

Minutes
Regular monthly meeting of the Village Board
Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Due to COVID-19 pandemic: The Village Board is in Van Buren Hall social distanced by 6ft. The public is via Zoom Videoconference with a telephone option to listen in.

Present: Mayor James Dunham

Trustees: Richard Phillips
Dale Leiser
Robert Baumeister
David Flaherty

Also present via Zoom Videoconference/telephone: Renee Shur; Dorene Weir; Mike Abrams; Farm Program Coordinator from Columbia Land Conservancy, Terrance Duvall; Steve Palumbo; Michael Robbins; Krista Ambrosti.

MINUTES

A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the minutes of July 8, 2020 regular monthly Village Board Meeting; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

ABSTRACT

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the monthly abstract in the amount of \$40,709.45 seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted "aye."

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

The village's Annual Financial report for fiscal year June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 was filed with the New York State Comptroller's office on Saturday, July 21, 2020.

FIRE DEPARTEMENT

The village received the annual Town of Kinderhook budget request. A motion made by Trustee Phillips to request a 1.5% increase to the Town of Kinderhook for their 2021 budget; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Bujanow submitted his monthly activity report.

48 William Street- Status of violation "Notice of Proceeding to Repair or Demolish". The village is waiting to receive the scope of work needed from the engineer, Ray Jurkowski to move forward. When the village receives the scope of work the village can determine if the house and garage will need to be demolished or just the garage. The report received from Alpine Environmental Services notes there is asbestos in the house. The asbestos report showed friable and non-friable asbestos. The friable asbestos was found in the basement and the non-friable along the outside walls. Peter offered to follow the project up and prepare bid specs in review of the village's procurement policy.

STATUS OF THE PLAYGROUND

The village received an email from Jennifer Ose-McDonald encouraging the Village Board to open Rothermel Playground. Trustee Leiser spoke with Columbia County Health Department to

discuss the requirements for opening the playground. The village would have to clean the playground once a day with soap and water and someone would have to check the playground three times a day to make sure masks are worn.

The Village Board is in agreement not to open the playground and close the basketball courts and the pavilion off. The tennis court will be open for single play only.

ALBANY HUDSON ELECTIC TRAIL

Mayor Dunham believes the trail will be open in the next few weeks from River Street in Valatie to New Street in Stuyvesant Falls. The village DPW will maintain the trail in the village. Village resident Walter Brooks has volunteered to help maintain the trail in the village. If other residents want to volunteer a Friends of the village Trail can be formed. The volunteers will need to use village equipment and will be covered by the village's insurance. Two mutt mitts dispensers and garbage can has been installed for use along the trail. Advertising will be done informing trail head users to park in the parking lot at the trail heads.

COLUMBIA LAND CONSERVANCY

A motion made by Trustee Phillips to have the Village Board send a letter of support to submit a grant application by the Columbia Land Conservancy for the purchase of development rights on the portion on Samascott Orchards to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

VILLAGE ELECTIONS

Election Inspectors-A motion made by Trustee Leiser approving the following Resolution; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

RESOLVED THAT: The following persons are appointed inspectors for the village election to be held on the 15th day of September, 2020.

Geraldine Smith, Chair
Susan Lauster
William Mancini
Barbara Shannon

Sandra Meier, Alternate

WHEREAS, Registration Day is required to accomplish this action, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Registration Day will be held for the Village of Kinderhook General Election on September 5, 2020, 12 noon to 5 PM at the Village Hall.

Inspectors of Election will meet at the foregoing place to prepare a register for the Village Election.

Election Day due to COVID-19- A motion made by Trustee Leiser approving the following resolution; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

WHEREAS the General Village Election of the Village of Kinderhook will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the polling place for such election will be at the Village Hall, 6 Chatham Street in the Village of Kinderhook and that the polls will be open from noon until nine o'clock in the evening.

PARKING LOT LIGHTING

Sheriff Electric will be installing a dimmer switch for the four lights installed in the village parking lot. The village is considering using the fifth light at Mills Park.

LOCAL LAWS

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to hold several public hearings for the following laws: Dumpsters; Storage Containers; Stop Signs on Catskill View and Revision to Zoning Law, Section 130.7 to be held on September 9, 2020 starting at 7:00 pm every 10 minutes; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye". After the laws are passed any laws not codified will be sent to General Code to be codified in the village code book.

STREET & SIDEWALK PROJECTS

Mayor Dunham stated the projected street project this year is the milling and resurfacing of William Street from Maiden Lane to Hudson Street. The projected sidewalk project is the sidewalk on Church Street by the Kinderhook Reformed Church.

WILLIAM STREET PROJECT & ALBANY AVE PROJECT

Mayor Dunham and Trustee Leiser met with Bill Roehr from TGW Consulting Group via Zoom videoconference to discuss applying for grant funds for Albany Ave and William Street. The following resolutions and SEQR Determination is needed to apply for the 2020 WIIA Drinking Water Program

SEQR Type II Action - A motion made by Trustee Robert Baumeister to adopt the following Resolution Declaring Replacement of Albany Avenue Water Main as a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; seconded by Trustee Richard Phillips. All voted "aye".

Whereas, the Village of Kinderhook desires to replace approximately 1,525 linear feet existing water main within the Albany Avenue right-of-way; and,

Whereas, the proposed project clearly constitutes a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), specifically under Section 617.5 (11), and, as such, is statutorily exempted from SEQR review; and,

Whereas, the Village of Kinderhook is coordinating with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as the project is situated within the Kinderhook Village Historic District; and,

Whereas, the proposed project is wholly identical in nature and nearly identical in size to the Williams Street water main replacement, for which the New York State Historic Preservation Office stated "Based upon this review, it is the opinion of the SHPO that the proposed project is appropriate to the Kinderhook Village Historic District. In addition, there are no archaeological concerns associated with the project."

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Village of Kinderhook Board of Trustees declares the Albany Avenue water main replacement will to be a Type II action and is exempted from further SEQR review.

Resolution to submit an application to apply for grant funds for William Street and Albany Ave-

A motion made by Trustee Dale Leiser to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Kinderhook To Undertake The Williams Street And Albany Avenue Water Main Replacement Project And Authorizing The Mayor To Submit An Application Under The New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Drinking Water Grant Program; seconded by Trustee David Flaherty. All voted “aye”.

Whereas, the Village of Kinderhook desires to replace approximately 1,140 linear feet existing water main within the Williams Street right-of-way for the purposes of improving water quality and enhancing fire protection; and,

Whereas, the Village of Kinderhook also desires to replace approximately 1,525 linear feet existing water main within the Albany Avenue right-of-way for the purposes of improving water quality and enhancing fire protection; and,

Whereas, the proposed project is estimated to cost up to \$930,000; and,

Whereas, New York State grant funding through the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act, for drinking water projects, shall not exceed 60% of total project cost.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Village of Kinderhook Board of Trustees authorizes the Village to undertake the project; and,

Be it further resolved that the Village of Kinderhook Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign and submit the funding application and any other documents pertinent to the receipt of New York State funding; and,

Be it further resolved that the Village of Kinderhook Board of Trustees will provide for all local funding match requirements.

CABLE TV FRANCHISE

The Public Service Commission is reviewing the franchise renewal agreement with Charter Communications for Spectrum cable in the village. The village received the renewal from Consolidated Communications that ended in 2019. Mayor Dunham will request the Public Service Commission to review the renewal also.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Minutes of the June 22, 2020 was received. The Zoning Board of Appeals met on July 27, 2020 to review the request of Tom and Margaret Riddle (6 William Street) requesting two area variances. They also reviewed the request from Robert and Patricia Altman (13 Hudson Street) requesting an area variance.

PLANNING BOARD

The August 6, 2020 meeting was canceled as there was no new business to go before the board.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of February 20, 2020 and June 11, 2020 were received. The Commission met on July 16, 2020 and reviewed the applications from Jennifer Ose-MacDonald (8 Broad Street) and Sharon Rae (1 Church Street). They also discussed proposed language changes to Chapter 75 “Landmarks and Historic Districts in the Village of Kinderhook”

RECREATION COMMISSION

Several members met on August 10, 2020, unfortunately, there was not a quorum. A banner was placed on the bandstand honoring August 21, 2020 as Senior Citizen Day. Due to COVID -19 the village’s annual Community Night in September had been cancelled along with The Ghent Band. The commission will discuss ideas for Halloween during COVID at their September 14, 2020 meeting.

CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

William Mancini submitted the minutes of the Task Force meeting held on July 20, 2020.

Letter of Support for Columbia County to join CSC Program-A motion made by Trustee Phillips to send a letter to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors urging them to pass a resolution and pledge Columbia County as a member of the Climate Smart Community Program; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “aye.”

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Director Renee Shur submitted her July 2020 monthly report to the Village Board.

UNPAID WATER, SEWER & TAX BILLS

The total of unpaid water bills of \$1,737.69; total unpaid sewer bills of \$1,832.59.

WATER DEPARTMENT-CIVIC PAY PORTAL

Samascott water pit- A new water pit and meter was needed for the new 1 ½ inch water line that was installed for Samacott’s new cider barn. .

APPLICATIONS

- a. A motion made by Trustee Phillips to deny the request from the Republican Women's Club requesting the Playground pavilion on 9/8/2020 from 6-8pm as the pavilion is closed down due to COVID; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “aye”.
- b. A motion made by Trustee Phillips approving the request from the Republican Women's Club requesting the Village Square on 9/19/2020 from 2-5pm; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted “aye.”
- c. A motion made by Trustee Phillips request from the Kinderhook Runners Inc. requesting Van Buren Hall & Village Square on 6/11/2021 from 4pm to 6/12/2021 to noon; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “aye”
- d. A motion made by Trustee Flaherty approving the request from the Clippers request to hold tryouts On K-1 Field pending insurance; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted “aye.”

TAXPAYER TIME

Trustee Phillips stated NYMIR is having zoom training on Sexual harassment on August 25, 2020 at 9 am. The training is mandatory for all village employees unless they have received training at another job.

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to adjourn 8:37 pm and enter executive session to discuss personnel; seconded by Trustee Baumeister. All voted “aye”.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk

Executive Session

Mayor Dunham requested Code Enforcement Officer Peter Bujanow to attend Executive Session.

No motions made during executive session.

A motion made by Trustee Leiser to adjourn executive session at 10:10 pm; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

James Dunham
Mayor