

Minutes  
Regular Monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips  
Dale Leiser  
Robert Baumeister  
David Flaherty

Also attending: Superintendent David Booth; Fire Chief Matt Cohn; Climate Smart Chair William Mancini; Jake Samascott; Jennifer Ose-McDonald; Tina Lang; Dorene Weir; Rima Bostic; Laura Hankin and The Columbia paper reporter Emelia Teasdale.

Absent: CEO/ZEO Glenn Smith; Economic Development Director Renee Shur.

Mayor Dunham opened the Regular monthly meeting at 7:30pm.

### **TAX PAYER TIME**

Rima Bostick, 41 Hudson Street-Is concerned with the condition of Isabelle Dobies home at 48 William Street. She would like to know why the village has not done anything about it. She stated it is a safety concern and it is slightly to look at.

Mayor Dunham responded the Code Enforcement Officer has condemned the house. He just recently spoke with Isabelle and she said she applied for a grant to fix the home. Mayor Dunham will follow up with Isabelle.

### **MINUTES**

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the minutes of May 8, 2019 Regular monthly meeting; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

### **ABSTRACT**

A motion made by Trustee Phillips to table May 31, 2019 yearend abstract, budget amendments and Treasurer's report until a special meeting is held; an approval of the June 12<sup>th</sup> abstract in the amount of \$8,875.54; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving June 12<sup>th</sup> Treasurer's Report; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The village received the monthly Fire Incident Log report and the minutes of the Officer's meeting. Fire Chief, Matt Cohn reported 4 calls, 1 drill and 4 details. AAA Emergency will be at the fire house on June 13<sup>th</sup> for Scott Air Pak flow test, Fill station service, Fill station air quality test and to replace the O2 sensors and calibrate gas meters.

Trustee Phillips noted a taxpayer donated \$10,000 of a \$16,375.00 towards a piece of equipment (UTV) that was purchased on state contract. The fire department can use this equipment to respond to calls where a fire truck may not be able to get to.

## **DPW**

Superintendent David Booth reported the DPW skid boxed part of Hudson Street; seal coated the pavement under the pavilion, cut back several branches over the sidewalks and filled pot holes. The have handled a lot of dig safe requests due to the Albany Electric trail.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

The CEO/ZEO's monthly report was received with 9 permits issued and \$2,284.50 of fees collected.

Violations-19 Rothermel- The violations are being mitigated slowly on the property.

## **TREES**

Mayor Dunham will receive quotes to remove and or trim approximately 6 trees. Two are at the water tower that will be paid out of the water fund.

## **TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY**

The village's traffic sign is on Gaffney Lane and will be moved to Sunset Ave.

## **ALBANY HUDSON ELECTRIC TRAIL**

Maintenance Agreement-The Village will sign a maintenance agreement with Hudson River Valley Greenway. The village will maintain the portion of the trail that runs through the village.  
Speed study- Due to the results of the speed study conducted by WSP they are recommending a 25 MPH speed zone be provided on Sunset Avenue from Albany Avenue to just west of the Samascott Orchard's driveway. On the recommendation of WSP, Mayor Dunham made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm for Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2019 to amend the Code of the Village of Kinderhook, Section 119 Vehicles and Traffic to reduce the speed limit on Sunset Avenue amends Village Square Parking; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Mayor Dunham met with Alexandra Anderson and Andy Beers concerning the amount of signs that are being proposed for Sunset Ave. Mr. Beers indicated he could possible remove 4 signs indicating the Albany Eclectic Trail. Due to the proposed reduction of speed four additional speed signs will be installed. A request to make all of Sunset Ave a 25mph speed was discussed. Mayor Dunham will place the village's speed sign on Sunset to receive preliminary data.

Construction Status-Approximately two weeks ago work began with the removal of brush and the installation of black plastic as an erosion control barrier along the trail.

## **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE**

Minutes of the Task Force were received.

CEC Award Disbursement and Filing- the Clean Energy Community award application was finalized by Greg Mumby from Climate Action Associates. The application requests \$35,000 to be used for the installation of solar panels on the Village firehouse and DPW garage. Mayor Dunham will sign the letter of commitment to be submitted with the application.

Farmers' Market and KPBA-The Task force distributed reusable shopping bags to the vendors at the Farmers' Market. It has been well received by the merchants and attendees at the Farmers' Market. They have discussed the idea of branded shopping bags to be sponsored by the Village and the KPBA.

Watervliet anaerobic digester plant-Mr. Mancini invited the board members if interested to attend the tour of the Watervliet anaerobic digester plant later this month.

Community Choice Aggregation-The Task Force would like to invite representatives of various energy service companies (ESCOs)to meet with the Village Board to discuss the possibility of the Village joining with other towns and villages to provide economical green energy to residents.

Streetlight conversion estimate- Discussion on requesting an estimate from National Grid for a streetlight conversion and purchase was had. Trustee Baumeister noted the initial expense to be laid out by the village would be exorbitant.

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

The village is proposing to apply for grant funds with the Environmental facilities Corporation for the water portion of the William Street project and for Albany Ave.

### **ZONING BOARD**

Minutes of February 25, 2019 minutes were received. The board approved the area variance requested by Tina Lang for 1 Church Street portico/car port.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Minutes of October 4, 2018 and April 4, 2019 meeting were received.

Two Public Hearings were held. A public Hearing for Three Sisters Tavern at 12 Broad Street and another Public Hearing for PCJ Development at 5 Broad Street.

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes of April 18, 2019 were received.

The applications that went before the Commission was 7 Sylvester Street-Fence, 11 Chatham-Doors, 3 Church Street-New Construction- Garage, 18 Hudson-Screening & Fence.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

The EDC Director's monthly report was received and is on file in the village office and posted on the village website.

Dutch heritage Week-A final schedule of daily activities have been proposed.

Revised Walkway Tour Brochure-Heritage Development-Hudson River National Heritage Area announced the grant awards today. The village was unable to attend but was awarded the grant funds for the brochure.

Food Truck Village- Will be held in the Village Square on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Municipal Parking Lot Lighting-The village is working with the adjacent property owners on easements for the lighting. Three of the lights purposed are on Paul Calcagno's property. He will be installing lights and will try and match what the village installs.

### **KINDERHOOK CREEK RECREATIONAL STUDY**

Hudson River Valley Heritage Area Grant -The village received a proposal from Barton & Loguidice for \$3,000 to be split 50/50 with Valatie to apply for grant funds. A motion made by Trustee Baumeister approving the mayor to sign a proposal from Barton & Loguidice for \$3,000 to be split with Valatie; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Mayor Dunham is encouraging Valatie to submit a grant for creek resiliency. The grant funds will be to place material along the bank in areas along the creek where it has washed out along the banks. This will mainly be along the creek in Valatie. The Village of Kinderhook would assist in paying for the permits but the grants and submission for reimbursement will be Valatie responsibility. Trustee Baumeister made a motion for the Village of Kinderhook to be in support of Valatie applying for grant funds for the Creek resiliency; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

### **NYSDOT**

NYSDOT painted lines in the NB Rt 9 parking lane at the traffic light.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received June 12, 2019 by Audrey Peckner concerning the traffic during events in the village. Mayor Dunham read the letter aloud during the meeting and is on file in the village clerk's office.

The village board discussed the issues Mrs. Peckner addresses in her letter. When The School has events they will hire people to assist with parking. Cones will be placed at intersections to restrict parking for sight distance for when pulling out of side streets. When needed the Sheriffs Dept & NYS Police will be requested to assist with traffic issues.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

Van Buren Hall Committee-The committee is temporarily on hold. Grants funds are be sought for the work needed to Van Buren Hall. An estimate was requested from contractor James Ramanchuck in preparation for applying for grant funds.

Back Stairway- Trustee Flaherty spoke with Mr. Siemers owner of S & S Fabrication. He is 6 to 8 weeks out before installing the stairs. He noted there will not be an issue with the propane tanks for the new boilers.

Exterior masonry-Trustee Flaherty has been in email contact with Lance Masonry, Lance Glenn. He will return in July to complete the paint a sealer on the bricks and to install the back door of the Village Hall. He will also discuss the plan for the water mitigation for the front entrance of the Village Hall.

Electric at the Village Hall- Trustee Flaherty placed a call with Scheriff electric for the power surges in the village hall mostly as the noon fire whistle goes off.

Boilers for the Village Hall- The boilers may be replaced now that confirmation was made that there is not an issue with the propane tanks and installing the emergency stairs. Trustee Flaherty called Phil Ward from Main-Care Energy to confirm he can schedule the replacement of the boilers.

## **BANDSTAND**

Bandstand-Trustee Flaherty placed a call to Dan Proper from Proper & O'Leary Engineering PC. Mr. Proper has not returned his call.

## **GARBAGE**

The village has one more year to the contract with County Waste. The issues the village is having will need to be reviewed at the time of contract renewal.

## **LAWS AND POLICIES**

Revise Zoning Law to not require off-street parking and loading for hotels and revised Law for 15 minute parking limit in the Village Square -A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to set a Public Hearing for PP LL No.2 of 2019 entitled, "A local law amending the Code of the Village of Kinderhook, Section 119 Vehicles and Traffic to reduce the speed limit on Sunset avenue and Village Square Parking; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

Drug and Alcohol Policy, Computer Policy Sexual Harassment Policy and Resolution-Policies were given to all employees' to sign. Trustee Phillips and Village Clerk Heeder will schedule a few dates for sexual harassment training for village employees. The Fire Department members received their sexual harassment training during their OSHA training.

## **WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Mayor Dunham called Emmons Pump two weeks ago to schedule the recalibration of the meter. He will need to call again as they have not been to the village.

## **SIDEWALKS**

Church St-The replacement of the sidewalk on Church Street will be scheduled in the current fiscal year.

12 Broad St-The sidewalk will be addressed when the Dutch Inn installs the water line.

## **APPLICATIONS**

A motion made by Trustee Baumeister approving the following application pending application B, C and H does not have conflict with previous approval of the pavilion with Blackhawks ; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

- a. Alliance for Positive Health is requesting parking at Rothermel Park to accommodate an event at John Hannam's home
- b. Kinderhook Memorial Library is requesting the Playground Pavilion on 6/28/19; 3-7 pm
- c. Kinderhook Memorial Library is requesting the Playground Pavilion on 8/20/19; 11am-12pm
- d. Working Pictures Inc. is requesting the use of the playground on 5/29 to shoot a TV Commercial
- e. Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail is requesting the pavilion on 8/24 & to display signs at Mills Park, Rothermel Park & Eichybush Rd
- f. Ghent Band is requesting to use the Village Square and Bandstand on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm
- g. St. Paul's Church is requesting to place a sign in village square from 6/7-6/18 advertising their Strawberry Fest
- h. William Scheriff is requesting the playground pavilion on July 28 for an ICC Memorial Motorcycle Ride and BBQ

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

The Playground Director and Assisted Director were hired. The camp counselors were interviewed at Monday night's meeting.

## **KBPA**

The Kinder Crafter Fair was on June 1<sup>st</sup> and was a success. They will plan for the Peoples Parade FOR July 4th.

A motion made by Mayor Dunham to adjourn the board meeting at 8:40pm and go into executive session for personnel; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder  
Village Clerk

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Personnel were discussed.

Trustee Flaherty made a motion to close the Executive Session and return to the Regular meeting; seconded by Trustee Baumeister.

Trustee Flaherty made a motion to close the Regular meeting; seconded by Trustee Phillips. The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

James Dunham, Mayor