

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

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips
Dale Leiser
Robert Baumeister
David Flaherty

Also attending: CEO/ZEO, Glenn Smith; Climate Smart Chair, William Mancini; Fire Chief, Matt Cohn.

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

TAXPAYER TIME

No comments received.

MINUTES

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the minutes of October 10, 2018 Regular monthly meeting and October 24, 2018 Special meeting; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

ABSTRACT

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the monthly abstract in the amount of \$41,788.94; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Phillips made a motion approving the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Matt Cohn reported 4 calls, 4 drills and 1 detail. The monthly fire incident report was received with minutes of the officer's meeting.

NYS Volunteer Firemen Cancer Benefit Policy- Effective as of January 1st Columbia County will cover every interior fire fighter's cancer benefit policy if they can show a 5 year fit test. Fire Captain, Matt Cohn stated Palmer Engine & Hose only has one year of fit tests for the interior fire fighters. He is inquiring with Columbia County if they will cover the active interior fire fighters of Palmer Engine & Hose.

Multi-family apartment housing inspections-Glenn needs to complete an inspection on the apartments at 9 Hudson Street. He cited Carol Knause on a lack of working smoke alarms, garbage in back of hallway. Glenn needs to follow up with owner and tenant.

DPW

Water Department- the Pump House passed its annual inspection by Columbia County Health Department. Smith Control needs to change out a minor part to the hour meter on pump number #2.

Village Highway Work Permit-Mayor Dunham created a one page form for contractors to submit to the village when they would like to work along village roads. This permit will need to be submitted proving they have the proper insurance and, when excavating, that they have contacted Dig Safely before any work is performed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The CEO/ZEO's monthly report was received with 6 permits issued and \$1,550.00 of fees collected.

19 Rothermel Ave- Glenn issued a follow up violation to have all the property violations corrected by the end of November if not the village will need to bring them to court.

Zombie Properties Ordinance- Glenn stated the legislation is state sponsored and he would like the Village to consider adopting.

Emergency Access Systems-The village's fire company does not want to act on the policy.

TREES

12 Broad Street-the village will request NYSDOT to remove the trees in front of 12 Broad Street due to the wires.

TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

The Village of Kinderhook Board of Trustees in conjunction with the New York State Police and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office does hereby declare Monday, November 19th through Sunday, November 25th, Village of Kinderhook Vehicle and Pedestrian Safety Week. A daily safety tip will be sent by email blast to the residents supporting safety week.

ALBANY HUDSON ELECTRIC TRAIL

The Greenway held an informational meeting proposing a revision to the trail route at the intersection of Rt. 9 and Main Street Valatie. Several commented that a traffic signal needs to be placed at the Main St/Rt 9 intersection.

Maintenance Agreement-The village attorney is clarifying a few insurance questions in preparation of the village signing the maintenance agreement.

Village of Kinderhook HRVG Cooperative Agreement for taking of parcel form Samascott's- The cooperative agreement has been signed and the village has submitted and has been reimbursed for the legal expenditures concerning the trail. All future expenditures on behalf of the trail will be submitted on a quarterly basis for reimbursement.

Monroe Co Case to give Village Board authorization for actions for taking from Samascott's-

The following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Mayor James Dunham;

Seconded by: Trustee David Flaherty.

WHEREAS, the Village of Kinderhook has been approached by the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc., (Greenway) in regards to the acquisition and placement of a portion of the Empire State Trail system, specifically the Albany Hudson Electric Trail (AHET Trail) within the Village of Kinderhook; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Kinderhook Board of Trustees has examined the plan for the trail and reviewed possible trail locations; and

WHEREAS, the trail requires the acquisition of land from Samascott Orchards and the development of that parcel for trail use, and such a project could be deemed subject to the Code of the Village of Kinderhook for subdivision and review of the trail use; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has made a determination after the application of the balancing of public interest test as set forth by the New York Court of Appeals within Matter of County of Monroe v. City of Rochester, 78 N.Y.2d 338 (N.Y. 1988), that the acquisition of lands and the use of said lands for the proposed AHET trail should be exempt from the requirements of the Code of the Village of Kinderhook and any formal review by the Village of Kinderhook Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, a copy of the findings of the Board are attached hereto and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, to ensure public comment and participation in the decision the Village Board conducted a public hearing and accepted comment from the public as well as received consultation and comment from the members of the Village of Kinderhook Planning Board and consulted with the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the proposed trail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board has determined that acquisition and use of lands within the Village of Kinderhook for the AHET Trail is in the best interest of the Village, and therefore exempt from the Code of the Village of Kinderhook; and

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

Mayor James Dunham;

Trustee Richard Phillips;

Trustee Dale Leiser;

Trustee Robert Baumeister; and

Trustee David Flaherty.

The following Board members voted "No" in opposition thereto:

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The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Village Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Mayor of the Village of Kinderhook.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

The task Force did not meet in November.

VILLAGE SOLAR: To date the task force has not heard from Juan Quinones of Sun Dog regarding the village's conversion to solar power for its buildings. Task force member Aileen Leventon has agreed to contact additional potential providers.

EVC Station Status: The equipment for installation has been received and is at the village DPW garage.

WILLIAM STREET RT. 9 TO MAIDEN LANE

TGW Consulting Group submitted the application for grant funding with the New York State Infrastructure. The village is awaiting an award notification due in December.

ZONING BOARD

The meeting was cancelled no new business submitted.

PLANNING BOARD

The board met and approved the site plan for the expansion of the Samascott's Farm Market kitchen.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission met and approved a sign for the new business at 11 Chatham Street, Saisonier will be selling beer, cheese and Sundries.

KINDERHOOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

During the annual Candlelight night the library is holding a ceremony for their grand opening of the libraries expansion. A Proclamation was made by Mayor Dunham declaring December 14, 2018 as Kinderhook Memorial Library Day; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The EDC Director's monthly report was received.

Netherlands Sister City- Renee is working on ideas for Dutch heritage week. A discussion on the best week to hold Dutch Heritage week; if it should be in the spring with the tulips in bloom or the same week when the Mayor of Buren was here. Mayor Dunham will discuss with Renee.

Local Waterfront Revitalization and the Hudson River Valley Greenway grant – The village was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Hudson River Valley Greenway. This was a joint grant applied for by the Village of Valatie and the Village of Kinderhook. The village of Kinderhook is the lead agency. The Recreational will be credited with \$2,500 for in-kind services with the remainder \$7,500 be divided between the two villages to provide the \$10,000 local match.

Vacant Structures-A sample policy on ways to address vacant structures was given to the board to review.

Candle light Night-Trustee Phillips would like to purchase a banner to be placed on the bandstand to advertise Candlelight Night. He will obtain a price and send an email to the village board for final approval.

NYSDOT

NB Rt 9 restriction to use of parking lane at traffic sign as right turn lane-Mayor Dunham will call Tom Story to inquire of the status on restricting the parking lane.

VILLAGE HALL

Van Buren Hall Committee-The committee is temporarily on hold.

Back Stairway-Trustee Flaherty spoke with Todd Siemers from S&S Fabrication concerning his start date to replace the back emergency stair case. The village will need to limit the amount of people in the village hall blocking the stairs until they are replaced.

Exterior masonry-Lance Glenn is on the third side of the village hall working to the front of the building as he is repointing the brick. In addition to the brick work he was requested to address the entrance of the village hall to keep the water away from the building. He will also repoint the window sill to the alarm room with assistance from the village DPW.

Speaker system-The new PA system worked very well for Judge Dellehunt during the Halloween Festivities. The village will keep the new speaker system and will purchase a stand for outside use.

Backlighting for the parking behind the village hall-Trustee Flaherty will meet with the HPC Commission to discuss if approval from the HPC is required for the lighting of the rear of the village hall.

Village Hall lift-Simmons Elevator is scheduled to repair the lift tomorrow. Concern of having a panic bar installed and having an alarm report to a central station was discussed.

IT Contract-the village received a quote from GovConnection for the software subscription for the firewall. The village can choose a one year subscription for \$779.24, a two year \$934.41 and three year subscription \$1,068.38 for the firewall. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to purchase the three year subscription for monetary reason; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

Outside village hall lighting- Trustee Flaherty submitted a sample light fixture to the HPC for the front entrance of the village hall. The village hall is Italianate style building. HPC member Randall Dawkins proposed an Italianate style light that goes with the scale, size and type of period of the building. Trustee Leiser noted the proposed lighting is too large for the entrance of the building. A motion made by Trustee Phillips upon approval of the lights by the HPC the village will accept their decision and allow the installation; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted:

Mayor Dunham "aye"

Trustee Phillips "aye"

Trustee Flaherty "aye"

Trustee Leiser "nay"

Trustee Baumeister "nay"

GARBAGE

The village is having a lot of issues with the new garbage man not getting out of the truck to remove the lids of the garbage cans. He is using the claw of the truck to squeeze and shake the top off causing the tops to crack. The fees for garbage removal in the next contract are expected to increase significantly as there is no market for recyclables. Recyclables will become garbage.

UNPAID WATER, SEWER & TAX BILLS

Water, Sewer, and Village taxes bills- Outstanding water \$6,325.39; outstanding sewer \$6,105.00; outstanding taxes \$16,152.87.

WASTE WATER COLLECTION

Meter at Pump station-the reading at the sewer pump station is down.

SIDEWALKS

Snow clearing Contract- A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to sign the contract with Hall Construction to clear sidewalks not cleared by residents; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

DEMONSTRATIONS

There was one demonstration with approximately 60 people in attendance with no issues.

APPLICATIONS

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the following applications pending insurance on (e.); seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

- a. Faso for Congress is requesting to use the Bandstand and to close off one way street on 11/5 from 6-8:30pm
- b. Kelly Shallo is requesting to use Van Buren Hall on 10/13 from 4-6 pm for a photo shoot
- c. Stephen Krizar is requesting to put a sign on the village square from 11/5-11/18
- d. Kinderhook Runners Club is requesting Van Buren Hall on 1/5/19; 8 am-Noon for their Annual Meeting
- e. Julien Hatfield is requested Van Buren Hall on 11/23, 11/24, 12/1, 12/7, 12/26, 12/29, 1/2 for yoga class workshop.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting was cancelled nothing to report.

KBPA

Candlelight Night is Friday December 14, 2018 from 6-8:30 pm.

TAXPAYER TIME

No public comment.

A motion made by Trustee Leiser to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk