

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
January 22, 2025
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

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

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

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 10, 2024 regular meeting were approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote: 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays. Trustee Miletta abstained.

The minutes from the December 10, 2024 annual meeting were approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote: 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays. Trustee Miletta abstained.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Mayor Morgia to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills listed on Abstract 8 and 8P with vouchers V5000534 through V5000606. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, reported that they had built a ramp for the new dog park and will be working on benches.

He advised the board that they need to start planning for some parts replacements at the water treatment plant. The filters will need to be replaced on all three skids. There are 16 filters on each skid. The expected total replacement would currently be approximately \$400,000. It can be done in 3 stages.

He asked for and was given permission to share access to the exterior security cameras with the DPW for plowing purposes.

They discussed the possibilities for putting the ice rink up. Deputy Mayor Mildren is going to check with the Joint Rec Committee.

John Gleason, Police OIC, submitted a written report.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, reported that the State has set a tentative date for the Market Square Park project ribbon cutting of May 16, 2025.

The CFA grant application was not funded.

The grant application for the Housing Authority has been submitted.

He has been working with Janet Quinn on a public forum for input on temporary structures in the National Historic District. It will be February 26, 2025.

Kathy Keating, Visitors Center Director, is getting quotes on flooring for the Visitors Center. **Janet Quinn, Planning Board Chair**, discussed the National Historic Register District make-up.

BCA Engineers, Brandon Sparacino, requested an adjustment of \$9,635.55 to the REDI project for their contract amount. This was done in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays. Mayor Morgia will also sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Powis Contracting for the Brown Shores project and Change Order #3 for the Brown Shores Road project completion date to December 13, 2024. The Water Intake disbursement was also signed.

Jim Yuhas will assist with the Brown Shores REDI disbursements paperwork.

They will re-submit a Wiaa grant application for the water and sewer upgrades.

Peggy Kelly, Village Clerk, reported they have been working on the transition to the new water/sewer billing software.

Community Organizations: Kathy Keating reported for Scott Kennet of the Chamber of Commerce that the Visitors Guide will come out in May.

BOARD REPORTS

Mayor Morgia reported that they will plan the committee appointments for the board off-line.

Navy Point reported that they have a lot of caution tape out near the thin ice by their docks.

A draft infrastructure agreement was received from the Harbor Haven subdivision for review. It is a proposed horseshoe shaped road on the west side of Funnycide Drive with smaller starter homes.

The new treasurer, Belinda Van der Merwe, will start work February 5, 2025.

The mayor reported they are looking at mass communication tools to notify residents in cases of emergency. They would like to get prices before the budget season.

The board is looking at the possibility of changing the mayor and trustee terms of office to 4 years instead of 2 years.

Deputy Mayor Mildren reported for the Join Rec Committee that the Watertown organization of Little League baseball doesn't want to release Sackets Harbor to be an independent team. The alternative is to create our own charter.

He would like to discuss with the committee requiring permission from the Village Board to spend over a thousand dollars.

Trustee Sova reported that the fire boat is fixed and should be in the water this spring.

Trustee Townsend would like to adopt the Capital Fund Accounts at the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Morgia will be denying the request to drop the contract bond for the Madison Barracks infrastructure agreement.

There was a discussion regarding the options to slow traffic on W Main St by changing the traffic patterns. Some of the options discussed were: Changing W Main to a one-way street, and/or making a four-way stop at W Main and Ambrose/General Smith or at W Main and Broad Street. Possibly restricting the parking close to the corners on W Main at the Ambrose and

General Smith intersections or making the cross walks away from the corners more towards the center of the 100 block and 200 blocks of W. Main St. No decision was made.

The 18.12 Event Application was tabled until next month for a corrected application and a map of the route.

The Live at the Bandstand Event application was approved in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays. They will need to submit the Certificate of Insurance 60 days before the event.

The letter to send to the Town of Hounsfield with an updated water rate was reviewed prior to mailing. They would like to add a line for an estimate going forward. A motion to approve the amended version was made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

Switching the minimum rates for the water and sewer bills from the current \$100.00 and \$125.00 was discussed. The water and sewer rates will be set during the budget planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:26 pm.

Tammie McCauley requested the village improve the pickle ball courts this spring.

Public comments were closed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk