

Minutes  
Regular Monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips  
Dale Leiser  
Robert Baumeister  
David Flaherty

Also attending: Glenn Smith; David Booth; Larry Eisen; Renee Shur; Tonya Hunter with four Boy scouts; Emelia Teasdale, The Columbia Paper.

Mayor Dunham opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. He welcomed the boy scouts to the meeting and introduced the village board members.

### **MINUTES**

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the minutes of July 12, 2017 Regular monthly meeting; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

### **ABSTRACT**

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the abstract in the amount of \$28,495.84; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Trustee Baumeister made a motion approving the monthly Treasurer's Report; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Larry Eisen reported 5 calls, 2 drill and 5 details for the month of June. The monthly fire incident report was received with the Officer's meeting minutes.

The air fill station was installed by MES and training was provided on June 19, 2017. The fire department is waiting on the air quality test before being placed in service. MES will be fitting air masks on August 7, 2017 at 6 pm. The A/C leak in the cab of Fire Truck 35-13 is scheduled to be fixed in September. The Columbia County Fire Convention will be held during the weekend of July 29, 2017 in Stockport.

Larry invited the Village Board to the annual Fire Department's clam bake on August 12, 2017. The Fire Department received \$2,500.00 from Assemblymen Steve Mc Laughlin for the purchase of four imaging cameras.

The firemen are having reception issues with their pagers. This is an issue in the northern portion of the county. The County is proposing to install a tower for better reception. Until a tower is installed the county would like to install an antenna on the village DPW garage or in the siren room at the Village Hall. Larry is requesting approval for the installation of an antenna at either location chosen by the county for the best reception. Mayor Dunham noted no approval necessary as this is emergency equipment.

### **DPW**

Dave reported the walkway thru the butterfly garden was complete, pot holes filled, regrading of the driveway at 8 Chatham Street done; trimming of trees for site distance, roof shed over the diesel tank was installed. and the new basketball hoops were installed.

William Street Design-A motion made by Trustee Flaherty; seconded by Trustee Leiser approving Mayor Dunham to sign the contract with Hudson Valley Engineering after final approval from the village attorney.

New Truck-Trustee Leiser submitted pictures of the rotted frame of the village's grey truck. The village has owned the truck for 10 years but it is not safe to plow snow this coming season. Trustee Leiser is looking at a 2016 International diesel truck; it is an automatic dump truck that is listed on state contract. The village will need to bid out for the plow, sander and dump body. Since the village has not replaced the 550 that was lost in the fire this truck will be primarily be used during leaf season and as a plow truck, and will assist in removal of snow.

Trustee Leiser would like the village to consider a lease agreement with Key Government Finance compared to bonding the funds. Trustee Leiser will complete further research on an equipment lease compared to bonding.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

The CEO/ZEO's monthly report was received with \$566.00 fees collected. The new fee increase schedule is in place.

Houses on sunset- Both parties have been working on the violations issued.

### **TREES**

Onderdonk Tree Service was awarded the list of tree removal and trimming of trees on village property he will start next week.

Catskill View-The tree at 2 Catskill view was removed by the property owner.

Vegetation over sidewalks- The village sent an email blast out requesting property owners to cut back any vegetation covering or overhanging village sidewalks. The DPW will start next week cutting back vegetation not addressed by the home owner. Several residents have addressed the vegetation hindering the site distance as you pull out onto a road but there are several more to address.

### **TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY**

The State Police and Sheriff's office have set up on Hudson Street and Albany Ave. to assist in the reduction of speed. The highest speed noted was 38 mph. Mayor Dunham budgeted WSP to return and complete another speed study. With using the State Police; Sheriffs along with the Town's variable speed sign to see what kind of reduction the village receives without using speed humps.

Requesting a speed reduction on NYS Route 9- Mayor Dunham received a letter back from DOT stating they will complete a study and consider reducing the village speed to 30 MPH in the heart of the village along Rt. 9.

### **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASKS FORCE**

Benchmarking- Intern, Megan Kirby, will work with the village office gathering the electric and fuel data usage of village properties data needed to prepare a benchmarking report.

Food Waste Recycling- Town Supervisor Pat Grattan met with the committee to initiate a pilot program involving the town and the two villages. An inter-municipal agreement between the town and village's will be created. Gromax in Philmont has agreed to take the food waste. The

tentative plan is to have the town provide residents with biodegradable bags free of charge that they can fill with food waste and drop off at a designated day at the DPW garage. The DPW will transport the bags to Gromax.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station: The committee is researching the designs of charging stations that would be acceptable to be installing in our historic district. The Task Force will coordinate with the village HPC and KPBA to find an acceptable place in the village square.

Bottle and Can Recycling: The task force would like to expand the Clynk program currently used as a fund raising tool by the Kinderhook Memorial Library by offering it to other organizations. The village hall could be a pickup point for the recycling bags and tags. The filled bags can be dropped off at Hannaford.

Climate Smart Communities Certification: The village is listed as a registered Climate Smart Community with the NYS DEC. A total of 120 credits is needed to achieve full certification. The task force estimates they have 60 credits related to the Climate Smart Communities certification.

Education: The Task Force would like to have seminars to educate the public on various initiatives under consideration.

### **PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS**

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to set a public hearing for August 9, 2017 at 7:15 pm to amend the Code of the Village of Kinderhook in relation to parking; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to set a public hearing for August 9, 2017 at 7:30 pm to amend the Code of the Village of Kinderhook Chapter 126 entitled Sewers; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

Resident, Stewart Peckner previously requested no parking signs along Rothermel Ave for safety reasons. Mayor Dunham reviewed village law and it already states no parking on either side. He will have signs ordered and installed.

### **INSURANCE**

DPW Cost for Fire- A voucher for the installation of the alarm system at the DPW garage was processed and will be submitted to Matt Sherman for reimbursement.

### **ZONING BOARD**

An approval of a lot line adjustment was passed.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Minutes of the May 4, 2017 meeting were received. No meeting held.

Solar Panel Regulations- Mayor Dunham would like to set a public hearing at the August village board meeting.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes of May 18, 2017 were received.

A special HPC meeting will be held tomorrow night on the village cupola. The proposed screening will be discussed and if louvers are installed would that hinder the volume of the siren.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

The EDC Director's monthly report was received.

Lighting Study-The study is basically completed, the next step is to watch the Climate Smart to see if they get all their credits to apply for grant monies.

Designating Kinderhook Creek-Kinderhook Creek was designated as an inland waterway from the Massachusetts line in Stephentown through Stuyvesant Falls. Mayor Dunham and Renee met with Glen Gidaly a representative from Barton and Loguidice and Thaddeus Kilankowski a landscape architect to discuss applying for a grant for feasibility study of Kinderhook Creek. They visited the creek at Kinderhook's pumphouse and at Valatie's patch a quack to discuss better kayaking access as a first phase.

6 History Walks- The first of the six history walks will start this Saturday given by resident Ann Birckmayer. They are free to the public and will be live streamed at Kinderhook Library or on Facebook.

Butterfly Garden-This is a project that will be ongoing and will evolve over the year.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mills Park-Karen Van Buren would like to donate a bench with a plaque in honor of her father Henry Bender to be installed at Mills Park. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to accept the bench donated by the Van Buren family; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted 'aye'.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

Stage Lighting-Trustee Flaherty would like to receive assistance from someone in the entertainment industry to discuss the stage lighting in Van Buren Hall. Renee Shur requested additional outlets be installed. Trustee Flaherty will contact Sheriff Electric and their previous estimate of \$1,900. He will also send the DPW an updated list of items for the Village Hall.

Chairs- David Smith is raising funds for the purchase of new chairs to be donated to the village for Van Buren Hall events. He supplied one chair for the Village Board to approve for the donation.

Signs-Mayor Dunham met with John Reilly to request an estimate for the signs on the Village Hall including a new one advertising Van Buren Hall. He will also have one made for Mills Park that will match the village's parking lot sign.

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

The grinder pump behind the office building of Maple Hill Creamery owned by Paul Calcagno was not working. The village called A-team Pump & Control Service, LLC to address the grinder pump. Per the Village sewer law the property owner is responsible for the grinder pump. Mayor Dunham tried speaking with the property owner Paul Calcagno citing the village sewer law.

Anti -Siphoning Valve-Mayor Dunham is working with Emmons pump on the siphoning issue at the meter. He feels the meter is working properly but the anti-siphoning valve is not working properly.

Regrading 8 Chatham Street-The village DPW regraded the driveway at 8 Chatham Street due to the construction by Casale during the sewer project.

### **EMPIRE STATE TRAIL**

The Hudson River Valley Green-way will hold a public informational meeting at Ichabod Crane High school on August 10, 2017.

### **SIDEWALK CHURCH STREET**

Mayor Dunham would like to let the sidewalk project at the end of August.

### **CELEBRATIONS**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade went very well, it was suggested for safety reason in the future all motorized vehicles be placed in the beginning of the parade. A speaker system needs to be purchased for events for the public to hear the speaker of the event.

Lighting Monument in Square-Mayor Dunham requested Trustee Baumeister research a light to be installed at the monument on a timer. Trustee Flaherty offered to discuss with Sheriff electric as he will be calling them on the Village Hall.

### **APPLICATIONS**

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the following applications pending NCLL having no use of the baseball field closet to the pavilion during the child's birthday party; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

a. KBPA is requesting the Village Square on August 12, 2017; closing of Hudson street from 3-10 pm and closing of the one way street from 5-10 pm and approval of the selling of alcohol during the event.

b. Diane Lewis is requesting the playground pavilion on August 5, 2017 from 1-4 pm for a child's birthday party.

### **RECREATION COMMISSION**

The summer program started with 68 kids signed up.

### **KBPA**

Summer in the Square on August 12, 2017 is the next scheduled event.

### **TAXPAYER TIME**

Trustee Phillips made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder  
Village Clerk