

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
November 10, 2020
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

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

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

Mayor Constance appointed Ronald Mildren to fill the vacant position on the Board. He was sworn in by the Village Clerk.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 13, 2020 meeting were approved as corrected in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray and Fay), 0 nays, 1 abstained (Mildren).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Constance reported that the election results have not been received from the County yet. The REDI project on Brown Shores Road is 80-90% complete. The Police Reform survey and report will be done before the April 1 deadline. Work continues on re-writing the Zoning and Solar Law. The review has raised many questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:38 pm.
Jay Cramer brought in the repainted sign for Fort Pike Park that he refurbished.

OLD BUSINESS

The Military Cemetery Committee shared a new form for burial requests. They need to determine the break-even amount for expenses.
The SEQR for the Town of Hounsfield Water District 8 was received with a request for designating the Town as Lead Agency. The Mayor will sign and return this.
The DOH public water system inspection report was received. They raised the concern that the Village is still not operating the water infrastructure replaced by Lawmen LLC in the Madison Barracks Complex. The Village still does not have the "as done" drawings and inspections were not done. There is no intention to take it over without the proper documentation.
The LED street lighting proposal was reviewed again. The program has about a 7 year pay-back. Treasurer Yuhas expects financing to be at approximately 2.5%. Trustee Fay raised some questions on the Maintenance Agreement that should be clarified before signing. A motion to proceed with the NYPA proposal was made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray, Fay and Mildren), 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS

A Resolution was passed to adopt the Retention and Disposition Schedule for NY Local Government Records (LGS-1). This was introduced by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Bray. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray, Fay and Mildren), 0 nays.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Boulton reported that the Library will be closed from November 10 through November 18, 2020 due to possible covid exposure. The Library received a Construction Grant through Senator Richie's office for upgrades to the second floor.

Whooville lights and decorations are going up, as are the other seasonal decorations. There is no Whooville event this year.

Trustee Bray reported that the Tree Committee arranged for 18 trees to be planted this year. Pickering Beach is closed for the season.

Trustee Fay reported that the Visitors Center is closed for the season and the most recent Marketing Committee meeting was cancelled. The LED lighting system is moving forward.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Yuhas reported that Madison Barracks paid all their back fees for their Planning Board expenses.

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

The bills listed on Abstract #6 with vouchers V1-00001 through V1-00060 (new numbering system) were paid in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray, Fay and Mildren), 0 nays.

A letter was received from Kris Dimmick requesting the bill be cancelled that he received for expenses related to his zoning application. The bills were reviewed by committee and a recommendation that the bill stands was given.

Bills owed by Mark Crandall, who has moved out of the Village, were written off in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray, Fay and Mildren), 0 nays.

The list of unpaid Village taxes totaling \$45,770.09 was re-levied to the County in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray, Fay and Mildren), 0 nays.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Fay to approve the contract with Troy and Banks Energy Consultants to negotiate lower costs for power. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray, Fay and Mildren), 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, and Gail Gorgen, Visitor's Center Director, were not present at the meeting but submitted written reports.

Corey Reid, Village Engineer, reported that the REDI Project Phase 1, the culvert section, is 80-90% done. The DASNE grant disbursement agreement should be in this month. The Water intake project is waiting for the EFC Agreement.

Paul Trudeau, Police OIC, reported that the police reform requirements are geared for big departments but we are still going to meet the requirements. He will be out for two weeks on medical leave with John Gleason filling in.

Paul will be retiring as of May 31, 2021. He recommends John Gleason as his replacement. Mayor Constance assigned Trustee Ron Mildren to the Rec Committee and to the LDC.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, reported that the Visitor Center exhibits will be ready for next May. He is also working on signs for the trail.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:53 pm.

Kris Dimmick said he didn't think the bills he received for his zoning application for a subdivision was fair. He was billed after his application was denied.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion made by Trustee Bray and seconded by Trustee Fay at 7:59 pm. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Bray, Fay and Mildren), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk