

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
June 9, 2020
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Eric Constance, Deputy Mayor Barbara Bouton, Trustee James Bray and Trustee Phillip Fay. Absent: Trustee Dan Frechette. Also present: Treasurer Jim Yuhas.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:32 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting were approved as presented in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 3 ayes (Constance, Bray and Fay), 0 nays, 1 abstained (Boulton).

The minutes of the May 27, 2020 end of year meeting were approved as presented in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 3 ayes (Constance, Bray and Fay), 0 nays, 1 abstained (Boulton).

MAYORS REPORT

A memo from Scott Gray regarding the Governor's latest executive order on the phased re-opening of businesses and organizations was shared with the Board.

The SHCSD sent a copy of their resolution naming the Village Clerk as School Tax Collector again this year.

A letter was received from Dean DeVito requesting better maintenance of the trail system.

A letter was received from Leanore Grant requesting a community food court for outdoor seating during the pandemic.

A letter was received requesting permission to install a raised headstone on his brother's grave at the Military Cemetery. The request was denied in a motion made by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

Goodfellows Restaurant requested the use of the sidewalk for outdoor seating during the pandemic. This was approved with conditions in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray and Fay), 0 nays. The diners would be separated from the pedestrians by a barrier.

Dave Altieri prepared a letter to businesses outlining the Village support being offered as well as a Short-Term Revocable Permit for use of Village Property.

A resolution lifting the open container law in Market Square Park for take-out use of local restaurant customers and authorizing the local business use of Village property was introduced by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

FEMA emergency dollars have been declined because the cost did not meet the minimum.

Paul Passino reported that the YMCA received the guidelines from the State today on re-opening the summer program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:23 pm.

Brian Topping read the proposal that they have been working on with the Chamber of Commerce for the closure of Main Street areas to allow for additional seating for restaurants.

Christine Grimes commented on a broader definition of open container.

Dean DeVito was concerned about allowing the business use of Market Square Park if it would exclude large event usage of the area.

Jessica Williams from the Sandwich Bar said if the street was closed and tables put out the Post Office would still be accessible.

Stephanie Oliva wanted to know how to go about getting support for closing the street.

Connie Barrone, Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site Manager, said closing the street is like cutting the artery to the heart of the community. It also stops all traffic to the historic site.

Public comment was closed at 7:43 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

The event application for the Spoker Ride was conditionally approved in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray and Fay), 0 nays. The ride format must meet all NYS Executive Order restrictions.

A Thank You was received from the SHCSD for the use of the Gazebo.

Information on the legal ownership of the antique pumper housing structure on the corner of North Broad and Chapin Alley is being sought. The doors will need to be replaced next year.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Boulton reported that the Hay Memorial Library will be opening for “Grab and Go” on June 29th. They are having a cooperative summer book program with the school. She has been working on the re-opening of Sackets with Trustee Fay. The guidelines are changing quickly.

Trustee Bray reported that the Tree Committee has been inactive. He will be meeting with Dave Altieri regarding the Pickering Beach Museum.

Trustee Fay reported from the Marketing Committee that the new website will be up next week. He did not have any information on when the Visitor’s Center will open.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Bray to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

A motion was made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton to approve the audit of the Treasurer’s records for fiscal year 2019-2020. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

The bills listed on Abstract #1 with vouchers 103012 through 103060 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, reported that they will begin the maintenance on the trails soon. They have been concentrating on Downtown. The public restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized twice a day. He gave the Board pictures of the mounted plaque at the Military Cemetery and the planters at Market Square Park. They had to replace the influent flow meter for \$2,500.00. He would like to put 2 donated anchors on the corners of Broad and West Main.

Connie Barrone, Village Historian, will have their 6-month report at the next meeting.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, is working on the plan to reopen the Pickering Beach Museum. It will have to be self-guided tours to meet social distance requirements.

Gail Gorgen, Visitor's Center Director, will be retiring effective August 23, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:25 pm. No comments were offered.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Fay at 8:26 pm. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk