

Minutes

Regular Monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips

Dale Leiser

Robert Baumeister

David Flaherty

Also attending: Asst' Superintendent, Robert Meehan; Climate Smart Chair, William Mancini; Fire Chief, Matt Cohn; Village Residents: Tina Lang, Marion Guerriero and Dave Sacco.

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

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

MINUTES

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the minutes of January 9, 2019 Regular monthly meeting; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

General Fund

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A.1990.4 Contingent	A.1910.4 Unallocated Insurance	\$480.49
A.8097.2 Planning Survey Capital Equipment	A.8097.4 Planning Survey Capital Contractual	\$2,423.79

ABSTRACT

A motion made by Trustee Leiser approving the monthly abstract in the amount of \$48,510.94; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Matt Cohn reported 7 calls, 2 drills and 0 details.

DPW

Asst' Superintendent, Robert Meehan reported the DPW were busy plowing and snow removal for the 5 winter storms this month.

Mills Park-When repairing the water line at Mills Park a cistern was found and filled in.

Water Department- Trustee Leiser spoke with the grant writers concerning the village not receiving the grant funds the William Street Project. He stated he read minutes of another municipality who has approximately the same medium income that received a very high grant award. The village is requesting grant funds for one project at a time. He feels we would do better if the village applies for multiple projects. Trustee Leiser spoke with the grant writers to consider the village applying for several water projects at a time, hoping to give the village a better chance of receiving grant funds. Trustee Leiser would like to consider applying for the water lines on Williams Street, Albany Ave and to replace the water meters village wide with a new reader system.

SIDEWALKS

Snow Clearing-Marion Guerriero stated she thought the village was proposing to change the law to extend the time to have the sidewalk cleaned to 36 hrs. She stated there are times that her sidewalk is clear and the state drives by and pushes the snow back onto her sidewalk. Her contractor cleans her sidewalk. Sometimes there are drifts and there are times the snow melts and runs on the sidewalk. How many times is she expected to clean her sidewalk? It is not her sidewalk but she has to keep it clean. They do their best to keep it cleaned but there are people who complain who do not have sidewalks or the expense of keeping a sidewalk clean. She is not sure what the answer is. Should the clearing of sidewalks be placed in the village budget?

Mayor Dunham noted the board is considering changing the law but there are several factors to consider. He is concerned if a second storm comes through before the time frame of clearing your sidewalk that is more snow placed on sidewalk. He believes the village residents are good with clearing their sidewalks but it does become hard when there are multiple storms. In Mrs. Guerriero case she also lives in a spot where there are wind drifts. He has spoken to the state and when they plow the shoulders back they will have the drivers slow down and curl the snow back instead of throwing the snow back. Trustee Leiser stated he spoke with a contractor and he stated it would be much harder to clear if there was a second snow fall in that time or if it was ice.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The CEO/ZEO's monthly report was received with 2 permits issued and \$115.00 of fees collected.

Violations-19 Rothermel- Mr. Sacco submitted updated pictures of the overflowing dumpster on 19 Rothermel with three unregistered vehicles and lots of garbage lying around. He stated several of the items are partially on the property he is under contract to purchase. He knows the CEO has issued violations but nothing is being rectified. He is requesting assistance to have the property cleaned up.

Mayor Dunham stated the CEO/ZEO issued violations and the property owner had until November 30th to rectify. A discussion of the process for the village to take the property owner to court was had. Mayor Dunham would like to call a special meeting when the CEO/ZEO can be in attendance to discuss the violations and how to proceed if the property owner does not adhere to the violations. He would also like to receive advice from the village attorney.

TREES

12 Broad Street-Mayor Dunham has tried to meet with NYSDOT Asst' Resident Engineer, Tom Story to discuss the removal of the trees but he is retiring and only working two days a week. He will keep in contact with NYSDOT to remove the trees due to the roots upheaving the sidewalk.

TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

The issuing of speeding tickets by the State Police and Sheriff's Office has assisted in the visible reduction of speed in the village.

ALBANY HUDSON ELECTRIC TRAIL

The contracts for Columbia County and Rensselaer County were let today. Mayor Dunham tried researching online to see who the low bidders were but it was not advertised on their website.

The village will need to sign a maintenance agreement for the trail within village limits.

Acquisition of parcel from Samascott's-The village closed on the Acquisition of Land from Samascott's.

Permanent Easement from Stewarts-The village closed on the Permanent Easement from Stewarts.

Speed study-Mayor Dunham has requested the village attorney to review the contract with Brian Doherty, from WSP for \$3,100 to conduct a speed study of Sunset Ave. Andy Beers informed Mayor Dunham the Greenway will reimburse the village for the study. He is hoping the study will justify reducing the speed to 25 mph.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

The task force's regular meeting was postponed until February 19th due to the snow storm. Committee Chair, William Mancini, reported the following:

EVC Station Status-The charging station was installed and has been operational for two weeks. With this project completed, the Village is now eligible to be named as a Certified Clean Energy Community. The village clerk submitted the paperwork today online to NYSEARDA to be in line to receive an award of \$35,000 to be used for future green projects. Mayor Dunham spoke with Olanna from John Reilly signs to make a sign advertising the charging station to resemble the village's parking lot sign. He would also like to add a map of the walking tour of the village to the back of the board that holds the electrical panel. Mayor Dunham would like to paint it white and add finials to the posts.

Award Disbursement-Greg Mumby, a grant writer from Climate Action Associates, will be attending the Task Force's next meeting to discuss possible projects that can be undertaken with the award monies. They Task Force with the village have 90 days to submit proposed projects.

Solar Project- Aileen Leventon has contacted a number of contractors and will have a report for their next meeting scheduled for February 19th.

Climate Action Resolution: There are two separate resolutions a Climate Action Resolution and Carbon Fee and Dividend Resolution. The village attorney reviewed and approved the Climate Action Resolution. Mr. Mancini will submit a template for the Carbon Fee resolution for the village attorney to review. At that time the village board will approve both.

Food Recycling-William Mancini and Warren Applegate met with the County Waste Management Commissioner, Jolene Race and the Stuyvesant Supervisor, Ron Knott with the owner of Almstead Nursery. At this point, the county is not contemplating a food recycling program due to cost. Almstead is unable to accept food waste at its facility. The Columbia County Economic Development Council is considering a proposal for a bio-digester project in Stuyvesant at Wil-Roc farm. This project would provide natural gas to National Grid. Presently, a feasibility study has been funded.

WILLIAM STREET RT. 9 TO MAIDEN LANE

Mayor Dunham knows Trustee Leiser is looking into grant funds for the water portion of Williams Street and Albany Ave with the Environmental Facilities Corporation but he would like to at least try and correct the drainage issue on the Rt. 9 end of William Street in the upcoming budget year.

ZONING BOARD

The zoning board met to review a request from the owners of 3 Church Street for a side setback variance to build a garage.

PLANNING BOARD

No applications received therefore there was no meeting held.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

There was no new business submitted the meeting was cancelled. Mayor Dunham met with HPC, Chair Ken Nelson and CEO/ZEO, Glenn Smith to discuss completing several Certificate of Appropriateness.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The EDC Director's monthly report was received.

Netherlands Sister City- Mayor Dunham was invited to attend the celebration of the 625th year of the founding the township of Buren in The Netherlands in September of 2019.

Dutch Heritage Week – A Dutch Heritage Week has been scheduled for the week of July 12th – July 19th.

Sister City Sign-Mayor Dunham is working with Michael Shaw to add a sign to the existing directional arrow sign in the Village Square. (Buren, NL 3,600 miles) Mr. Shaw will donate the sign.

Revised Walkway Tour Brochure-Heritage Development due 5/10/19- Renee will apply for the grant funds to update the village's walking Tour Brochure. The grant is a matching grant that will cover the updating of the brochure and the printing of the brochure.

KINDERHOOK CREEK RECREATIONAL STUDY

The committee is working with Barton & Loguidice on a plan for trails along the creek and for kayak access. A public meeting will be held in March in Valatie and a public meeting will be held in April in Kinderhook with a final report to be submitted in June of what the villages want from the study.

NYS DOT

The village is waiting on NYS DOT for an update on the Handicapped parking spot and the NB Rt 9 restriction to use of parking lane at traffic signed as right turn.

VILLAGE HALL

Van Buren Hall Committee-The committee is temporarily on hold. Mayor Dunham and Renee would like to inquire about grant funding for the renovations of Van Buren Hall.

Back Stairway- The replacing of the back stairway is on hold with S&S Fabrication. Trustee Flaherty has not heard from Mr. Siemers since December 4th to schedule the replacement.

Exterior masonry-Masonry, Lance Glenn will return to install the back door of the village hall and propose a plan for the Village Hall entrance.

State Trooper Lights- Trustee Flaherty received two quotes to remove eight lights and replace seven lights in the State Troopers Office. Five lights in the main office and two the rear office and to add light twitch allow one light to stay on as a night light. A quote of \$1,725 from Scheriff Electrical Services, Inc. and another from Jerry Jennings Electrical Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$1,880. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to hire Scheriff Electrical Services for \$1,725.00; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

GARBAGE

Trustee Flaherty is keeping himself updated with the current recycling issues. He is compiling information on recycling knowing when our contract is up in a year the village will need to be prepared.

POLICY

Trustee Phillips, Trustee Flaherty and Village Clerk Heeder will meet to review all proposed policies. Trustee Phillips would like the Village Board to hold a workshop to finalize any changes before submitting to the village attorney.

UNPAID WATER, SEWER & TAX BILLS

Trustee Leiser reported there are three unpaid water bills totaling \$384.78. His water shut off letter states they have until this Friday to pay. Total unpaid sewer billing is \$7,655.02.

WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

NYSDOT and the Rescue Squad are requesting to connect to the village's sewer line. Mayor Dunham, Trustee Leiser & Ass't Supt. Meehan and Valatie Mayor Argle, DPW Supt Paul Warner met with Ted Bombalo from Crawford & Associated Engineering, PC to discuss the Rescue Squad sewer connection to the village's Force Main. He informed them of the application process, required fees and that each connection to the force will need a grinder pump.

APPLICATIONS

A motion made by Trustee Baumeister approving the following applications; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

a. KBPA is requesting the use of the Village Square & Bandstand for the following annual events:

5/4 Early Yard Sale; 5/18 Farmer's Market every Saturday until 10/26; 6/1 Craft Fair; 6/27 Food Truck Night; 7/4 People's Parade; 8/22 Food Truck Night; 9/14 Fall Yard Sale; 10/12 Fall Festival; 10/26 Reading of Sleepy Hollow; 12/6 Candle Lite Night. Also the request of the use of alcoholic beverages during Food Truck nights.

b. Kinderhook Runners Club is requesting Van Buren Hall the 4th Sunday of every month 2/2019-1/2020; 7-9 pm for Club meetings and the 3rd Sunday every month 2/2019-1/2020; 9am-11am for yoga

c. Kinderhook Garden Club is requesting the Village Square on 5/17; 10am-8pm and 5/18; 7am-1pm for a Plant & Bake Sale

d. Kinderhook Memorial Library is requesting Van Buren Hall on 7/10; 9am-4pm for a Library event "Star Lab"

e. Concerts in the Village is requesting Van Buren Hall & Lift on 4/28; 11am-5:30pm event will be 2pm-4pm

f. Concerts in the Village is requesting Van Buren Hall & Lift on 5/11; 11am-5:30pm event will be 4pm-6pm

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Commission reviewed and submitted the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Commission had a secretary years ago and is requesting to have a secretary again. Trustee Baumeister requested the secretary for approximately 20 hours a year at \$14.20hr as listed in the village budget; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye". The March 11th meeting will be to review summer program guidelines and prepare for the summer program. The April 8th meeting the Commission will stuff Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 20th at noon at the Vanderpoel House.

KBPA

Farmer's Market-Renee requesting volunteers for the KBPA table during the Farmer's Market.

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to adjourn at 8:38pm; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk