

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
May 11, 2021
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Eric Constance, Trustee Phillip Fay, Trustee Ronald Mildren and Trustee Mark Pacilio. Absent: Deputy Mayor Barbara Boulton. 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 April 13, 2021 meeting were approved as presented in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Constance reported that the 4 Trustees have new ipads for their use. These will be returned at the end of their terms.

He extended the Village's thanks to Paul Trudeau, who will be retiring at the end of this month from his position as Officer in Charge for the Police Department.

The Mayor extended congratulations and appreciation to Briggs McAndrews who was named the Citizen of the Year and to Cecelia Perkins as the Volunteer of the Year in a motion made by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The Memorial Day Celebration will be at 11:00 am on May 31, 2021 with a speaker from the 10th Mountain Division, the Legion Commander and the Mayor at the Gazebo at Market Square Park.

The DANC Report was received with nothing unusual reported.

The Short Term Revocable Permit allowing Goodfello's Restaurant to use part of the Village sidewalk for their business was renewed for another year with the same conditions as last year. A new Certificate of Insurance will be provided by Goodfello's. This was done in a motion made by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

We have not received a permit from the State to hold the 4th of July fireworks yet. Trustee Pacilio will contact Peyton Taylor for further guidance.

The open container law was lifted again this year to allow customers to transport alcohol to Market Square Park and to allow restaurants to serve outside. This was done in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

There are plans being discussed for a possible solar farm at the LDC property. There is a public meeting at 6 pm on June 2, 2021 to share information and get public feedback.

Emily Parker has been hired at \$15.00 per hour as a part time Village employee to keep the website updated.

The CAPC summer food program will use the parking lot at the Municipal Building to distribute lunches for the area children during the summer.

The Annual Water Quality Report has been received.

The required 5% local match for the ESD REDI grants that the Boathouse, Navy Point Marina and the Barracks has applied for has been deemed not economically feasible. They will need to get a denial letter from the County.

Lakeside cemetery will be fundraising for the fence again.

The Year-end meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2021 at 9:00 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:54 pm.

Merle Tousant would like to know if there are still plans to put in stairs at the Village property at the end of Hamilton St.

Jay Kramer offered to make a donation to the 4th of July Fireworks if we are allowed to have them this year. He also wanted to know if there was any action on the Stone Hospital.

With no further comments, the public comment period was closed at 6:58 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Mildren to forward the Zoning Revisions recommended by the committee to the lawyer. They will format the local law in preparation for a public hearing. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The Military Cemetery form submitted from the Cemetery Committee was approved in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Josh Eppley from BCA presented the proposed improvements to Market Square Park including floating docks, additional boat trailer parking and boat launch and dock repair. The Bathrooms will not be upgraded but they will be looking into re-doing the exterior of the pump station to match the area.

A list of possible grant opportunities was provided to the board. As they come up we plan to submit applications depending on the need.

Trustees Pacilio and Fay will review the Employee Handbook and recommend changes at the next Board meeting.

There will be a presentation July 23, 2021 by Steven Poley from the Army Civil Affairs office in Syracuse regarding the Village partnership with the military.

Two weatherized benches were installed on the trail for a Boy Scout Eagle project.

Patriot Pride day is Friday. Several students will be working on projects in the Village.

NEW BUSINESS

No insurance quotes have been received yet.

The new Visitors Center displays will be installed the last week of May.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Mildren reports that the baseball season is up and running with 80 kids taking part with 20 parent volunteers. The 2 new fields are not complete, but playable. The YMCA will be running the summer rec program this year.

The LDC parcels are being appraised.

The Events committee is adding an October Fest this year.

Trustee Fay reported that the Chamber of Commerce is planning smaller events this year. The Marketing Committee has banners being printed for “Hometown Military Heroes”. They will be hung before Memorial Day.

Any updates for the new website can be emailed to visitsackets@gmail.com.

Trustee Pacilio reported that the Pickering Beach Museum will be opening June 24th.

There will be an open house at the old Episcopal Church on June 12th.

He has been discussing Union Hotel Plans with Peyton Taylor from NYS Parks.

He would like to have a meeting the Heritage Area Committee and the Regional Parks representatives regarding their planning for Horse Island and other areas.

He congratulated the Tree Committee for their work. They are anxious to start planting.

Trustee Pacilio reported for **Deputy Mayor Boulton** her recommendation to waive Michele Strife’s water bill late fee and reduce the YMCA sewer charge from 3 units to 1 unit. This was done in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted in a motion made by Trustee Fay and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The bills listed on Abstract #12 with vouchers V1-00403 through V1-00472 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Fay and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The incorrect budget transfers from last month were rescinded and the correct ones were approved in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The employee uniform bill was paid in a motion made by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

A motion was made to pay John Madlin for his 181 unused vacation days in a motion made by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 3 Ayes (Constance, Mildren and Pacilio), 1 nay (Fay). This will be paid on the next regular payday.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, reported that the student volunteers for Patriot Pride day will be doing mulching in the Village.

He requested permission to hire a summer employee, Paul Doyle, at the seasonal wage scale. The DPW has started the clean-up of the Military Cemetery. The Board requested that the DPW keep a list of sidewalks that need to be replaced on a break-even basis.

The Market Square Park bathrooms are open.

Corey Reid, Village Engineer, reported that the CFA's were just released by the State. They will be reviewed. The Seawall and Intake still don't have contracts.

The Market Square Grant Disbursement Agreement is still not available. It may be 3-4 months until it is received, but with the current increase in parts pricing that may be to our advantage.

We received a draft of the appraisal for the parking lot yesterday.

The permit application for all the water works will be submitted this month.

Paul Trudeau, Police OIC, gave his last report before retirement. Trustee Pacilio remarked on the amount of traffic going the wrong way on Chapin Alley.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:12 pm.

Manna Doyle reported that the Can-Am Festival planning is going full speed. They are also planning smaller weekend events to get people into the Village.

Merle Tousant commented on the number of speeders on General Smith Drive. He believes the sidewalk and stairs on the hill on Hamilton St would be too attractive to skate boarders.

Public comment was closed and the meeting adjourned in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Mildren at 8:17 pm. Vote 4 Ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk