

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
January 10, 2023
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Deputy Mayor Mark Pacilio, Trustee Ron Mildren, Trustee Kelly Sova, Trustee Gregg Townsend. Also present: Shannon Mason, Treasurer. Mayor Alex Morgia attended the meeting on Zoom but was unable to participate due to the change in the NYS law on remote meetings.

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

The Public Hearing for the Restore NY Grant Application opened at 6:30 pm and closed at 6:34 pm with no comments offered.

MINUTES

The minutes from the December Regular and Annual meeting were approved in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Trustee Mildren abstained. Vote 3 ayes (Pacilio, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was accepted in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The bills listed on Abstract #8 with vouchers v3000540 through v3000601 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Townsend and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, reported that there have been numerous complaints about the condition of 114 Dodge Ave. He will contact the owner and the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

John Gleason, Police OIC, submitted a written report.

Sackets Harbor Fire Department also gave a written report.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, reported that we have been awarded a LWRP grant of \$676,554 to be used to cover the overruns on the REDI projects.

Kathy Keating, Visitor's Center Manager, reported that they are adding events to the calendar. March 1st is the deadline for the Hometown Heroes banners.

Brandon Sparacino reported for BCA on the status of the Market Square Park project. Damage was found under the sidewalk. Chapin Alley will be started next week.

Connie Barone, Village Historian, submitted a 6-month report.

Peggy Kelly, Village Clerk, provided information on the local law proposed for remote meeting access. It was decided to move forward with this in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

Janet Quinn, Planning Board Chair, reported some discrepancies in the "as built" drawings and the lot descriptions of the Madison Barracks lots for sale. There will be a meeting to discuss this with the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Mayor Morgia reported that there have been several dog behavior complaints but the dog ordinances are difficult to enforce.

Deputy Mayor Pacilio reported that the budget planning for 2023-2024 is coming up. Meetings will start in February and requested reports from department heads by the end of January. There will be a strategic planning meeting on January 21, 2023 at 8:30 am.

Trustee Mildren thanked Max Mason for his work in getting the ice rink going. The LDC board would like to have a joint board meeting with the village board to discuss the LDC property plans.

Trustee Sova reported on the calls that the Fire Department and EMS have had. She thanked the DPW for the clean-up from the Christmas snow storm. She will be attending the Tug Hill Conference for the new Fire Department/EMS information.

Trustee Townsend reported that he had been to the library board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Morgia will be contacting Jim Burrows for an updated local leash law for dogs.

NEW BUSINESS

The village is looking for a company to supply IT services. Doyle will be coming

the week of January 23rd but we need 3 quotes.

Brendan Finlay and Tiffany Rose Powell were present to answer questions on the proposed Restore NY application for the work on the Stone Hospital at Madison Barracks. Resolution #1 of 2023 in support of the Restore New York grant application was approved in a motion made by Trustee Townsend and seconded by Trustee Mildren. By roll call vote: 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The Poetry Program event application was approved in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The Quilt Show event application was approved in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

Resolution #2 of 2023 authorizing the mayor to sign the EFC Planning Grant was passed in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. By roll call vote: 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

Resolution #3 of 2023 authorizing the 20% funding match for the EFC Grant was passed with a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. By roll call vote: 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

There is a new NYS law allowing local property tax exemptions of up to 10% off on volunteer firefighters and EMT's property tax bills. Trustee Sova will consult with the Fire Department for their input on this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:04 pm with no comments offered.

A motion was made at 8:05 pm by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Vote 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

A motion was made at 8:26 pm to close the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting by Trustee Townsend, seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend at 8:27 pm. Vote 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk

