

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees  
July 11, 2024  
Regular Meeting  
112 N. Broad St.  
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Alex Morgia, Deputy Mayor Ron Mildren, Trustee Gregg Townsend and Trustee Sarah Miletta. Also present: Treasurer Shannon Mason. Absent: Trustee Kelly Sova.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:31 pm.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes from the June 11, 2024 meeting were approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Trustee Miletta. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:33 pm.

Mike Taber reported that people are running the stop signs on W Washington St on a regular basis and he has almost been hit.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was approved in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

Treasurer Mason reminded the board that the CD at Watertown Savings Bank will be maturing July 26, 2024. She will transfer it to the savings account.

Budget transfers were done in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

The bills listed on Abstract #2 with Vouchers V5000067 through V5000156 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Townsend and seconded by Trustee Miletta. Vote 3 ayes (Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays, 1 abstained (Morgia).

She informed the board that the Market Square Park bond was funded.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent**, reported that they have been working on the repair and painting of the Visitor Center and the Pickering Beach Museum.

**John Gleason, Police OIC**, reported that the traffic out of the village after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks went fairly quickly.

**Janet Quinn, Planning Board Chair**, submitted a written report on their activities.

**Heritage Area Director, Dave Altieri**, submitted a written report. A motion was made by Trustee Townsend and seconded by Trustee Miletta to approve the submission of a Consolidated Funding Application for the north/west side of the LDC property. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

**Kathy Keating, Visitors Center Director**, submitted a written report.

**Janet Quinn, the Planning Board Chair**, submitted a written report with the past month's activities. The next meeting will be July 17, 2024.

**Corey Reid and Brandon Sparacino, BCA Engineers**, reported that there is another change order for Phase 1 of the Market Square Park project for approximately \$31,000.

**Peggy Kelly, Village Clerk**, asked for approval to hire Jonathan Crossley at \$43,000 as the full time Deputy Clerk. This was done in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

### **Community Organizations**

The Sackets Harbor Battlefield will hold the Grand Tactical on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. They expect around 350 re-enactors to take part.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

**Mayor Morgia** reported that the dog park is complete. They would like to have a "soft opening" for now and make an announcement later. They are considering having a contest to name it.

**Deputy Mayor Mildren** said that they will be looking for a chairperson for the Joint Rec Committee now that Paul Trudeau is retiring.

The LDC was given the Village's support in their plan to move forward with surveying, engineering and planning the subdivision of the southern parcel of the LDC land. This was done in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

**Trustee Townsend** would like to pursue hiring a grant writer. He would also like to set up the proper revenue fund.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Tammy McCauley regarding the possibility of installing a pickle ball court behind the Municipal Building. Mayor Morgia reported that the school may be interested in having it. We will be looking into the possibility of resurfacing or installation at the Municipal Building.

A letter was received from Jim Burrows, the Village Attorney, saying that his law firm was changing their name. The name was changed to Kendall, Harrienger & Burrows in a resolution proposed by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays by roll call vote.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Sackets Harbor Marathon and ½ Marathon event application was approved in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

The event application for the SpokerRide was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Trustee Miletta. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

At the request of Connie Barone from the Sackets Harbor Battlefield, the board closed the road during the Grand Tactical on West Washington St in front of the brown farmhouse onto Ontario St to the “Ft. Kentucky” turn around on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> from approximately 11 am to 11:30 and from 2 pm to 2:30 pm and on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 1:30 pm. The motion was made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:03 pm.

Tammy McCauley expressed her desire to see a better relationship between the Village and Navy Point Marina.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm with a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly  
Village Clerk