

Minutes  
Regular Monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips  
Dale Leiser  
Robert Baumeister  
David Flaherty

Also attending: CEO/ZEO, Glenn Smith; Fire Chief, Larry Eisen; Economic Development Director, Renee' Shur; Reporter for The Columbia Paper, Emelia Teasdale and Village residents, Jennifer Ose-McDonald, Jake Samascott and James DiGioia.

**PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2017 AMENDING CHAPTER 110 TO INCLUDE SOLAR CONSIDERATIONS**

Mayor Dunham opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm.

Village Clerk Heeder read the public notice published on November 24, 2017 in the Register Star.

No public comment.

Mayor Dunham closed the public hearing at 7:16 pm.

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

**MINUTES**

A motion made by Trustee Leiser approving the minutes of November 8, 2017 Regular monthly meeting and Special meeting of November 15, 2017; seconded by Trustee Phillips. 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.1460.4 Records Management	A.4020.4 Registrar of Vital Statistics Contractual	\$222.00

**ABSTRACT**

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the abstract in the amount of \$46,641.29; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Trustee Leiser noted the purchase of the new 2016 Tierra Star truck was not in the 2017/2018 budget. A journal entry will need to be entered against line item A.5110.2 Street Maintenance

Equipment for the purchase of the new 2016 Tierra Star truck. Trustee Phillips made a motion approving the monthly Treasurer's Report; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief, Eisen reported 9 calls, 3 drills and 1 detail. The monthly Officer's meeting minutes were received and are on file in the village clerk's office.

Multi family inspection-the village's CEO/ZEO and Fire Chief have scheduled to finish the multi-unit inspections in early January.

Town of Kinderhook Contract-Trustee, Richard Phillips, Fire Chief, Larry Eisen and First Asst. Chief Matt Cohn attended the town of Kinderhook budget work shop. The town will give each fire district a uniformed rate based on the assessed value of the town area they cover. The village of Kinderhook will receive \$81,078 payable by 3/31/18 for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Donations-The Village of Kinderhook received monetary donations to go towards equipment for the Fire Company from Cornerstone Fellowship Church and Func Art Design. Fire Chief Eisen will send thank you notes on behalf of the fire company.

### **DPW**

Water Department- Trustee Leiser received the annual contract for the village's GPS Water line mapping through NYRWA for \$348.00. At this time Super indent of Public Works has the software on the village's I Pad, his cell phone and on Trustee Leiser cell phone. Trustee Leiser will work with village clerk Heeder to have the software on one of the village's office computers.

Leaf Pick up-The annual leaf pick up was delayed. The truck was out of service having the side wing installed in preparation of winter.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

The CEO/ZEO's monthly report was received with 6 permits issued and \$545.00 of fees collected.

14 Sunset Ave- Glenn spoke with the owner who states the house is up for sale. Glenn requested a for sale sign be placed in front of the house. Violations will be issued for structural issues.

12 Sunset Ave- Mr. Better has an active building permit and is working on the house.

21 Gaffney- The bank is maintaining the property and will be going up for auction.

### **TREES**

Village Property- Mayor Dunham received two quotes for the proposed tree work. A quote from Dave Onderdonk in the amount of \$2,100.00 and one from New Leaf in the amount of \$2,650.00. A motion made by Trustee Baumeister to have low bidder Dave Onderdonk for the removal and trimming of trees; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

### **TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY**

The village's speed sign was placed on Hudson Street in conjunction with the ATR's last two days hoping to show a reduction of speed due to the speed sign. The committee was surprised that the sign did not assist in the reduction of speed. Trafficlogix will loan the village a message speed sign at no cost for a trial basis.

## **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE**

The Energy Code Enforcement Training will be a one day classroom training session and need only to be attended by the village's Code Enforcement Officer.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station-The committee will be submitting a DEC grant application by May 31, 2018 for grant funding up to \$16,000 with 20% local match. In-kind services may count toward the local match. A grant workshop will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the village hall.

The Green Fair-The fair titled "Building a Food Smart Community" will include two speakers. Peter Lehner of Earthjustice and Mark Lowery of the NYS DEC. Trustee Phillips requests the village board consider giving the committee funds for advertising the fair. He noted the committee started after the budget was adopted.

## **WILLIAM STREET RT. 9 TO MAIDEN LANE**

William Street is in the Historic District and listed on the National Register. The village will need to wait for preliminary plans to show no adverse effect for SEQR Determination. HVEA will be submitting preliminary plans next week and has tentatively scheduled a public informational meeting on January 9, 2018 at 7 pm.

## **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**

Mayor Dunham and Glenn Smith met with Julian Adams from NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Mr. Adams will meet with the Historic Preservation Commission in January.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

EDC Director, Shur submitted her November and Decembers' monthly report.

Lighting Study, Sage Engineering-Renee prepared the final report to NYS Parks and Recreation and is awaiting reimbursement of grant funds in the amount of \$3,500.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Grant – The Native Son brochure has been distributed to historic sites and rack cards in the area. The reimbursement application was approved and the grant funds of \$1,000 were received.

America Walks-Renee has worked with village Historian, Ruth Piwonka on a micro grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a coloring book that highlights the historic architecture of village homes. If granted, the coloring book will encourage children and their families to walk the village's historic district.

Kinderhook Creek-Renee spoke with Ted Kolankowski from Barton & Loguidice on upcoming grants the village may apply for funding for a creek study in 2018.

## **PROPOSED SOLAR PANEL LAW**

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to adopt Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2017. A local law amending the Code of the Village of Kinderhook New York as follows: amending Chapter 110, Article III, Section § 110-6 to include solar considerations in subdivision planning; amending

Chapter 130, Article I, Section 130-2 to incorporate various new definitions; adding Solar Farms and Solar Power Plants to the Use Table found at Chapter 130, Article III, Section 130-7; and amending Chapter 130, Article V, Section 130-22 to address Solar Energy Installations; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted “aye”.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

Van Buren Hall- Trustee Flaherty met with Jeff Pizza a local contractor who gave him suggestions for better accessibility to the storage area under the stage by using multiple doors and using a lighter material. Trustee Flaherty and EDC Director, Shur would like to form a committee of village residents to work under the village board who have the willingness and time to assist with a comprehensive plan for Van Buren Hall. With a comprehensive plan of the Van Buren Hall Renee hopes to apply for grant funds or reach out to an organization for donations.

1<sup>st</sup> floor- Trustee Flaherty had Scheriff Electric install new LED lights in the village hall meeting room to assist with lighting of the room and as an energy saver.

## **PAYMENT IN LIEU OF VACATION**

Mayor Dunham received guidelines from the Conference of Mayors that the board may use as a reference to allow an employee to be paid in exchange for accrued vacation time. Several questions needs to be decided on: 1. how much vacation can be paid out... 50% vacation/two weeks 2. How long does a full time employee have to be employed before allowed purchasing vacation time? The village board would like to research further and possibly implement a policy and include the additional funding in the village budget.

## **UNPAID WATER, SEWER & TAX BILLS**

Approximately thirty letters and seventeen emails were sent out to residents with unpaid water bills notify them the village will shut their water off on December 28, 2017 for nonpayment.

## **WASTE WATER COLLECTION PROJECT**

Anti-Siphon Valve- Mayor Dunham has not resent the profile of the sewer lines requested by Emmons Pump.

## **EMPIRE STATE TRAIL**

Village of Valatie Mayor Diane Argle and Mayor Dunham met with Andy Beers, Director of the Empire State Trail to discuss the village’s responsibility for the maintenance of the trails in each municipality. A discussion of the Trail Head parking is being proposed at Rothermel Park by the Little League field.

## **SIDEWALK CHURCH STREET**

Until the village knows if The School is installing an elevator the proposed sidewalk is on hold. If, The School installs an elevator a sidewalk will need to be replaced from Church Street to The School with the new required guidelines for handicapped accessibility.

## **APPLICATIONS**

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the following applications and pending the village receiving insurance from Columbia County Historical Society; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted “aye”.

- a. Kinderhook Library requested Van Buren Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10 am-noon; Jan-June 2018
- b. Kristina Berger requested Van Buren Hall on December 16, 2017 from 4pm-10pm for an end of year party
- c. Lorraine Michaels Dance requested Van Buren Hall from Dec 2017-May 2018; Friday evenings 5-9 pm
- d. Columbia County Historical Society requested the use of Van Buren Hall on January 13, 2018; 2-7 pm
- e. David Smith requested the village board allow an open ended schedule of Van Buren Hall for concerts.  
The village board will require specific dates that may be set aside with final approval when the concerts will be held.

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

The meeting was cancelled.

## **KBPA**

Trustee Phillips congratulated EDC Director Shur, KBPA members and all the vendors on how beautiful Candlelight Night was.

## **TAXPAYER TIME**

Trustee Phillips requested the village board write a letter to the judge concerning the litigation decision of 8 Broad Street. He noted the village board at the time was split on whether to install the sewer or not. He was the deciding vote and felt with the installation of the sewer would help with the economic development of the village square. He wanted the village to come back to life and business to open noting the installation of the sewer and the opening of The Dutch Inn (8 Broad Street) as the anchor had to happen for the village to come back. He stated several businesses have opened fulfilling the job requirements of the grant funds but we owe it to the taxpayers to request a decision to be made for the benefit of the village.

Trustee Leiser stated the Dutch Inn was written in the grant application as the major need for sewer. The village was told it would take up to five years for the village to see the retrun of businesses. The village is coming into the 5<sup>th</sup> year and the Dutch Inn is not open.

Trustee Flaherty stated he was not on the board at the time but he supports the village board writing a letter. Al Roberts owner of 8 Broad Street held an open house as a sales pitch for residents to vote for the installation of the sewer with the promise of opening it. He is unsure why the decision is taking so long but it is an important piece to the economic development of the village.

Mayor Dunham and Trustee Phillips will meet with the village Attorney to discuss sending a letter on behalf of the village.

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to adjourn at 8:48 pm; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder  
Village Clerk