

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

Present: Mayor Eric Constance, Deputy Mayor Barbara Boulton, Trustee Phillip Fay, Trustee Ron Mildren, Trustee Mark Pacilio. Also present: Jim Yuhas, Treasurer.

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

The Public hearing on the Village Public Safety and Law Enforcement Reform was opened at 6:31 pm. No comments were offered. The public hearing was closed and the resolution introduced in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Mildren. In Resolution 3 of 2021 the Board adopted the Police Reinvention Collaborative Plan prepared for the New York State Police Reform. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting were approved as presented 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 minutes from the February 26, 2021 meeting were approved as presented in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

The upcoming village employment vacancies were discussed. Trustee Fay recommended advertising for a DPW MEO to fill John Madlin's position.

Mayor Constance discussed the need to pursue grant funding.

The Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Village of Sackets Harbor was approved as part of the Personnel Policy. The motion was made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Trustee Mildren was assigned to the nominating committee for the Citizen and Volunteer of the Year.

Notice was received from FEMA denying the scope change for the sheet pile wall repair as part of the Market Square Park project. Village Engineer Corey Reid will check if the REDI project money will be put in jeopardy if the FEMA appeal is pursued. Discussion was tabled pending further information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:22 pm with no comments offered.

OLD BUSINESS

The formal resignation letter was received from John Madlin effective April 15, 2021.

The Sackets Harbor Fire Department requested a funding increase to \$78,000 from each of the town and the village. They submitted a breakdown of the increased costs involved with the department.

The zoning re-write committee shared their recommendations. The Board questioned the definition of the size of a tiny house and the wording of the proposed law. Trustee Fay proposed changing it to 600 sq ft instead of the 800 sq ft that was recommended. In a motion made by Trustee Fay and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton, they changed it to 600 sq ft and forwarded the changes to the attorney for review. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The Military Cemetery form was approved with changes in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The REDI payment date for the Brown Shores project is expected at the end of March.

A study on the necessity of a water/sewer project for E Main St was discussed with the village engineer. It could take about 4-5 months. One would need to be in place for grant applications. The CFA grants list sometimes has monies for studies.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Boulton reported that the Library is now open by appointment and the second-floor renovation is underway. Part of the parking lot in the back is blocked off due to the construction.

Trustee Mildren reported that the Summer Rec program is being discussed by the Joint Rec Committee with the YMCA. Baseball sign-ups will be starting soon. The LDC would like to get some literature and do a survey about a solar project.

Trustee Fay reported that the Marketing Committee would like to use \$1,200 for search engine optimization through Freshysites and \$600 for the advertisement in the 2021 Chamber of Commerce guide. They are also designing new banners for "Hometown Heroes" that will be offered to the previous donors.

Trustee Pacilio reported that the Tree Committee is anticipating details about Arbor Day. They are waiting for information on their budget.

The As-Built drawings were received from Madison Barracks for the infrastructure and are being reviewed. The Heritage Area Committee has been meeting every two weeks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Budget transfers were done in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.
The bills listed on Abstract #10 with vouchers V1-00279 through V1-00336 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Fay and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, informed the board that changing to raised stones in the Military Cemetery raises maintenance issues. He also recommended that it be stated in the contract that if a raised stone is used, the installation is at the family's expense.

Corey Reid, Village Engineer, reported that the Brown Shores phase two design will be ready by mid-month. They are working on the Market Square Park design. The proposed parking lot needs to be surveyed. The seawall design is 90% done and the construction is expected for 2022.

Paul Trudeau, Police OIC, stated that the signs on the trail restricting vehicle traffic are not enforceable. He will look into a Village Ordinance.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, reported that NYSERDA has rolling grant opportunities that can be qualified for in a points-earned system. A community earns points by doing certain upgrades, such as the LED lights, that qualifies you for more grants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:58 pm.

Paul Trudeau commented that it may be the continuity of the flat plaques that the Veterans who chose to be buried there wanted.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Mildren at 9:00 pm. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk