

Minutes

Regular monthly meeting of the Village Board
Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Due to COVID-19 pandemic: The meeting was held in Van Buren Hall and via Zoom Videoconference.

Present:

Mayor James Dunham- Zoom Videoconference

Trustee Richard Phillips- Zoom Videoconference

Trustee Dale Leiser- Zoom Videoconference

Trustee Robert Baumeister-Van Buren Hall

Trustee David Flaherty-Zoom Videoconference

Village Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Heeder-Village Hall & Zoom Videoconference

Also present via Zoom: Peter Bujanow, Ken Neilson, Carol Weaver; Robert Fitzsimons; Krista Ambrosetti; Myra Joseph; David Sullivan; Robert Clark; Ralph Gartner; Michael Susi; Sean Sawyer; Stephen Palumbo and Rima Bostic.

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

MINUTES

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the minutes of April 8, 2020 regular monthly Village Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye". A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the minutes of April 27, 2020 Public Hearing on the annual budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. 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.5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual	A.1680.4 Central Data Processing Contractual	\$ 1,533.50
A.3410.43 Fire Equipment Maintenance	A.3410.4 Fire Department Contractual	\$ 1,004.03
A.5110.11 Street Equipment Maintenance	A.5110.1 Street Maintenance Personal Service	\$ 2,045.53
A.5010.4 Street Administration Contractual	A.5132.4 Central Garage Contractual	\$ 633.41
A.5142.1 Snow Removal Personal Service	A.7140.1 Recreation Personal Services	\$ 1,577.00
A.9035.8 Medicare	A.9030.8 Social Security	\$ 12.64

Year End transfers- A Special meeting was set for Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 7:30 pm to address year end transfers to the reserve accounts. Mayor Dunham noted he will be proposing a transfer from the general fund to the sewer fund to cover the cost of the replacement/repair of pumps.

ABSTRACT

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the monthly abstract in the amount of \$31,683.15; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye."

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the monthly treasurer's report; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

VILLAGE ELECTIONS

The village elections have been moved to September 15, 2020.

CANCELLATION OF THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

On the recommendation of Columbia County Health Department Trustee Baumeister made a motion not to hold the village's summer recreation program; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

APPROVAL OF GARBAGE CONTRACT

The village of Valatie and the Village of Kinderhook have a joint two year contract with County Waste-Ulster LLC. The village's alternate the bidding process. Mayor Dunham attended the opening of bids with Valatie by telephone conference. County Waste -Ulster, LLC once again was the low bidder. They will continue picking up the garbage for both village's from June 1, 2020 to and including May 31, 2022. The village will continue with Option 1A garbage bag only collection with same day "single stream" with automated recyclable pick up. The cost for Collection is \$81,000; \$74.00/ton *350 tons = \$25,900 for a total of \$106,900. Trustee Flaherty requested the village's recyclable slips and placed a call into County Waste inquiring on why has the village's tonnage increased. He wanted to make sure the recyclables are not being placed in with the garbage. After review from the village attorney the [village](#) will sign the contract.

ALBANY HUDSON ELECTIC TRAIL

Construction Status- The trail in the village is scheduled to open by the end of July.
Punch list of items for Greenway to address before completion of construction-Mayor Dunham submitted a list of items to be addressed prior to the opening of the trail in the village.
Proposed modification of the Zoning Law to allow 8' fences for rear and side yards where properties abut the AHET- The village code allows residents to have a 6' fence. With the installation of the trail at a higher level residents are requesting 8' fencing. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to set a public hearing for June 10, 2020 at 7:30pm to modify the zoning law to allow 8' fence along the AHET trail; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".
Access between Albany Ave and Rothermel Park through CCHS property at the rear of the Vanderpoel House field-Columbia County Historical Society installed a barbed wire fence and plantings at the rear of their property along the AHET trail. Several residents were upset stating how dangerous the fence was and that this was an access for residents along Albany Ave to go to the playground for over 30 years. The fence was removed a smaller access trail was left for residents to access the playground. A thank you letter will be sent to CCHS.

48 WILLIAM STREET

The village has begun the process of the Notice of Proceeding to Repair or Demolish. At this time part of the garage has collapsed. The debris was cleaned up and a caution fence was installed by the village. Due to the safety concerns the village board hired engineer Ray Jurkowski to inspect the structural integrity of the house to the garage. There were concerns if the garage could be removed or if the house would need to be demolished also. There are concerns that there is Asbestos. An asbestos company will need to provide testing, and removal costs. Also there is a

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lien on the property. The village attorney will draft paperwork to make application to the court to determine that the garage will need to be removed.

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BUILDING PERMIT FOR CONCRETE PAD AT NO. 3 BROAD STREET

The village board has determined the replacement of the concrete pad may be done under a building permit. The other items Paul Calcagno proposed will need to be reviewed by the Planning Board and Historic Preservation. A joint meeting of the boards will be held by zoom videoconference to assist with the progression of the application.

KINDERHOOK CREEK-KAYAK LAUNCH SITE GRANT STATUS

With the foreseeable budget restraints due to COVID 19 New York State is placing all state funded grants on hold.

PEOPLE OF COLOR CEMETERY

The village DPW completed several hours of welding and painting to repair the fence received by donation to the Persons of Color Cemetery. With the alternating sections of fence and flower boxes the project looks very nice. The village received monetary donations towards the purchase of flowers for the boxes and the project itself.

PARKING LOT LIGHTING

The village is working with land surveyor Peter Van Alstyne and property owner Peter Cechinni in resolving a few of his questions on the easement with the village to install a fifth light at the village parking lot on Hudson Street. The DPW will be handling the excavation work and Sheriff Electric is scheduled to complete the electrical work. Renee has requested to use a timer versus a light sensor as it gives the flexibility in taking into account the time of year. Ken Neilson, chairperson of Historic Preservation Commission noted he was in discussion with Renee for the need of a manual override for the intensity of the light during events and to allow an override for the lights to stay on longer if needed during events.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

Renee submitted the monthly reports for April and May.

Wear a Mask signs-She requested to purchase three yard signs for social distancing and mask wearing. Two signs will be in the village square and one at Rothermel Park. There is a design cost of \$50.00 and for (3) two sided signs with metal stakes will cost \$75.00. A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the purchase of three signs; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Fast Track Kinderhook- Renee proposed the following suggestion during the current COVID-19 "pause" phase. She believes the village should begin a review of the procedures of the three boards: zoning, planning, and HPC to see how and whether their procedures can be made more efficient, easier to understand and navigate, and timely. The current COVID-19 "pause" could be seen as an opportunity to refine how the village enables new business investment through fast-track procedures. This review would involve the evaluations of members of the board's themselves and a greater overview of how those boards might work together to make the process faster and more efficient.

Mayor Dunham feels the village had started this concept before COVID -19. Joint meetings were held for the hotel, for parking and a joint meeting of the boards for 3-5 Broad Street. The board agrees with the concept and wants all of the village boards and commissions to work cooperatively for the applicants. Trustee Leiser noted people feel we are not business friendly

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because they may not understand they have to go before a board depending on what they want to do.

Trustee Phillips inquired with the village attorney if the boards and commission may meet via zoom meeting. The Village Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons responded the village will need to see what phase we are in to open but meetings can be held via zoom. The village is ahead of the curve by holding our first public Hearing via zoom. It is important the residents may participate in the meetings. He and Mayor Dunham had already discussed moving forward with items held off due to COVID-19.

Facebook advertising for Meals To Go- A cost of \$80.00 for advertising Kinderhook's food service during the COVID-19 was donated by Kinderhook residents Julie and Theo Fels. They also assisted with the project by adapting a graphic gratis as their way to support Kinderhook's businesses.

LOCAL LAWS

If possible, Mayor Dunham would like to hold the Public Hearings on all of the tabled proposed local laws when the village board can meet in person. He hopes that will be by the July meeting. During the June Village Board meeting he would like to set the public hearings. The code enforcement officer had sent suggested revisions to the village attorney. Trustee Flaherty requested to have the final revisions of all the local laws to be sent to the village board.

90 DAYS EXTENSION OF BUILDING PERMITS DUE TO COVID-19

The Code Enforcement officer requested a 90 extension on all building permits due to COVID - 19. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the request; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye".

WATER DEPARTMENT

Trustee Leiser noted he has been working with village Deputy Clerk Carol van Denburgh on accepting credit card payments through the village's water and sewer billing software, Springbrook. He will forward the information onto the Village Board. Due to COVID -19 Trustee Leiser would request the Village Board consider not charging a late penalty on any unpaid water bills through June 8, 2020. A motion by Trustee Leiser in support of that action; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

PUBLIC COMMENT

Krista Ambrosetti- Lives at 55 William Street across from 48 William Street and wants to go on record with her concerns on the condition of the house and garage. She sees feral cats and rodents coming in and out of the house daily. She is concerned with the health and wellbeing of her family and neighbors with the possible lead paint, mold and asbestos in the home. Anything the village can do to expedite the removal of the garage that has partial collapsed. She is looking forward to a favorable outcome for all parties.

Robert Clark-Would like the village to remove or place a 4ft marker with reflective tape on the corners of the Granite boundary markers along the sidewalk in the village square.

Michael Susi and Sean Sawyer -Live along Albany Ave and would like the village to request what type of vandalism was going on that the CCHS closed the trail.

Myna Joseph-Wanted to thank the village for working with CCHS in opening the trail.

Stephen Palumbo-46 William Street- Knows there is an issue with the lien from the nursing home and wanted to thank the village board for addressing the house as he has seen it decline of the years. He inquired if the engineer inspected the back of the house. Mayor Dunham noted yes, the village engineer looked at the house, garage and the chimney. He will contact Mr. Palumbo to request a temporary easement for the removal of the garage.

A motion made by Trustee Baumeister to adjourn at 8:36 pm; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk