. The one at the playground is removed during the winter months. It is required to have at least one person at each location who is certified on how to use the AED. The village board determined to have the

employees trained and a village board member. (Dave, Rob, Nicole, Kristy and Trustee Abrams) will attend a training class. Valatie Rescue Squad will sign off on the required paper work after the required training has been completed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Bujanow submitted his monthly report to the Village Board. He stated due to the cold weather he has issued very few permits and is taking the down time to close out open permits. Mayor Leiser requested the total revenue by the village's fiscal year instead of calendar year. Peter will send him the information by email.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Economic Development Director, Renee Shur submitted her monthly report to the village board.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation-A motion made by Trustee Abrams to have the village act as a fiscal sponsor on behalf of the KBPA for the 2022 Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation grant; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye."

NYS Department of Parks & Recreation –If the village were to keep the bandstand area as a park the bandstand would be eligible for a Parks & Recreation Grant.

NYS Department of Parks Recreation Historic Preservation Grant- Renee was informed the village should consider applying again for grant funds for the interior renovations of Van Buren Hall with the Hall being built prior to 1910.

KBPA-Renee is working on bigger programs for families and kids during the Farmer's Market.

MAYOR LEISER

DPW-Due to the recent storm the DPW has been busy with the snow and ice.

Fire Department-Larry Eisen reported 7calls, 0 drill and 0 detail. He provided the Clerk with the Officer's meeting minutes and the Fire Incident Reports per incident for January. Last year the Fire company was awarded the DEC grant they applied for. Due to covid they were unable to receive the equipment they requested. They are now investigating the purchase of a trash pump.

Fire truck-Mayor Leiser signed the contract with Pierce Firematic for the purchase of the Pierce Rescue Pumper. The fire truck will not arrive for 20 to 24 months. Bill Krug from Pierce Firematic informed Mayor Leiser that a Rensselaer Fire Company is no longer interested in purchasing a new fire truck and is interested in purchasing the village's 2008 fire truck.

Salt shed- The village received a letter dated January 12, 2022 from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) informing the village was not selected to receive the Water Quality Improvement (WQIP) grant for a new salt shed. Mayor Leiser attended a debriefing on the village's application. The grant was for municipalities who needed to place their salt outside due to no coverage.

Appointment of Secretary to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals- Mayor Leiser appointed Kari Van Buren as the secretary to the Planning Board

and Zoning Board of Appeals. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to approve of the appointment; seconded by Trustee Weir. All voted “aye”.

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY

Village Hall Justice Court-The village is requesting an extension of the Justice Court grant for the front entrance door to the Village Hall.

Bandstand-If the village is going to move forward with applying for a grant for the bandstand Trustee Flaherty will request an estimate from Greg Merryweather to submit a more in depth drawing than the preliminary drawing requested. The HPC has not met to give comments on the proposed fence.

Zoning Board of Appeals-The January 24, 2022 meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

TRUSTEE ABRAMS

Water and Sewer-There are approximately 36 residents and businesses with unpaid water and sewer bills. (\$2,432.94 in water and \$2,509.05 in sewer). A resident sent an email to the village wanting his late fees removed due to an executive order during the pandemic. The village attorney and NYCOM was consulted and the Executive order was for municipalities not to shut a residents water off and to not charge late fees on unpaid bills if they entered into a payment plan. The executive order ended December 31st. Trustee Abrams will meet and discuss this with the resident and have the village board determine how to move forward offering the same to any resident who wishes to enter into a payment plan.

Water Purification (PFOA)-On January 18, 2022 the village received the PFOA test results and we are way below the acceptable limit. The village has had to have the test done on a quarterly basis at a fee of \$750.00. With the test results we have the village can now test twice a year. Regular water testing is done daily.

Roads and Sidewalk-Due to the ice the village extended the sidewalk clearing until Monday, February 14th. Some people understand the need for extra time and some residents feel the village needs to adhere to the law. The board feels this storm had extenuating circumstances with all the ice and is hopeful neighbors will help each other out.

WIIA grant- The WIIA grant is scheduled to be awarded by the end of the month. The board is hopeful for a positive outcome.

HPC-The January 27th meeting was cancelled due to no new applications received.

TRUSTEE WEIR

Recreation Commission- The village attorney read and approved the contract for the proposed playground equipment. The playground equipment was ordered today. The February Recreation meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, February 15th.

Greenway-Kayak Launch-Ted Kowalski from Barton & Logudice found a company that sells the dock and lock kayak launch for \$4,500 and will install the launch. This is half the price of what the village was quoted.

LWRP-Renee prepared a draft RFP for the Local Water Front Revitalization Plan. Trustee Browne graciously offered to review and gave suggestions prior to the village attorney's review and suggestions. A meeting with Renee, Dorene and Clerk Heeder is scheduled next week prior to submitting to Lisa Vasilakos at the Department of State. Ms. Vasilakos offered a final review of the RFP prior to the village advertising the RFP.

Memorial Day Parade-Trustee Weir spoke with Fire Chief Matt Cohn who will contact the other Fire Departments on their participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Dorene will meet next Monday with Town of Kinderhook Recreation Director Barbara Berger.

Climate Smart Committee-No monthly meeting was held. The village received the incentive funds from Astral Power as a result of the Solarize campaign. The village is waiting for the Solstice incentive. Mr. Mancini submitted the NYSEARDA grant application for \$5,000.

Dash for Trash-Anne Birckmayer is planning a dash for Trash on Saturday, April 23 in celebration of Earth Day 2022. No application is needed the Climate Smart Committee is an entity of the village.

Environmental Conservation Law membership-Mr. Mancini requested to have an email blast sent to residents inquiring if anyone is interested in joining the County's Environmental Management Council. They would need Village Board recommendation and the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

TRUSTEE BROWNE

Planning Board met on February 3rd on an application proposing a used retail car dealership at 5 Hudson Street. The Planning Board did not accept the application they stated the application was incomplete. They requested the applicant to provide additional documentation: Operational narrative, parking, and hours of operation prior to the Planning Board accepting the application and setting a public hearing.

Alternate Members-A public hearing for Proposed Local Law 1 of 2022 entitled "A local law amending the Code of the Village of Kinderhook to provide for alternate members of the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Recreation Committee" was to be held tonight. Due to the timing of the paperwork to the newspaper was missed the Public Hearing will be rescheduled to March 9th at 6:45 pm.

Insurance- the village is paying the invoices incurred due to the accident with the car entering the side of the Village Hall. The insurance company issued an initial \$10,000 dollar check to the village to cover the costs.

Policy Handbook-Trustee Browne has worked on the Employee Policy Handbook. He needs to review several policies with legal counsel on what is NYS law and determine what policies are for the Village Board to decide. (Paid parental leave, military leave, jury duty etc.) He did meet with Clerk Heeder and discussed proposed changes to the current policy that may or may not affect the budget. He would like to have a short executive session to discuss with the Village Board.

Liaison Updates-He conducted a discussion with Town Supervisor Tim Ooms to make him aware of the truck traffic issues.

Application for Use

a. Donna Smith is requesting the Bandstand on Saturday, September 30, 2023 for a wedding ceremony. The application will be held pending due to the progress of the Bandstand project. Trustee Flaherty will email the applicant to discuss the proposed project of the bandstand and the timing of the wedding ceremony.

TAXPAYER TIME

Renee inquired if Van Buren Hall was going to open for event use. The Village Board will hold off opening Van Buren Hall as the entire back filing room and two offices are temporarily in Van Buren Hall. Due to the entire back filing room and the two offices are temporarily upstairs.

A motion made by Trustee Browne to enter into executive session on personal at 7:56pm; seconded Trustee Flaherty. All voted ‘aye’.

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to adjourn executive session at 8:04 pm; seconded by Trustee Weir. All voted “aye”.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk