

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
September 14, 2021
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: 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 at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The proposed zoning law amendment was discussed. A response from the County Planning Department, as well as the response from Attorney Dave Geurtsen was shared.

Part 1 of SEQR was reviewed and Parts 2 and 3 also completed declaring it an unlisted negative declaration with no significant impact on the environment.

Resolution 8 of 2021 was introduced by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Pacilio declaring a Negative Declaration (SEQR) to Amend the Zoning Law. Vote by roll call 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The Public Hearing for the Zoning Law Amendment opened at 6:45 pm. A letter of support for the zoning changes from George McCullough was received. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:46 pm in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Resolution 9 of 2021 with Amendments/Revisions to the Village of Sackets Harbor Zoning Law was introduced by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. It passed in a roll call vote with 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The minutes from the August 10, 2021 meeting were 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The DANC report was received and shared with the Board.

A letter was received from the Sackets Harbor Central School thanking the DPW for their work on the school playground and grounds project.

Resolution 10 of 2021 committing the Village to move forward with the LED Street Light project and obtaining a letter of credit from Watertown Savings Bank to submit to National Grid. It was introduced by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Resolution 11 of 2021 naming Treasurer Jim Yuhas as the signer for the LED light purchase program was introduced by Mayor Constance and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Mayor Constance commented that the Cannabis law opt-out has to be voted on before the end of the year.

He reported that the LDC property sale of a portion of the south section is moving forward.

A letter from Dean DeVito was read reporting the police and ambulance driver's difficulty locating the Senior Housing complex located behind his house on Woolsey St. He also requested a berm be constructed at the end of Woolsey St to stop cars from cutting across the school parking lot.

All paperwork has been submitted for the Water Intake project EFC and we are waiting to hear back from them.

Some guidelines for the ARPA funding were shared with the Board.

The Easement for the Bartlett property parking lot has not been received from the attorney yet. In Resolution 12 of 2021 the Board approved the purchase of an easement on the property at 411 W Washington St owned by the Town of Hounsfield for a parking lot. It was introduced by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

In Resolution 13 of 2021 the Board approved an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Hounsfield for the construction of the parking lot at 411 W. Washington St. It was introduced by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:23 pm.

Dean DeVito, 209 Woolsey St, is against changing the house numbering on Woolsey St to make the numbers in ascending order. He believes adding a sign will fix the problem.

Tim Scee, 207 Woolsey St, is also against changing the house numbers and would prefer a sign.

Jay Cramer reported that he will undertake the annual clean-up at Fort Pike Park in October. He believes that more people are utilizing the Park since the new sign was installed. He has refurbished the Samuel Guthrie sign and it will be going back up.

Alex Morgia reported that it may be possible to be reimbursed for part of the cost of the summer concerts through a performing arts grant. The Board authorized Anita Harvel to submit the proposal on behalf of the Village in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays. Mr. Morgia also volunteered to climb the water tower to do needed repairs.

Tim Scee reported that the Town of Hounsfield is talking about getting car charging stations at the Court Building.

The regular meeting was resumed at 7:40 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

As part of the preparation of the Infrastructure Agreement at Madison Barracks, core samples have been done on the road and we are waiting for the reports. Madison Barracks is undertaking the removal of the old road on Vollum Rd at their own risk as they are still working on the infrastructure agreement issues. More information on this is expected at the next meeting.

Mayor Constance reported that there are still two sections left to work on in the Zoning revisions that the next board will have to address.

A request was received from Nathan Miletta for a "No Outlet" sign on Bayview Place. The DPW will look into a replacement sign for the one that was stolen.

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A thank you letter from Amy Summerville-Loomis was received for the DPW's work at Stoodley Park.

A report from Emily Parker was received with the statistics from the website.

A report with drawings of the proposed public dock in relation to the vessel regulation zone was shared by Colin Richardson of BCA.

The Event Application for the September 18, 2021 Porch Music Fest was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Boulton reported that masks are required at the library again, but they are open for regular business. The Quilt show will be October 2nd and 3rd. The Can-Am committee has begun planning for their 50th Anniversary next summer.

Trustee Mildren reported that the LDC is talking to the State about their interest in the north parcel of land that is available and possible use of the Union Hotel. There are Ballroom Dance lessons planned at the Sackets Harbor Ballroom.

Trustee Fay reported that Cruisin' in the Harbor was a success again this year. The Marketing Committee would like to expand the banner program to include an additional 10 banners. In a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Fay, Emily Parkers position was extended until the new Visitors Center position is filled. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Trustee Pacilio reported that the Heritage Area Committee would like to hire the new Visitor Center Coordinator as soon as possible. This 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was accepted 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 bills on Abstract 4 with Vouchers V2-00201 through V2-00283 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

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his written report. In Resolution 14 of 2021, the official recorded length of Ogden Lane was changed from 792 feet to the actual measurement of 956 feet. It was introduced by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays. The replacement of the doors on the antique fire truck building was tabled until next month for more information.

John Gleason, Police OIC, reported that the mobile speed stands arrived. One is currently on Ambrose St, one on Hounsfield St and another is by the school.

Connie Barone and Jeannie Brennan, Village Historians, submitted their quarterly report.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, reported that the Pickering Beach Museum had a successful season under Sarah Conley again this year. He extended his thanks to the DPW for all their help this year. The Department of State CLEAR Initiative will be discussed at a meeting September 21st.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:41 pm.

Lonny Reinhardt recommends checking the engineering survey of the Union Hotel foundation before considering any use of the building.

Dean DeVito recommends revisiting the leash law in the Village to require an actual leash on dogs.

The public comments were closed and the meeting adjourned in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton and seconded by Trustee Fay at 8:43 pm. Vote 5 ayes (Constance, Boulton, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk