

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees  
July 14, 2020  
Regular Meeting  
112 N. Broad St.  
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

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

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

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting were approved as presented in a motion made by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The board accepted two volunteer caretakers for the pumper station that houses the antique pumper, Gary Loomis and Steve Goodrich.

A letter was received from Mike Campbell requesting a review of the fees charged for zoning applications. A committee including Trustee Bray, Treasurer Jim Yuhas and a representative from the Planning Board was appointed to review the charges with plans to report back at the August 11, 2020 meeting.

The Sackets Harbor Housing Authority requested the Village Board appoint Christine Eggleston to the Housing Authority Board. This was done in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Frechette. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

A letter was received from Bob Johnson requesting their water rate be changed to a residential rate while their B&B is closed due to the pandemic. It was tabled until the August meeting in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton to give the Board an opportunity to review the water law. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

A letter from Jeffrey Call was received requesting changing the house he is purchasing to a single family residential from a multi-unit rental. This was tabled until he closes on the house in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

The request from Hay Memorial Library to post a Story-walk on the Bicentennial Trail was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

Mayor Constance reported that the fencing on the sidewalk next to the Union Hotel should be down by August.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:50 pm. No comments were offered and the meeting resumed at 6:51 pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A draft of a Public Parking Easement was shared with the Board.

The Military Cemetery Rules updated information was shared with the Board for feedback. No action was taken.

A draft of a solar law was shared with the Board. A committee consisting of Trustee Fay, Dave Altieri, Paul Warneck and a representative from the Planning Board was appointed to review it and gather comments. They will report back at the August 11, 2020 meeting.

A resolution introduced by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Frechette for general support of a solar energy project located at the LDC property was defeated in a roll call vote. Vote 2 ayes (Constance and Frechette), 2 nays (Bray and Fay), 1 abstained (Boulton).

SEQR for the Brown Shore Road and Market Square Park project was reviewed and the Type 1 action was declared to have no significant impact on the environment in a resolution introduced by Mayor Constance and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

A proposed Intermunicipal Agreement pertaining to the Brown Shores project between the Village and the Town of Hounsfield was reviewed by the board. A motion approving the Mayor's signature was made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Fay with some minor changes made by the Village Engineer and the Mayor. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

Corey Reid, the Village Engineer, shared a picture of the damages to the sewer treatment plant outfall. It is estimated to cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to repair.

He also shared the proposed REDI Market Square Park improvements.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Deputy Mayor Boulton** reported that the Hay Memorial Library is having a "Grab and Go" program to meet the distancing requirements for book pick-up. The Can-Am festival is still on hold.

**Trustee Frechette** reported that the LDC is scheduling their annual meeting for later this summer. Work is being done on the ball field. Summer Rec numbers are down this year due to the pandemic. The Rec program is in need of a storage shed for equipment.

**Trustee Bray** reported from the Tree Committee that the Lakeside Cemetery trees are dying and he will be contacting the Town. The Zoning Re-Write Committee has not met. The Pickering Beach Museum is working on compliance policies for opening.

**Trustee Fay** reported that the Marketing Committee is hoping the new website will be up and running in two weeks. He would like to advertise for a part time helper for the Visitors Center to have someone trained for when Gail Gorgen retires.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was approved in a motion made by Trustee Frechette and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

Budget transfers were done in motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Frechette. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

The bills on Abstract #2 with vouchers 103061 through 103137 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

The Water and Sewer Rate Sheet for 2020-2021 was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent**, reviewed his written report.

**Gail Gorgen, Visitors Center Manager**, delayed her retirement until June of 2021.

**Paul Trudeau, Police OIC**, gave the Board a copy of the proposed hand-out that will be given out by Village police to utility and lawn care companies not following proper procedures for road safety.

He reported that he has reviewed policies in place for the Police Department and will be working with the Sheriffs Department and the State Police for any updates in policies.

He reported that there have been problems downtown with a lack of social distancing and the businesses expanding their use of Village streets and property without permission.

He said the Joint Rec Committee plans to revisit the plans for a summer recreation program next year due to the low attendance this year.

**Connie Barrone, Village Historian**, submitted her written report.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to any community group or the public at 8:56 pm. No comments were offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

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Village Clerk