

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees  
August 13, 2024  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
112 N. Broad St.  
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Alex Morgia, Deputy Mayor Ron Mildren, Trustee Kelly Sova and Trustee Sarah Miletta. Absent: Trustee Gregg Townsend.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes from the July 11, 2024 meeting were approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Trustee Miletta. Vote 3 ayes (Morgia, Mildren and Miletta), 0 nays. One abstained (Sova).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:31 pm.

Jennifer Gaffney from the Sackets Harbor Central School District reported on their plan for a \$3.5 million dollar capital project at the school focusing on critical infrastructure, safety and security and energy efficiency. It is planned to begin in 2025.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The bills listed on Abstract #3 with vouchers V5000158 through V5000267 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Mayor Morgia. Vote 3 ayes (Morgia, Mildren and Sova), 0 nays. One abstained (Miletta).

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent**, presented a roofing estimate for the Municipal Building/Fire Hall from Glick Roofing. More research needs to be done.

**John Gleason, Police OIC**, reported that he has been doing night dock checks. He recommended getting larger signs for the area with more prominent dock hours.

**Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director**, is looking at NY Forward projects. He is working on additional signs for Market Square Park.

**Kathy Keating, Visitors Center**, and **Janet Quinn, Planning Board Chair**, submitted written reports.

**Corey Reid and Brandon Sparacino from BCA** reported on the ongoing capital projects. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Mayor Morgia to accept the capital project extension requests. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Miletta and Sova), 0 nays.

**Peggy Kelly, Village Clerk**, introduced Johnny Crossley, the new deputy clerk. She also extended thanks to Shannon Mason for her 5-year tenure with the village.

**Janet Quinn** introduced Mike Yonkovig and Matt Morgia from Aubertine and Currier. They are planning to resume the Harbor Haven project approved in 2003. A PDD was established at that time. An infrastructure agreement needs to be complete.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

**Mayor Morgia** made a motion to approve the budget transfers which was seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Miletta and Sova), 0 nays.

The board discussed the letter from Jim Corbin, Village ZEO, regarding the ongoing enforcement issues with Kistalin and Gibson.

A motion was made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mildren to appoint Dennis Delaney as interim treasurer and add his name to bank accounts to process necessary transactions. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Miletta and Sova), 0 nays.

Mayor Morgia reported that George McCullough disagreed with a decision made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and consulted a lawyer. When Mayor Morgia told Mr McCullough that the appeal process was to start with the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr McCullough refused and wants the Village to pay for his legal fees. In a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Miletta, the board declined to pay his legal expenses. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Miletta and Sova), 0 nays.

The mayor reported that they have had a request to install a small marker stone at Market Square Park in memory of Tim Queior. The board would like to see details before agreeing.

The mayor said the village will be sending a donation to Hay Memorial Library in honor of the late Jeannie Brennan, our village historian.

**Deputy Mayor Mildren** reported the LDC Board is moving forward with subdividing the southern parcel.

**Trustee Sova** reported that OSHA has proposed significant changes to mandates for volunteer fire departments that would severely impact our fire department.

**Trustee Miletta** reported that she has been contacted by some residents with concerns about the identity of the people doing the lead pipe survey in the village. She suggested badges for the surveyors.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The DANC Report was received.

The contract was received from NYS for the loan of the Bloomfield cannon. A motion was made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Sova for authorization to sign it. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Miletta and Sova), 0 nays.

A letter of approval was received from the Department of State for the LWRP Amendment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Both the Porch Fest event application and the Quilt Show event application were approved in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Mayor Morgia. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Miletta and Sova), 0 nays.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:49 pm.

Jay Kramer said he is against leaving the LDC north parcel undeveloped. He also stated that having public hearings for grants was important. He is still concerned about the condition of the Stone Hospital at Madison Barracks.

Jon Constance thanked the board for holding zoning violators accountable.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Trustee Sova at 7:55 pm. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Miletta and Sova), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly  
Village Clerk