

Minutes
Regular Monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips
Dale Leiser
Robert Baumeister
David Flaherty

Also attending: Asst. Sup't, Robert Meehan; CEO/ZEO, Glenn Smith; Economic Development Director, Renee' Shur; Village residents: Jennifer Ose-McDonald and Rima Bostick. The Columbia Paper Reporter, Emelia Teasdale; Register Star Reporter, Caitlin Limbo.

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

TAXPAYER TIME

No resident wishing to speak.

MINUTES

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the minutes of January 10, 2018 Regular monthly meeting with two corrections; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the following budget amendments submitted by the Village Treasurer; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

General Fund

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A.1910.4 Contingent Account	A.1910.4 Unallocated Insurance	\$2,191.14
A.1420.4 Law Contractual	A.4020.4 Registrar of Vital Statistics Contractual	\$80.00
A.6410.4 Publicity Contractual	A.5132.4 Central Garage Contractual	\$23.20
A.1910.4 Contingent Account	A.8560.4 Shade Trees Contractual	\$3,100.00

ABSTRACT

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the abstract in the amount of \$ 56,273.97; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Larry Eisen submitted the monthly fire incident report stating 6 calls, 0 details and 2 drills logged.

Trustee Phillips thanked Asst. Sup't. Robert Meehan for replacing the stairs at the firehouse and removing the A/C unit.

Multifamily inspection-CEO/ZEO /Glenn Smith noted he will be completing one of the inspections by the end of February and another one with the fire department in March.

DPW

Asst. Sup't Robert Meehan reported several items done during the month were as follows; taking down the Christmas lights in the village square, removal 120 Christmas trees in the village; a lot of snow plowing of village streets and removal of snow piles and clearing of sidewalks; and a lot pot hole patching.

Trustee Flaherty thanked Rob in the Superinidents absence what a great job he has done. The village board concurred on how well Rob has done with only a part time helper.

Sidewalk Clearing-Mayor Dunham gave out 6 notices to properties owners for un cleared snow removal.

Rima Bostick stated she had to pay her snow plow guy and extra \$20.00 due to the change of the snow removal in her area. She stated it may be due to the village's man power issues she was unaware of. She requested the DPW push the snow back further off the parking spot along Hudson Street so the parking spot may be used.

Water Department- the DPW attended to the frozen line at the Reformed Church and at the pumphouse. The village tested the nitrate level in the village's water. The test showed a 2.7ml nitrate level. A nitrate level less than 10 ml is in acceptable range.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The CEO/ZEO's monthly report was received with 2 permits issued and \$150.00 of fees collected.

12 Sunset -Glenn spoke with the owner he has an open building permit and will continue to work on the house.

14 Sunset-The owner informed Glenn she is placing the house on the market to sell.

Van Buren Hall emergency stairs-The condition of the emergency egress stairs from the Van Buren Hall is in need of repair and/or replacement. Glenn feels an engineer needs to inspect and complete an analysis of the stairs to make sure the stairs can handle a heavy load in case of an emergency. Glenn will have Jack Healy from Ryan Biggs Associates complete an analysis of the stairs to certify the structural capacity of the stairs. Per code Van Buren Hall is required to have two egress points. Glenn will limit the amount of use of Van Buren Hall until the village receives certification form the structural engineer.

TREES

The village will keep an eye on the tree in front of Altman's on Hudson Street. It is dying due to the bugs and may need to be taken down.

TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

The village is seeing good results in the reduction of speed with the variable speed sign and with the presence of the Sheriffs and State Troopers. A second refurbished speed sign is being considered. Trustee Flaherty feels it is an effective tool to reduce speed. Trustee Leiser would like to see the data from the speed sign before the village spends the \$4,300 on another sign. Mayor Dunham stated former Trustee Brain Murphy has developed extensive reports from the signs and is compiling a report for the village board. Trustee Phillips inquired if the village can wait to purchase now and would like to consider in the upcoming 2018/2019 budget. Mayor Dunham did discuss the possibility of purchasing one with the town of Kinderhook as a shared service. He has spoken to Town Supervisor Pat Grattan and he is interested.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

Electric Charging Station-John Doran from Columbia Stations online gave a presentation to the committee on electric charging stations. He will submit an itemized estimate to the committee to include with their grant application. Mr. Mancini also contacted a firm in Maryland who installs historic electrical charging stations but their prices are very high.

Earth Day event-In addition to activities at the Village Hall there will be activities at The School during Earth Day. The committee is requesting the village accept donations for the event.

Donated Funds-A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to allow the village of Kinderhook to accept donated funds on behalf of the Climate Smart Committee for the Earth Day event; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

Budget Line item-A motion made by Trustee Phillips to amend the village budget allocating \$2,500.00 to an appropriation line item for the Climate Smart task Force expenses; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye". (The committee previously received \$2,500 in grant funds)

WILLIAM STREET RT. 9 TO MAIDEN LANE

Preliminary plans were received from Hudson Valley Engineering for the reconstruction of William Street. Mayor Dunham and Hudson Valley Engineering plan to hold a public informational meeting next week on February 22. Mayor Dunham noted funding the project will be an issue. The engineer is estimating the project to be \$700,000 with a 20% contingency. Mayor Dunham is hopeful the village can make an application for funding for the water lines.

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

There was no new business presented therefore the meeting was cancelled.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The EDC Director's monthly report was received.

Van Buren Hall-A committee was formed to create a list of the work needed in Van Buren Hall to use for a variety of events. EDC Director, Renee Shur noted each person selected for the committee brings a different skill set to the table to look at the current and future needs of Van Buren Hall. The committee would like to be ready if there are funds available for the projects in Van Buren hall. Mayor Dunham appointed the following committee members: Rod Blackburn, Ken Neilson, David Smith, Tina Lang, Renee Shur and David Flaherty as liaison to the Village Board.

Sister City-The Mayor of Buren in the Netherlands accepted the Memorandum of Understanding between the two communities. Both parties will need to sign. Kinderhook Library is showing an interest in a teen e-pal program between teens in Buren and Kinderhook. The Mayor of Buren is writing a biography on Van Buren and will be contact with Village Historian, Ruth Piwonka.

Kinderhook Creek- Barton & Loguidice submitted the grant application pro bono for Phase I to the Hudson River Valley Greenway under the Greenway Communities Grant for the Kinderhook creek on behalf of the village. The grant is an inter municipal grant between the Village of Valatie, Town of Stuyvesant, Village of Kinderhook and the Town of Kinderhook for the Kinderhook Creek Recreational Use Study. Renee is hopeful as this is the 2nd time around.

OLD DUTCH INN

Nothing new to report on the Old Dutch Inn property.

CODIFICATION OF NEW LAWS

Village Clerk Heeder will receive an estimate from General Code to have any local laws printed into the village code book.

DEMONSTRATIONS-NYCOM ARTICLE

Mayor Dunham noted NYCOM printed a good article on demonstrations he would like the village board to review and determine if the village needs to consider a law. Mayor Dunham stated the village has not had an issue with the demonstration that have gone on until recently a group was walking down Rt. 9 blocking traffic and refused to leave Congressman's Faso's office. There is freedom of speech and freedom to assemble but Mayor Dunham is worried about safety. Trustee Flaherty noted at times with social media groups form and it is a sticky situation to get into. He is uncomfortable drafting a law and feels the village will end up in court. Trustee Baumeister feels the village needs to discuss the liability of the village with the attorney before doing anything.

VILLAGE HALL

Projects 2nd fl-Trustee Flaherty received two quotes to move the panel box in Van Buren Hall. TLC Electric quoted was \$5,950.00 and Scheriff Electric for \$2,300.00. Trustee Flaherty requested another quote for additional electric outlets to be installed. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to hire Scheriff Eclectic move the panel box in Van Buren Hall for \$2,300; seconded by Trustee Lieser. All voted "aye".

Masonry work-Trustee Flaherty will receive a quote from AJS Repair & Restoration and Gregg Lowery from Jubilee masonry. The quotes will be broken down by each wall of the Village Hall.

Capacity limits-Marylyn Kaplan used a formula of square footage of the space in Van Buren Hall. Her capacity limit given was 293 people. Trustee Flaherty feels this seems very high the village had the capacity limit of 176 people. Trustee Flaherty will have CEO/ZEO Glenn Smith review with the issue of the emergency stairs.

IT CONTRACT

Mayor Dunham would like former Trustee Brain Murphy, Trustee David Flaherty and Clerk Heeder to meet to discuss the need of the village. Previously the village signed a contract with Columbia County as a backup IT using shared services. Mayor Dunham will sign the new contract with Columbia County.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY

Mayor Dunham would like to establish a committee to work on updating the village's policies. Mayor Dunham appointed Trustee Phillips, as chair, Trustee Flaherty and Village Clerk Nicole Heeder to the committee.

UNPAID WATER, SEWER & TAX BILLS

The total unpaid water \$399.25; unpaid sewer \$2,728.22 and unpaid village taxes total \$29,012.97. Late water and sewer letters were sent. Late tax letters will be sent out next week.

WASTE WATER COLLECTION PROJECT

Anti-Siphon Valve- The readings have been in line with what Mayor Dunham expects but he feels there is still siphoning problem and does not know why the readings seemed more accurate.

EMPIRE STATE TRAIL

Mayor Dunham, Andy Beers from Hudson Greenway and the Historical Society met to discuss receiving easements. They will meet with the full board of Columbia County Historical Society on Saturday to review the proposed easement.

SIDEWALK CHURCH STREET

The Church sidewalk project is on hold and may need to be added to next year's budget.

APPLICATIONS

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to approve the following applications with the consideration of the inspection from Ryan Biggs on the safety of the emergency stairs on Van Buren hall (**application a. serving wine was denied; application c. pending insurance cert**); seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

- a. Kinderhook Reformed Church- Mr. Smith is requesting to hold CITV concert in Van Buren Hall on 4/14/18; 1-7 pm with the request to serve wine after the concerts
- b. Garden Club is requesting the Village Square on Friday, May 11th; 10am -8pm for set up & Saturday, May 12th; 7am -1 pm to hold their annual plant sale
- c. Dona Bervy is requesting Van Buren Hall Saturday mornings at 8 am to teach a fitness class "Pound"

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Easter Egg Hunt is schedule for Saturday, March 31, 2018 at noon. The Elks club will be at the bandstand to take pictures with the Easter bunny. Monday, March 12th at 6:00 pm the committee will stuff Easter eggs.

KBPA

The KBPA surprised Donna Leiser with a retirement party at their annual social event.

TAXPAYER TIME

Rima Bostick has four items she would like to comment on-1. She requested a copy of the letter sent to Judge Koweek on the Old Dutch Inn and a copy of the response from his office. 2. When the engineer inspects the stairs on the village hall they look at the elevator. There was an issue at an event when it was in use. Mayor Dunham informed her it will be a requirement the event holder has someone operating the elevator 3. She requested the village handle the standing water on William Street across from her house. She stated she fixed her side of the street but she did not feel she should address the other side of the street. 4. Traffic Calming Study- She reviewed the report and stated Hudson Street has 70-80% more traffic. She would like the village to consider installing bump outs to slow traffic and possible reduce the speed to 25mph on Hudson Street. The village should consider the bump outs before considering buying a new sign. The engineers made these suggestions and she feels the village is not listening. Mayor Dunham stated he is working with the traffic calming committee and there is a process to do things.

A motion made by Trustee Leiser to adjourn at 8:40 pm; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk