

Minutes
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
Regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees

Present: Mayor Abrams

Trustees: David Flaherty
Dorene Weir
James Mark Browne (absent)
Susan Patterson

Also attending: Fire Department representative Larry Eisen; Climate Smart Chair William Mancini; Economic Development Director Renee Shur; Water Commissioner Dale Leiser; Former Mayor Carol Weaver; Code Enforcement Officer Peter Bujanow; Tina Lang; Quinn Murphy; Kim Voltz; Sean Sawyer.

Mayor Abrams opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:02 PM everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk/Treasurer

A motion was made by trustee Weir to adopt the minutes of Special Meeting of May 25, 2022 and Regular monthly meeting of June 8, 2022; seconded by trustee Patterson “aye.”

Abstract

A motion by Trustee Flaherty approving July 13, 2022 abstract in the amount of \$49,588.26; general fund expenses of \$36,081.37; water fund expenses of \$6,628.08 sewer fund expenses of \$6,878.81; seconded by trustee Patterson. All voted “aye.”

Treasurer Report

A motion me by trustee Flaherty to approve the treasurer’s report of July 13, 2022; seconded by trustee Weir. All voted “aye”.

Code Enforcement Officer

Code enforcement officer Peter Bujanow submitted his monthly report to the Village Board.

He submitted a draft checklist for Food truck inspections requested by Trustee Weir. He stated any food truck that produces grease is required to have a fire suppression system. They also require two fire extinguishers. All food trucks are required to be inspected by Columbia County Health Department every six months. They also need an operating permit that Peter is working on developing. He requires trucks to arrive one hour prior to an event to give him time to complete an inspection. If a truck is from outside the county they need apply for a one day permit with Columbia County Health Department. Trucks must be 10 ft away from other trucks and generators need to be 12ft away. They need the proper insurance certificates listed in Peter’s checklist. Trustee Weir would like to meet Peter at Rothermel Park to review the list, the insurance requirements and review the layout of the park.

Peter is concerned with the amount of people who are doing projects in the village without receiving a building permit. He would like the village board to consider charging those residents double the permit fee as a deterrent to the property owner.

Fire Department

Larry Eisen reported four calls, one drill and three details. Air paks were tested and serviced, the fill

stations were serviced. The winch and lights were installed on the ATV. The Fire department will participate at the summer program at Rothermel Park hosing the kids down on 7/29 and 8/19.

Economic Development Director

Renee's Monthly report for June was received and will be posted to the village's website.

Directional Signs –Renee is working with trustee Browne on directional signs on the AHET one to be placed along the trail at the DPW garage and the other at the crescent area along the trail across from the cider mill.

Knitting Mill-Most of the businesses will be opening by July 23rd. Parking will be for customers.

KBPA.

Free Movie Night-Mayor Abrams requested Renee to submit a parking plan for the movie night at The School. She inquired with local enforcement to assist with traffic control or parking. They did not want to get involved. Renee submitted a list of off street parking that will be advertised in the promotional material along with a listing the food places preparing pic nic dinners. The village DPW will place cones at the street intersections. Brad Lohrenz conducted a GoFundMe for the KBPA and raised the funds to pay for the movie.

DPW

Superintendent Booth was out for surgery he is now working half days completing administrative duties for the Water Asset management Plan. Asst Superintendent Meehan has been working alone as Nate Becker our part time DPW is out with COVID.

Water and sewer

Water Commissioner Dale Leiser reported past due water of \$2,274.76; and past due sewer of \$7,285.72.

NYRWA Signs-the village was awarded the best water system in New York State. A request to purchase three (3x4) signs in the amount of \$366.88 a piece to be placed at the north and south entrance to the village and one at the pump house. A motion made by Mayor Abrams to purchase the three signs; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye."

Wells-The pump house was inspected by Jeff Smith from Smith Well Drilling. The main concern was pump #4 even with the creek down the well pumped 165 gallons per minute. Pump #2 pumped 240-260 gallons per minute. When Jeff arrived he smelled smoke and realized the wires on the junction boxes on pump #1 was fried. He cut the wires and added wire nuts. The well was pumping 160 gallons a minute. Pump #3 was a homeowner's pump and used for a lag pump and is pumping 50-60 gallons per minute. The village is not worried about the water it is the hours the pumps are pumping. The village may want to consider placing a note in the bulletin for residents to conserve water.

Trustee Flaherty

Zoning Board-The June 27th meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Village hall repair- the contractor Andrew Scharouon is close to completing the village hall repairs and back room project. Trustee Flaherty did inform the Historic Preservation Commission he is trying his best to install the same gutter along the back room. The HPC is ok with that.

Trustee Weir

Recreation Commission –The July 11th meeting was rescheduled to tomorrow night at 7:00pm due to a lack of a quorum.

Summer program- there are a total of 30 participants attending the summer program. Columbia County Health Department conducted an inspection during the summer program there were no violations.

Upcoming Events- Fire truck day will be held at Rothermel Park on Friday, July 30th from 11am-1pm. Families can tour the fire truck, the ATV and be water downed by the fire truck. Rain date is scheduled for August 6th from 11am-1pm.

Village Square sidewalk-the material has been ordered and will be delivered in 4 to 6 weeks. The DPW will need 4-6 days to install prior to a weekend.

Rothermel Park Revitalization Plan update-The committee did not meet last Tuesday the meeting has been reschedule to July 19th.

Appointment of the firm for the LWRP grant-The village sent out a request for Proposal (RFP) in search of an engineer firm for engineering services and to administer the LWRP grant. The village received two proposals. 1. Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$89,000 2. Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$86,000 but the proposal did not include administration of the grant. The village requested administration of the grant funds they added an additional \$12,000 to administrator the grant. Totaling their proposal to \$98,000. A motion made by Trustee Weir to hire Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$89,000; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Appointment Peter Santamaria as an Alternate member- Trustee Weir made a motion to appoint Peter Santamaria as an alternate member to the village Recreation Commission; seconded by trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Trustee Browne

Mayor Abrams reported the following on behalf of Trustee Browne

Historic Preservation Commission-the HPC is requesting an alternate member be appointed to the HPC.

Long -term financial planning-Jerry Callahan and trustee Browne will meet with trustees to discuss their budgets. An update can be given on the budget at a workshop meeting.

Traffic Safety-He is working with Super indent David Booth in completing the programing of the street speed signs and the installation of the signs. He is encouraging him to complete and submit the water asset management plan to NYRWA.

Trustee Patterson

Planning Board- the village board requested the Planning Board review Short term Rentals (STR), Restaurant Outdoor seating, and Tenant occupancy. They met last Thursday and addressed proposed STR regulations. Planning Board Chair Tina Lang stated they cut a lot of items they felt were redundant, they are requesting who would handle the appeal process. At this time the Zoning board has not been asked to review. Mayor Abrams stated if it is a safety issue with the CEO there would not be an appeal that is NYS building code requirement. This may need to be discussed at the next workshop meeting. At their June meeting the Planning Board application was revised and will be submitted to the village board for review.

Climate Smart Task Force –Bill Mancini and the village has been approved the by Local Champion Program to achieve Bronze Certification. The Bronze certification opens the doors to NY State funding for sustainability projects. This is a yearlong program that starts August 2, 2022 to August 2, 2023.

Charging Station-Bill Mancini is requesting the village apply for a DEC grant fund to install a second vehicle charging station. The grant is a 20% match and reimbursement of electric usage costs from the DEC for two years. The trail head parking lot at Rothermel Park is a consideration if the village chooses to apply for the grant funds. Tara Donadio of CDRPC has offered to assist.

Resolution to undertake a County wide Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan (CARP) Bill Mancini is requesting the village adopt a resolution to join other municipalities in the county to take part in the NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Certification Program that includes the preparation of a Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation. There is no cost to the village the DEC will pay for it. They are looking for the village's support and Bill is willing to provide the data needed.

County Climate Smart Task Force's Climate Carnival- will be held on July 16th at Chatham Fair grounds from 10am to 4 pm.

General Code Update-Clerk Heeder received an email with a To Do list from General Code she will share the email with trustee Patterson.

Mayor Abrams

1.8M grant award to the VOK to improve Albany Ave- Mayor Abrams has been in contact with DOT. They will be sending the village initiation documents which is a check list of items the village will need to complete and submit back to DOT. They will need a month or two to create a contract. We will have a kick off meeting with them and at that point the village can hire an engineer and start the planning process on the improvements to Albany Ave. The community and the HPC will be involved in the planning. Mayor Abrams 'is requesting patience with the village as this process will take several months.

DOT has confirmed the water line is not included in the grant. The grant will cover from Rt. 9 to Sunset Ave. The village will be applying for the WIIA grant due on September 9th. Mayor Abrams will be meeting with Water Commissioner Dale Leiser on applying for the grant. Superintendent Booth is in contact with the County Health Department requesting approval for the project. It is not a requirement at this time but it is good to have the approval when submitting for the grant. The village will be one step closer to being shovel ready. Tighe & Bond has updated the cost estimate and has updated it to the system. The village will request support letters from politicians and residents.

Water Commissioner Leiser informed the board that NYRWA is requesting the village locate the lead gooseneck connections into the homes and have 3% of them a year replaced. They are requesting this information by October. The village is responsible to the water shut off and residents are responsible from the curb stop into their homes.

Mayor Abrams will be away on vacation during our next scheduled Village Board meeting he is requesting to move the meeting ahead a week. There will be a scheduled workshop on August 3rd; a Regular monthly meeting on August 17th and another workshop on August 31st. A motion made by Mayor Abrams to move the Regular monthly meeting to August 17th at 7:00 pm; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Application for Use

A motion made by Mayor Abrams approving the Grand Rehabilitation application and approving Eric Richard's application amending the start time to 1:00pm after the Fire Truck day; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye."

- a. The Grand Rehabilitation & Nursing Barnwell requesting to the Village Square on 8/24 from 3pm to 4pm as a hydration station and serving free ice cream.
- b. Eric Richard is requesting the playground pavilion on 7/30/22 from 10am-8pm for a graduation gathering.

Taxpayer Time

A resident requested the garbage company be contacted and request the driver not to speed when entering and exiting the village. Trustee Flaherty will contact County Waste in the morning.

A motion made by Trustee Weir to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye."

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk

