

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
February 9, 2021
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present in person and via Zoom: Mayor Eric Constance, Deputy Mayor Barbara Boulton, Trustee Phil Fay, Trustee Ron Mildren and Trustee Mark Pacilio. Also present: Jim Yuhas, Treasurer.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting were approved as presented in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Constance read a Certificate of Appreciation being sent to Cathie Ginn upon her retirement from the Village.

He requested information from the Village Department Heads for budget information. We received a budget request from the Fire Department for a \$5,000 increase. The Mayor will meet with Vince Battista to go over it.

The meeting times for the budget work sessions were set for Friday February 26 and March 5, both at 8 am. If another session is needed it will be scheduled later.

The LDC land being used as a solar farm is still a possibility on the southern section. It was suggested that the LDC be invited to share with the Village Board their plans for the land. Interviewing committees for the upcoming Village employment vacancies were set. The committee for the Police OIC consists of Mayor Constance, Deputy Mayor Boulton and Trustee Pacilio. For the DPW vacancy it will be Trustee Fay, Mayor Constance and DPW Superintendent Lynn Martin. A list of questions and job descriptions will be developed and the positions advertised.

Two new members were appointed to the Heritage Area Advisory Board, Connie Nicollette and Michael Smith. This was done in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The NYS DOT shared services agreement was received and approval for the Mayor to sign it was given in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The DANC report was received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:12 pm.

Trustee Mark Pacilio reported that he had students attending the meeting via Zoom.

Jay Kramer, Canyon Properties LLC Manager, complained about the lack of progress on the repair of the Stone Hospital. He requested the schedule of repairs.
The regular meeting was resumed at 7:16 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

The Zoning Re-write Committee provided a rough draft of the updated Zoning Law. Trustee Fay had some concerns about the lack of fencing minimum height for any Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems. There was also some concern about the Solar Overlay District and the definitions in the short-term rentals section. The Board voted to move the draft to the Attorneys for their review in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Police OIC, Paul Trudeau, presented an overview of the Community Survey and the draft of the NYS Police Reform Compliance Report that will be submitted to the State. The complete survey has been posted on the website.

Mayor Constance reported that there are still unanswered questions regarding the purchase of the Street Lights from National Grid for the LED program. He will pursue this.

Corey Reid, Village Engineer, gave a REDI project update. He would like to have a contact with the Board that can make some design decisions. Mayor Constance volunteered. The EFC for the water intake project is still not here. We will need to do a Bond Resolution at the February budget meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The draft of the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan was shared with the Board. It needs to be finalized at the March meeting.

Kelly Reinhardt presented the Tree Committee report. She is requesting \$15,000 in next year's budget for a tree study and management plan.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Boulton reported that the Library Assistant, Fawn Heinz, will be leaving. There is a new Library Manager, Brittani LaJuett. They are still doing "grab and go" due to the pandemic and there is a new program for lending puzzles.

The Can-Am Committee has been meeting. They are looking at a scaled down event this year. She is waiting for more feedback from the Military Cemetery Committee on the proposed forms.

Trustee Mildren reported that the Joint Rec Committee will be meeting next week. The garden plot registrations will be opened to the public soon. The Bocce League may be opened again this spring. The Stone Hospital work may start later this week.

Trustee Fay reported that Gail Gorgen, the Visitor's Center Director, broke her foot and has not been working. The Marketing Committee has the new website up and running. It is

www.visitsacketsharbor.com .

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded

by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.
The budget transfers were done in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.
The bills listed on Abstract #9 with vouchers V1-00220 through V1-00278 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The DPW report was submitted by **Lynn Martin, the DPW Superintendent.**

Paul Trudeau, the Police OIC, requested the board approve the hiring of a new part time police officer, Randolph Bockman. This was done in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Janet Quinn, the Planning Board Chair, reported that they will be meeting on the 24th this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 9:16 pm. No comments were offered.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Pacilio at 9:17 pm. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk