

Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Regular Bi-monthly meeting of the Kinderhook Village Board of Trustees

Present: Mayor Mike Abrams Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Heeder	Trustees: David Flaherty Dorene Weir James Mark Browne Susan Patterson
<p>Attending:</p> <p>David Booth – DPW Superintendent William Mancini – Climate Smart Chair Dale Leiser - Water Commissioner Renee Schur – Economic Development Director Jerry Callahan Matt Cohn – Kinderhook Fire Department Kim Gray - Zoning Board Chair Alexandra Anderson Nolan Robinson Amelia Teasdale – Columbia Paper Stanley Gresens Michael Allen David Smith</p>	

Call to order – Mayor Abrams opened the regular meeting at 7:00p.m. All stood for Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes – motion made by Trustee Weir to adopt minutes of October 12, 2022, meeting; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “Aye.”

Budget Amendments – Mayor Abrams motioned to adopt the following Budget amendments presented by the Village Treasurer Heeder; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted “Aye.”

Fund	From	To	Amount
General Fund	A. 3410.43 Fire Equipment Maintenance	A. 3410.4 Fire Dept. Contractual	\$19,850
	A. 5410.1 Sidewalk Personal Services	A.8540.1 Drainage Personal Services	\$608.25
	A. 5410.4 Sidewalk Contractual	A.8540.4 Drainage Contractual	\$3,811.25

Abstract - A motion by Trustee Flaherty approving the monthly Abstract totaling \$98,351.56; general fund expenses \$87,000.00; fund expenses \$4,131.90; and sewer fund expenses \$6,250.02; Trustee Patterson seconded. All voted “Aye.”

Treasurer’s Report -

Trustee Browne motioned to approve monthly Treasurer’s Report, Trustee Flaherty seconded. All voted “Aye.”

2. Code Enforcement Officer

- Monthly Report received and on file. (CEO Peter Bujanow absent)

3. Fire Department

- Fire Chief Matt Cohn reported 5 calls, 2 drills and 1 detail. In process of ordering 5 gas meters 1 for each Chief and 4 for trucks. Drill to be held for search & rescue on Monday, another on Nov. 21.

4. **Water Sewer Commissioner**

- Unpaid water & sewer

Commissioner Dale Leiser reported - water bills \$9,358.75, sewer bills \$9,230.80 totaling \$18,589.55. In October pumped 2,797,000 gallons.

Water source concerns for new tiny house on Broad St. outside the village; the former office of Dr. Daggett. Trustee Broderick reported the homeowner will pull water from the house.

5. **DPW**

- Lead Service Line Connections/Road Inventory – Superintendent David Booth reported:

- drainage issue at end of William St. paved over today, drainage connected to state drains on Route 9,
- completed skid boxing & paving this month,
- winterized bathrooms at playground,
- leaf pickup through Friday, Dec. 2nd, then will assist towns of Kinderhook & Stuyvesant,
- working on additions to village code, water and sewer sections, to be discussed with Trustee Patterson.
- State requires Lead Service Line inventory of municipality water systems, due Oct. 2024. Approximately 635 connections with estimates 25% could have lead.
- Obtaining information on switching to radio read meters for ease in collecting information.
- Holiday Decorating of the Village Square on Dec. 6th & 7th ;
- and working with Trustee Weir on little free libraries prior to ground freezing.

6. **Economic Development Director**

Director Renee Shur reported:

- The Shaker Museum to occupy 2nd floor of the Aviary for office and mini exhibition space, while working on a million dollar project in Chatham, with possible December opening.
- Hudson Valley magazine doing feature on Village of Kinderhook in February. Director Shur requesting submission of photos, life in Kinderhook etc.)
- Mayor Abrams reported - Martin Van Buren birthday celebration to include walking tours of the village, bottle shop, birthday party at Dyad on Dec. 3rd, with actual ceremony on Dec. 5th at Kinderhook cemetery.
- Mayor Abrams met with new Executive Director of the Columbia County Historical Society. With an annual family membership (discounted for veterans) the society can provide a lookback into ancestry. Incidentally, Mayor learned his great grandfather lived in Kinderhook with he and 2 brothers serving in Civil War, participated in March of the Annapolis D.C., and 6th great grandfather served in Revolutionary war, Aaron Burr's battalion!

7. **KBPA**

- Friday Dec. 9th 5-8pm Candlelight night, Hudson Street access road closed off, new this year will be Candlelight festivities all weekend.

Trustee Flaherty

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- Zoning Board - Public Hearing was rescheduled to Friday, November 18th. Homeowners withdrew their application and the hearing will be cancelled.

- Village Hall Repair- Front entrance – still communicating with contractor Jeff Pizza regarding front door assembly.

9. **Trustee Weir**

- Recreation Commission and Upcoming Events

- Commission to meet Monday for November meeting. The playground equipment now due in late December.
- Rothermel tennis court has a crack in middle getting bigger, Trustee Weir has reached out to Copeland paving (w/ Campo) and will meet with reps Friday for assessment and proposal.
- Rothermel skating rink – DPW planned out 100 x 75 feet in front of pavilion, fire department says once outlined, fill it.
- Halloween party huge success, distributed 155 bags of candy and the Columbia paper had a picture of reading at Vanderpoel house and mentioned costume contest.
- Candlelight night – Recreation members assisting with donation table for Toys for Tots initiative; ½ hour timeslot.
- Revitalization Survey – Kristy posted survey online today via Google forms with announcements going out in next weeks, and paper surveys will be at Village Hall and Library.
- Little Free Library – nearing completion.
- LWRP – having meeting next week with Barton & LoGuidice to go over requirements for committee, will report at next meeting.

10. **Trustee Browne**

- Albany Avenue Bond Resolution and Project Status
 - Bond Issuance at 4.21% Greene County Commercial Bank
 - Clerk-Treasurer following up with transfer of funds
 - Thereafter need a budget amendment to obligate funding

Project Status: Public Status Meeting was conducted October 26th – Mayor Abrams followed up with an open letter to residents covering Albany Avenue and other Village Initiatives.

Negotiations with the most qualified design firm is underway – Jim Dunham and Trustee Browne reviewed the design proposal. Trustee Browne conducted a phone conversation with the firm today to go over some of the administrative items found in the proposed contract and negotiation sessions are planned for next week and will share with the Mayor/Board members our negotiation strategy in executive session. The hope is to get DOT approval to start the project December 1, 2022.

- Historic Preservation Commission – Meeting held October 27th and a follow-on site survey/meeting covering the 5 Clifton Street Garage Demo/Replacement was conducted thereafter on Saturday October 29th. An informal recommendation was communicated to the resident to consider withdrawing the application and look into repairing/updating the garage. Other business was conducted during the Meeting of October 27th as reflected in the minutes.
- Long Term Financial Planning - Jerry Callahan and Trustee Browne continue to collect and analyze financial data. This morning they met with Tighe & Bond (Dan Valentine) to go over the initial findings of the Roadway Condition Assessment. They have prioritized our repair/upgrade road needs and will produce cost estimates aligned to schedules to support future funding and budget efforts.
- Traffic Safety– Trucks continue to be a concern. Mayor Abrams is sending a letter to DOT asking for a response to our previous requests for clarifications and support. 3 Radar signs installed and the last one scheduled to be installed on Clifton this week. Initial analyses of data underway.

- AHET – Mowing and Maintenance is Complete for the Year. There have been a few complaints on mowing relative to the side flail throws the clippings. The banks of the trail grade downward to lawns in some area.

11. **Trustee Patterson**

- Planning Board update - short term rentals - Planning Board did not meet in November, shared short term rental recommendations with attorney for review.
- Climate Smart Task Force - Bill Mancini reported:

The Task Force did not meet this month.

Resolution:

The Climate Action Council Scoping Plan resolution was presented to the Board in August 2022 for its approval. members of the task force recommended to have the Village Board pass the resolution after review by the Board and Village attorney at its October 15 meeting.

The Local Champions group is having a ZOOM meeting on November 29 featuring a presentation by former State Senator Jen Metzger who will provide an update on the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and the Climate Action Council (CAC) Scoping Plan. This may help to provide you with more details and answers to any questions on the CLCPA and with deciding on the resolution's passage. Vanessa Bertozzi of Partners for Climate Action in Hudson Valley will provide the ZOOM link. You are all invited. If you'd like to join the presentation let Bill know he will pass on your e-mail to Vanessa.

Climate Smart Communities Certification:

The Task Force has been working with Tara Donadio on gathering information and documentation to support the bronze certification in the Climate Smart program. With the completion of the greenhouse gas inventory report, they estimate that the Task Force will have a sufficient number of points to submit our application to the DEC by January. Thanks to Nicole Heeder, Kristy Silvia and Dave Booth for their help in getting the information needed to complete the report. Once it is finalized, they will need to post it on the Village website.

CEC Leadership Program Update:

The Task Force is continuing to organize our Air Heat Pump campaign. Bill would like to reach out to the Village residents by posting our flyer on Next Door and sending out an e-mail blast with the Board's permission.

Latest revenue from EV charging stations estimated at \$2,300 for the year.

- Code Review Update - Trustee Patterson provided Mayor Abrams and Trustees with the timeline for code review, provided draft of expectations, Jerry Callahan has assisted with layout in different format and General Codes completion of editorial and legal analyses. Trustee Patterson to update timeline.
- National Grid Update – sign posted on lower Hudson St. that bridge to be closed Nov. 28th for about a month, Trustee Patterson spoke to National Grid who indicate bridge outage will not interrupt their plans to displace transformers.

Mayor Abrams is trying to push out the bridge project beyond Christmas so as not to impact local businesses during holiday season.

Trustee Flaherty made a motion for Mayor Abrams to sign the Hall Construction contract for snow removal, Trustee Weir seconded, all voted “Aye.”

12. **Mayor Abrams**

- Collaboration with Concerts in the Village – Mr. Smith, on behalf of donor, would like to donate a piano to Van Buren Hall. Mayor Abrams states bringing concerts to Van Buren hall would benefit the village.

Mr. Smith states they've incorporated with state of NY and are awaiting 501(c)3 status, requests board approval of documents beginning of next year, and expects to have incorporation in place by then. Mayor Abrams requested document change and termination clause, written notice with 60 days to removal.

Trustee Dave Flaherty motion to approve agreement including termination clause and 60 day written removal verbiage, Trustee Weir seconded, all voted "Aye."

- Enhanced Enforcement Agreement –

Per Mayor – Money budgeted to engage with county Sheriff's department to participate in their Enhanced Enforcement program. This would be for any need, speed traps, events in village, if judge needs them for arraignment, etc. Broad street residents relayed to Mayor that traffic is not calming down, particularly with big trucks, heard about drag race couple nights ago, trust trustee engage them, spoke to Sheriff, discussed work for specific dates/shifts. Mayor Abrams, Trustees Flaherty and Browne will collect data from speed feedback signs to target workforce shifts appropriately, and awaiting approval to put speed signs up on Route 9 with DOT commissioner.

Trustee Flaherty made motion to sign contract with Columbia County Sheriff's department; Trustee Patterson seconded, all voted "Aye."

- Hiring of Additional Building Inspector –

In this year's budget, as consideration of short term rental code, NYS mandates inspecting apartment buildings, fire inspectors 105 permits written for year, shows need for hire additional inspector, will prepare job description, and review resumes that have been submitted.

- Appointing of Terrance Ferrell (Nov. 2022 - March 2024) and Nolan Robinson (Nov. 2022 - March 2026) to Zoning Board.
- Appointing of Alexandra Anderson as Alternate Member to Zoning Board. A motion by Mayor on appointments, Trustee Flaherty seconded, all voted "Aye." Clerk Heeder will swear them in on Monday, Nov. 28th.
- Martin Van Buren Ceremony - December 5, 2022 – already discussed 12/5/22 at 11:00 am at gravesite, Mayor Abrams will attend.
- Sales Tax Revenue Update

Last year \$431,424, and budgeted \$315k; this year \$411,251 was budgeted, \$20k less than last year, July check was \$108,000, October 2nd check for approximately \$124k, showing sales tax revenue increased.

- Trustee Browne sent follow-up letter NYS DOT Commissioner - Use of Speed Feedback Signs on Route 9 - Vehicle Transportation Loose Cargo.
- Resignation Letter of Water Meter Reader, Raymond Lauster - per Clerk Heeder, he'll still do the January sewer reading, but he will have needs for April reading.

13. Applications

- Mary Carey/Zumba requested Van Buren Hall every week, starting Monday, December 5, 2022, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.
- Lisa Wagner requested a sign in Village Square advertising Home Décor Business in Valatie. Trustee Weir questions – type of sign and for what duration, update per Clerk Heeder Lisa Wagner relayed the sign has been removed. Clerk Heeder advised Ms. Wagner on process for application for use. Trustees Patterson and Flaherty mentioned a need to check the code prior to approval.
- Nicole Heeder requested Van Buren Hall October 30, 2022, from 1-6 pm for a child's birthday party.
- KBPA requested Van Buren Hall on December 10, 2022, from 12-3 pm sponsoring a family Candlelight Night event.

Trustee Flaherty motioned to approve all applications, with exception of Lisa Wagner's, Trustee Weir seconded, all voted "Aye."

14. Taxpayer Time

Stanley Gresens, 10 Hudson St. commented on issues of parking in business district, although watching revitalization with new businesses and supports more activity in village, there are more times when parking is maxed out especially Friday nights, Saturday nights.

parking is chaotic, cars are too close, seems Village could paint parking lines down Hudson St., Broad St., Chatham St. T Flaherty and Mayor Abrams have discussed and will review for Spring.

Renee Shur – asked village board to clarify who owns alleyway behind Community bank, Board believes owned by the b Renee was almost hit by car coming out by Route 9, there is a very tiny, faded stop sign on hairdresser building, very dan spot exiting to Route 9, and drivers using alleyway are not stopping, any request to bank for better signage? Mayor Abran speak to Community Bank Branch Manager, Tracey.

Alexandra Anderson posed question to Trustee Patterson regarding short term rentals, Trustee Patterson relayed last month presented recommendations to attorney, it's in process for review.

Bill Mancini offered correction for Revenue projections (EV charging station) year to date \$1,300 for 5 ½ - 6 months.

Alexandra Anderson posed question – what happened to Mr. Calcagno's temporary Bed &Breakfast sign on house, Mayor talking to him regarding voluntary compliance.

Mayor motioned to conclude regular meeting at 8:03 pm for executive session to discuss contracts and Personnel; seconded by Trustee Flaherty.

All voted "Aye."

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:39 pm by Trustee Weir, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "Aye."

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Pulver, Recording Secretary