

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
March 16, 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: Treasurer Shannon Mason.

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

The Public Hearing for the Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers property tax exemption was opened at 6:30 pm with no comments offered. The public hearing was closed at 6:31 pm.

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 14, 2023 meeting were approved 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 minutes from the March 4, 2023 Budget work session were approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Mayor Morgia. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget transfers were approved 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 Treasurer's Report was accepted in a motion made Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Mayor Morgia. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The bills listed on Abstract #10 containing vouchers V3000701 through V3000774 were paid in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The investment opportunity offered by NYCLASS was outlined by Deputy Treasurer Jim Yuhas. The public hearings for the budget, and lifting the tax cap if necessary, were set for the April 1, 2023 meeting at 8:00 am.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DPW Superintendent, Lynn Martin, obtained approval for the water plant inspection costing \$3,500 in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The purchase of a truck for \$70,000 was authorized in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

John Gleason, Police OIC, and the **Sackets Harbor Fire Department**, gave written reports.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, and Kathy Keating, Visitors Center Director, reported that 3 public information meetings have been scheduled for sharing the information on the LDC property use. There are 25 applications for additional banners in the Hometown Heroes series. In a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Sova, he was given permission to move ahead with the plan to rent a room at the Bank Building and purchase shelves for storage and cataloging the collection from the Pickering Beach Museum. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

They have received 3 bids for a new counter for the Visitors Center. They will be getting a Spectrum account for internet at the Visitors Center.

Mayor Morgia will contact the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Jim Corbin, to go over the Monroe Street neighbors fence issue.

Village Engineers Corey Reid and Brandon Sparacino for BCA reported that the sheet pile walls at Market Square Park will be starting next week. The anchors for the floating docks will be installed April 10th and 11th.

Change order #3 removing old existing pipes and structures and #4 putting compacted material where damage was discovered when the sidewalks were removed, were approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

BOARD REPORTS

Mayor Morgia The DANC report said that the Village is currently treating more wastewater than the water treatment plant is producing.

Deputy Mayor Pacilio reported that there is a Tree trimming class coming up and Arbor Day is scheduled for April 28th.

Trustee Mildren reported that Little League will be starting soon. The ski club is done for the season and was a big success. The summer rec program will be going through the school, he will have more information soon.

Trustee Sova reported that the Fire Department is electing new officers. Their annual banquet is May 13, 2023.

Trustee Townsend attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #5 of 2023 giving an exemption to Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers on a portion of Village Real Property Taxes was passed in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

Resolution #6 of 2023 amending the Dog Control Law to require all dogs to be leashed was passed in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 4 ayes (Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 1 nay (Morgia).

Resolution #7 of 2023 declaring Chapin Alley a village road was passed in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pacilio. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS

The event application for Can-Am, including lifting the open container law, was 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 application for the Halloween event was tabled until the next meeting pending more information.

The event application for the Fire Department Auxiliary plant sale was approved in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The event application for the Watch fire/Veterans Motorcycle Ride was tabled. They will be asked to reapply using a different location.

SLELO Watercraft Inspection Steward Program asked for permission to supply a steward at our boat launch again this year but our dock and boat launch will be closed this year due to the construction.

In a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Mayor Morgia, a request from Harold Cring was approved in Resolution #8 of 2023 removing the existing easement on Tax Parcel 89.21-1-20.111. It has not been used for its intended use as the construction and maintenance of a sewer line and cesspool. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Parker wanted to know the status of the water law revisions.

The board approved giving the Chamber of Commerce \$4,500 to arrange for “huts” to be made for use at events by organizers and vendors. The Village will retain ownership. The motion was made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The board went into an executive session at 9:46 pm to discuss personnel and budget issues. The board came out of the executive session and resumed the regular meeting at 10:15 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Mayor Morgia. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk

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