

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
September 8, 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, Trustee Phillip Fay. Also Present: Treasurer Jim Yuhas.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes from the August 11, 2020 meeting were approved as corrected in a motion made by Trustee Fay and seconded by Trustee Frechette. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

MAYOR'S REPORT

A note was received from Janet Quinn in support of the Village efforts to crack down on speeding in the Village.

The NNY Foundation is sponsoring a Jefferson Economic Development Fund Grant again. We received funding toward our Maritime Study through this program. Mayor Constance wanted to encourage people to apply for project funding.

Arbor Day has been cancelled this year.

The REDI Grants for Businesses could leave the local municipalities liable for 5% of the business grants. The County has appealed to the State for relief from this.

New Madison Barracks PDD maps have been received.

An introductory letter was received from Carl Farone, the new Executive Director for DANC.

A letter was received from Kathy Sims. She was disappointed that the Village-wide yard sales were held and people were not practicing social distancing.

A notice was received from the International Joint Commission saying the outflow strategy was being adjusted to the normal navigation season minimum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:43 pm. No comments were offered.

OLD BUSINESS

The Military Cemetery Committee met on August 26th. There are some graves with shrubs that need to be removed. We will contact the families or have the DPW remove them.

The draft of the Solar Law was shared with the Board. Comments should be sent to the Village Clerk.

The LED Street Lighting proposal was reviewed by Jim Yuhas. The cost has risen considerably.

NEW BUSINESS

The Quilt Show event application was approved in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays. It will be held on October 3rd.

The Zoning Re-write committee submitted 3 sections for review by the Board. The draft dated 1-9-19 was reported to be minor clarifications, the section dated 4-2-19 pertained to Tiny Houses and the section dated 8-28-2020 outlined the Short Term Residential Rental laws. The review by legal counsel is still pending. Any comments should be forwarded to the Village Clerk.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Boulton reported that the Library is continuing with the Grab & Go system due to Covid-19 restrictions. There is no news from the Can-Am Committee.

Trustee Frechette reported that there has been some interest in the LDC property.

Trustee Bray said that the Tree Committee would like to plant trees this fall. There is \$5,000 in the budget for that purpose this year.

Trustee Fay reported that the Marketing Committee has been inactive due to the pandemic.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

A motion to pay the bills listed on Abstract #4 with vouchers 103213 through 103277 was made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

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

The proposal from Troy and Banks, Energy Consultants, was approved in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Frechette. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, reported they had a tree behind the Visitors Center removed by Bill Elliot.

Corey Reid, Village Engineer, reported that the Brown Shores Culvert has been ordered and is expected September 24th. The scope change has been submitted for the project. There is a 5% match for the REDI grant but labor and equipment can be used to offset the investment. All easements have been submitted. The Disbursement agreement is not expected until November, which would delay the project due to weather. The culvert will be done earlier if the Town is agreeable.

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Paul Trudeau, Police OIC, reported that he received two more quotes for speed signs. The Board approved the purchase of 2 signs for \$5,829 in a motion made by Trustee Frechette and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

David Altieri, Heritage Area Director, reported that the Pickering Beach Museum has been busy. He will be meeting with the company doing the Visitor Center displays next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:04 pm. No comments were offered.

Deputy Mayor Boulton requested that the board review the water and sewer laws before the next meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Frechette, Bray and Fay), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk