Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees

February 14, 2023

Regular Meeting

112 N. Broad St.

Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Alex Morgia, Deputy Mayor Mark Pacilio, Trustee Ron Mildren, Trustee Kelly Sova and Trustee Gregg Townsend. Also present: Shannon Mason, Treasurer.

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

A public hearing was opened at 6:30 pm for Local Law #1 of 2023 authorizing the Village Board, the Planning Board and the zoning Board of Appeals to use Videoconferencing Technology to participate in public meetings. No comments were offered and the public hearing was closed at 6:31 pm.

A public hearing was opened at 6:31 pm for Local Law #2 of 2023 amending the Dog Control Law of the Village of Sackets Harbor requiring dogs to be restrained by a leash while off the owner’s premises.

Mike Taber voiced his discontent with the new proposed law, he would like to use e-collars.

Dan Talecki reported that he lives near the Battlefield where owners let their dogs run off leash and has had problems with the dogs on his property. He supports the leash law.

Matt St. Onge supports the use of e-collars.

James Bray doesn’t understand the need to change the law. He would like stronger enforcement of the existing law to take care of the problem. He reported that he had to file a complaint about a dog and Officer Gleason handled it well.

Nate Miletta supports the use of e-collars.

Officer John Gleason commented on the complaints that have been filed and the many complaints on social media that aren’t reported.

Kevin Burke commented that a problem arises when there is no clear definition of “under the control of the owner”.

The public hearing closed at 6:50 pm.

The regular meeting opened at 6:50 pm.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 10, 2023 meeting were approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The minutes from the work sessions January 21 and January 28, 2023 were approved in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

The bills listed on Abstract #9 with vouchers v3000602 through V3000699 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The first budget work session is scheduled for Saturday March 4, 2023 from 9 am to 12 noon.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent,** received permission from the Board for Jared Farrington to be reimbursed for welding classes upon successful completion of the course. There will be a Resolution prepared for adoption of Chapin Alley as a road in the village roads list next month. The Pall Water Service agreement will also be reviewed next month.

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

**SH Fire Department,** also submitted a written report. They had a successful ice training exercise this month.

**Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director,** reported that the Zoning Law revision committee will be meeting again. Storage for the museum artifacts is needed. They would like to rent the rooms on the second floor of the Bank Building for storage and work space for $3,000 per year. They will need to purchase storage shelves. The initial expense through May 31st is $2750.00, which is in the budget. He will get other quotes.

**Kathy Keating, Visitors Center Director,** submitted her report. She reminded the board that internet access is needed at the Visitors Center on both ends of the building. The center is available for meetings and organizations use even though they are closed for the season.

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**Brandon Sparacino, BCA,** submitted a payment request for Lawman’s on the Market Square Park job. They anticipate not closing for the winter and continue work on the sheet pile wall. He was given approval to go out to bid for the remaining sections of the Redi Projects. This was done in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

**Peggy Kelly, Village Clerk,** requested approval of closing the office to allow the staff to attend the Tug Hill Conference in April. This was done in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays. The board requested getting quotes for internet IT support. The necessary updates on the website will be targeted for 90% completion at the end of May. The board and staff will be working on Zoom to develop the list of changes needed.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Deputy Mayor Pacilio** reported that they have been working on the Strategic Plan.

**Trustee Mildren** offered congratulations and thanks to Max Mason on his work on the ice rink. The Joint Rec committee will be expanding the Little League program this year. The Town of Hounsfield has allocated $12,500.00 for their share of the Joint Rec funding. The LDC will be having a joint meeting with the Village Board on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

**Trustee Sova** reported that the SH fire department has been responding for mutual aid for the Town of Watertown. They have been having staffing problems. The EMS crew is looking for money for storage of their PCR reports.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Townsend to approve Local Law No. 1 of 2023 authorizing the Village Board, The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Sackets Harbor to use videoconferencing technology to participate in public meetings. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays by roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Event applications for “Sackets Connect”, the “Run 4 Garrett” and the 2024 “Wonderland in the Harbor” were approved in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:43 pm.

Mike Tabor commented that the drivers at the Ambrose St and W Main St intersection have not been obeying the cross- walk law.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Mayor Morgia. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Sova and Townsend), 1 nay (Mildren) at 8:47 pm.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly

Village Clerk

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