Village of Sackets Board of Trustees

May 10, 2022

Regular Meeting

112 N Broad St

Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Alex Morgia, Deputy Mayor Barbara Boulton, Trustee Ron Mildren, Trustee Mark Pavilion and Trustee Kelly Sova. Also present: Jim Yuhas, Treasurer.

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting were approved as corrected 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 minutes from the April 25, 2022 meeting were approved as presented in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

The DANC report was shared with the board. The rates for additional work are going up.

The link for the new website has been shared on the Sackets Harbor Living facebook page to get feedback. It will go live soon.

The year-end meeting is set for May 31, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Mildren to approve Mayor Morgia’s appointment of Shannon Mason to fill the retiring Jim Yuhas’ term as Treasurer. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

Mayor Morgia reported that the land discussed at the last board meeting with regard to the Forest Grant is currently under contract with someone else.

In a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Mildren the village will pay for half of the bill for Title Insurance on the LDC/Village property sale. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

An additional payment of $4,650 to the Fire Department from the Town of Hounsfield for the current fiscal year will be accepted and passed through the Village per a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

The Inter-municipal agreement with the Sackets Harbor School for the Village Clerk to act as the school tax collector for a payment of $5,000 was accepted. The school will send a contract.

The board discussed the possibility of approving the use of golf carts on village roads. There were many questions and legalities that the attorney needs to address.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:24 pm.

Sally Doxtater had questions about who would be allowed to drive the golf carts.

Craig Parker had ideas for golf cart use.

Nicole Best thought golf cart use would support tourism. She also suggested putting in a parking lot on the LDC land and use golf carts for a shuttle.

Brendon Finley expressed interest in using in using carts for historic tours.

Connie Barone said that in the past tours had been done with electric cars and walking tours.

Jay Kramer expressed his passion for maintaining historic buildings and is very concerned with the state of the stone hospital in Madison Barracks.

Public comment closed at 7:38 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

In an update on the drainage issue on Bayard St, DPW Superintendent Lynn Martin said that there is a two foot elevation for accessing the storm drain in that area. There is currently no specific requirement for drainage for new buildings. Village Engineer, Corey Reid said a rough estimate for that would be $50.00 per foot. It would be about $10,000 for that one job.

The Madison Barracks Infrastructure agreement was not ready for this meeting as planned. They hope to have it by the fiscal year end meeting on May 31st.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Can-Am event application, including lifting the open container law, was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays. The board would like them to have additional port a potties and a health plan for a gathering that large.

The Spoker Ride application was tabled until the May 31st meeting so the Department Heads can review it.

The BOCES request for use of the Municipal Building on July 22nd was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Deputy Mayor Boulton** reported that the Library is hosting a Great Lakes Poetry Ceremony. The summer reading program the Story walks will be starting.

**Trustee Sova** reported that the fire department obtained a grant for 4 sets of wildfire gear.

**Trustee Mildren** reported that field one will be ready for baseball this summer. The baseball and softball programs are underway. There is a new NNY Youth Softball League. There is a summer rec program flyer included for the board. There is a skate park proposed for behind the Municipal Building. The new bocce court is underway.

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The northern parcel of the LDC property is in discussion with the State and others.

**Trustee Pacilio** reported that the NOAA event was a success. The Heritage Area would like to store artifacts at the bank building. The Historical Society will forward a proposal for leasing room in the wing of the building. The Pickering Beach Museum will open June 23rd.

He requested that the Visitors Center be allowed to purchase up to $1,900 worth of equipment and supplies. This was approved in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

A motion to accept the re-levy list of unpaid water bills to be applied to their taxes was made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

A motion to issue the tax warrant for $468,768.64 was made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

A motion to pay the bills on Abstract 12 with vouchers 2-00785 through 2-00867 was made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

Budget transfers were made in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

The salary sheet for 2022-2023 was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent,** submitted his written report. The downtown lift station was clogged with grease again. He would like to schedule the painting of the museum. He will be sending a letter to 108 W Washington St regarding a bad tree on their property.

**Kathy Keating, Visitors Center Coordinator,** reported that Daryl Giles will be starting this week as the assistant at the center. The website is progressing. There are 22 more Hometown Heroes banners on order. She has been working on a traditional arts program.

**Corey Reid, Village Engineer,** said that the Market Square Park project is out to bid. There are already 2 plan holders and they will have a pre-bid walkthrough next week. The bid opening is June 2, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

Borings are scheduled for next month at the water intake area.

Brown Shore Road will have the generator installed next week.

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**John Gleason, Police OIC** submitted a written report.

**Jim Wilson, Fire Department Treasurer,** reported that there were 26 calls in April and 171 people responded to them.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to the public at 9:12 pm.

Lonny Reinhardt questioned the infrastructure agreement for Madison Barracks. He wanted confirmation that there is a bond in place.

A motion was made to close public comment and adjourn the meeting by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Mayor Morgia at 9:14 pm. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Boulton, Mildren, Pacilio and Sova), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly

Village Clerk

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