

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
February 8, 2022
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present in person and via Zoom: Mayor Alex Morgia, Deputy Mayor Barbara Boulton, Trustee Ron Mildren, Trustee Mark Pacilio and Trustee Kelly Sova. Also present: Jim Yuhas, Treasurer. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

MINUTES

The minutes from the January 11, 2022 meeting were approved as presented in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Morgia presented a "Word Cloud Art" tribute to the young Sackets Harbor volunteer EMS crew celebrating their spotlight in the national news.

The DANC report for December was shared with the board.

It was reported that the board will continue with the Kendell, Walton and Burrows law firm and Dave Geurtsen at CMBK will continue with the ongoing zoning projects.

A bench donation was accepted from Anne Galloway in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

Mayor Morgia reported that a check was received with the stated purpose to treat the EMS crew to dinner. Trustee Pacilio suggested contacting the Department of State for their input on this.

The Budget workshops were set for February 28th, March 7th and March 14th at 5:30 pm.

The Madison Barracks Infrastructure Agreement is reportedly moving forward. We are waiting for the legal review from CMBK. The trail will need to be inserted in the agreement and an easement is needed. Janet Quinn, Planning Board Chair raised some questions about the ownership of the headwall that Corey Reid and the lawyers will be addressing.

Quotes were requested from 4 companies for a new website. Approval to accept the \$5,200 bid from Proud City, and using the ARPA funds to pay for it, was done in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:59 pm.

Connie Barone mentioned that Gail Gorgen, the long-time Visitors Center Director has died. She will be missed.

Public comment was closed at 7:01 pm.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Boulton reported that the library is planning 2 poetry contests this year and the Story Walks will resume this summer.

She requested that the Board approve the opening of a separate bank account at Watertown Savings Bank to receive donations for the Military Cemetery. This was authorized in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Mildren, with the authorized signers being the treasurer and the mayor and having on-line access. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

The 50th Can-Am Festival planning is underway. The band formerly known as Blue Oyster Cult, with former and founding members, will be playing.

Trustee Sova reported an increase on social media due to the Sackets Harbor EMS crew's national exposure. The Marketing committee will be looking at their Mission Statement. She reported that she had attended the most recent Fire Department meeting and volunteered to be the liaison with the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Mildren said that the Joint Rec Committee is aiming to have the new ballfields ready by summer. There will be a meeting February 16th of the Community Events Committee to lay out the expected events of the summer.

Trustee Pacilio reported that the Heritage Area Committee would like to purchase equipment for the Visitors Center including a laptop and a scanner. This was authorized in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

They would like to advertise for the part time worker with a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour. The plan is to have them start work May 16, 2022. This was authorized in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

The Downtown Revitalization Initiative will be holding their second meeting Feb 9th. There will be a meeting for residents on March 16th.

The Tree Committee will be presenting the Tree Study at the Visitors Center on February 23rd.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was accepted in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Mayor Morgia. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

The bills listed on Abstract #9 with vouchers V2-00580 through V2-00660 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

The street light project started this morning, they will be changing them out for LED lights.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, reported that we have been having lift station issues and a notice is going out to residents with a warning not to flush wipes and feminine products.

A new sign is being installed for the Housing complex at 211 Woolsey St.

He requested permission to hire Koester to troubleshoot the valve problem for \$1,315. Also, to purchase 2 butterfly valves for the sewer plant at \$1,662 total, and purchase sign posts for

\$1,880. This was approved in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Quotes were not obtained due to the specific manufacturer criteria. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

Mr. Martin will be on vacation the 19th through the 27th this month. Mike VanNess will be in charge with John Madlin as back-up.

He warned the Board again that the water intake continues to age and the replacement should be a priority.

Kathy Keating, Visitors Center Coordinator, reported that she has updated the website with the photo contest information and that the number of Facebook and Instagram contacts are going up. There have already been 2 requests for use of the Gazebo this summer. She is helping with the Downtown Revitalization Initiative meetings.

The mayor reported that groups should contact their Board rep to make specific budget requests as amounts are no longer going to be based on last year's budget.

Corey Reid, Village Engineer, reported that he is still waiting for permits for Market Square Park. He informed the board that conduit could be installed in the new parking lots for future use for charging stations. We received the GDA for the pump station and generator at the Brown Shores project. The study for replacing the last undone section of water and sewer piping is well underway. He will be working on the infrastructure agreement for Madison Barracks.

John Gleason, Police OIC, submitted a written report.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, reported that there is a grant program from the NYS DEC for Climate Smart Communities. The first step is to pass a resolution by the board and register.

Janet Quinn, Planning Board Chair, reported that they will be having a special meeting tomorrow to review the Tin Pan Galley application.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to public comment at 8:06 pm.

Jay Kramer attempted to make a comment but was having technical difficulties.

Public comments were closed and the meeting was adjourned in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton at 8:08 pm. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

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Village Clerk