

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
October 9, 2018
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Molly Reilly, Deputy Mayor Barbara Boulton, Trustee Dan Frechette, Trustee James Bray and Trustee Eric Constance. Also present: Jim Yuhas, Treasurer.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting were approved as presented in a motion made by Trustee Frechette and seconded by Trustee Constance. Vote 4 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette and Constance), 0 nays, 1 abstained (Bray).

The minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting were approved as amended in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

LTC James Beaulieu from the 41st EN BN presented Certificates of Appreciation to Police OIC Trudeau, Tom Spencer of the American Legion Riders, Connie Barone from Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site, Jennifer Gaffney from Sackets Harbor Central School, Mayor Molly Reilly and Steve Sullivan representing the Sackets Harbor Fire Department. Mayor Reilly presented a Proclamation on behalf of the Village to the 41st Engineering Battalion.

Peyton Taylor of New York State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation reported on the status of the Union Hotel. They are looking for a "Request for Expression of Interest" from the private sector and assessing cost estimates for renovations. Point of contact would continue to be Connie Barone for community access to the building.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Reilly reported receipt of a request from Nicole Wittbrodt and John Trumble to reduce the sewer charge from a commercial account to a single family residence at 207 E Main St. This was approved in a motion by Trustee Constance and seconded by Trustee Bray, contingent on DPW confirmation of single family usage. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

There was a similar request to reduce the number of sewer charges from Joel and Kelly Sova at 110 East Main St. They turned the building from a duplex into a single family residence. This was also approved contingent on confirmation by the DPW in a motion made by Trustee Constance and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

The annual report from the Nature Conservancy was received.

The resignation of the Deputy Clerk, Kelli Ritz, was accepted with regret in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Frechette. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

A letter was received from Briggs McAndrews in opposition to the development of a wind farm on Galloo Island.

Sofia O'Sullivan wrote requesting the Village cover the \$3,678.50 cost of the work done at her property at 104 General Smith Drive for a sewer lateral. The request was denied in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

A letter was received from CMBK regarding the Town of Hounsfield and the Village of Sackets Harbor use of the County Health Commissioner to fulfill the local Board of Health responsibilities. The Board is waiting for further information from Counsel.

There was a meeting regarding the Stone Hospital on September 26. There is a possibility of a potential buyer for the property.

A letter was received from Pat Sigle recommending the Village improve the parking situation, increase the communication with residents being impacted by special events and work more on conservation and recycling.

SHCSD Superintendent Gaffney reported that there will be a meeting Thursday October 11, 2018 on the possible addition of a pre-k program at the school.

A letter was received from Randy Ketcham, a Division 1 Odyssey of the Mind coach, requesting use of the conference room at the Municipal Building for weekend practices. This was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays. Mayor Reilly will write Mr. Ketcham with the building use conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

George McCullough would like to nominate Mike Lawler for Citizen of the Year.

Claudia Maurer spoke against the Galloo Island Wind Farm.

Janet Quinn spoke on the Galloo Island Wind Farm. She would like the Village to look at the traffic and the impact on the residents. She also believes the proposed parking area is a waste of prime waterfront with infrastructure. She suggests open public comment on these issues.

OLD BUSINESS

John Warneck presented information on the BOCES Solar Consortium. They will be meeting on Thursday and he will find out if the members are interested in admitting new members.

Deputy Mayor Boulton has contacted some people regarding the Military Cemetery. It will be taken up at the December meeting.

The Veterans Day parade route map was submitted with the application. The parade was approved in a motion made by Trustee Frechette and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

It was reported that there is a one-way street in Madison Barracks according to the 2011 PDD Agreement. The Board is waiting for information from Mike Campbell and Mike Lawler.

NEW BUSINESS

The application for the Halloween Children's Walk on October 26, 2018 was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Frechette. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

The Sexual Harassment Policy was adopted as an appendix to our employee handbook in a motion made by Trustee Constance and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

Trustee Constance has been working on a Community Solar Project with Dick Stevens and Hilton Shattuck. Some questions raised in their research: Can LDC property be used? Do we need a Permissive Referendum? Do we need an energy or array law? Can the Village use tax credits or sell them? How much property would be needed?

The submission of the NNY Community Foundation Economic Development Grant application for \$8500.00 to partially fund a waterfront study was approved in a motion made by Trustee Constance and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

The event application for "Whooville in the Harbor" was approved in a motion made by Trustee Frechette and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

The event application for the "YMCA Grinch Run", done in conjunction with "Whooville in the Harbor", was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Constance, contingent on Police approval. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Boulton reported that the Library has started their Foreign Policy Program. The Library would like to thank the community for its ongoing support.

She will update information on Whooville at the next meeting.

Trustee Bray reported no action from the Tree Committee this month. The Zoning re-write committee will be ready for a public hearing on the portion that is completed at the November meeting. Trustee Bray believes the Board should take a position on the Galloo Island Wind Farm. He reported several people have expressed their concerns to him. Mayor Reilly volunteered to collect the questions and concerns regarding Galloo Island to submit to the Town of Hounsfield.

Trustee Constance reported that he is still concerned about the fire department funding and would like to see them apply for any available grants. He also would like to see trail marker signs put up.

Trustee Frechette reported that Courtney Brunet had resigned from the Rec Committee and the Town is looking for a replacement. He made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton, to allow the Town of Hounsfield to pay their share of the Joint Rec Program funds in June 2019 rather than March. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Frechette. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

A motion to pay the bills listed on Abstract 5 with vouchers 101433 through 101502 by Trustee Constance and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

A motion was made by Trustee Frechette and seconded by Trustee Bray to make Budget Transfers. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Lonny Reinhardt, DPW Superintendent, received paving quotes and recommends hiring Cornerstone Paving for \$49,600 to pave General Smith Dr and Pike St. This was done in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Frechette. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays. He reported that he will have dates for the fall brush pick up later.

Gail Gorgen, Visitor's Center, reported they had excellent attendance at the quilt show.

Corey Reid, Village Engineer, reported that WD Malone will be here Friday to continue the W Main Project. The Seawall permit has been submitted. He is waiting for the announcements for the Water Intake Project.

Paul Trudeau, Police OIC, recommended following the application process for events. Two events had a little collision, the Harvest Festival and the Quilt Show.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, will submit a detailed report for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened for public comment at 9:10 pm.

Tim Scee reported that the Apex Application for Galloo Island had been declared complete. He was also concerned that if you disagree with the project, please use the correct facts.

He also reported that the County is now available for dog control in the Village.

Merle Tousant had questions on the paving of General Smith Drive. Mayor Reilly said that notices will be given to residents regarding the paving.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Frechette at 9:19 pm. Vote 5 ayes (Reilly, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Constance), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk