

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
October 12, 2021
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

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

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

The minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting were approved as presented in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Todd Farrington, the Town of Hounsfield Highway Superintendent, thanked the Board and the Village DPW with Superintendent Lynn Martin for their help repairing water main breaks in the Town. They had 7 breaks in one day.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Constance offered Gail Gorgen our thanks for her work over the last 10 years. She will be retiring in October from the Visitor's Center.

Mayor Constance received a letter from Dave Murphy with congratulations to the DPW for their work at Stoodley Park. A letter was received from Connie Barone regarding the colors to use when repainting historical markers. She also sent a letter requesting the Village trim some trees in Barn Alley. Adam Hanson would like the Village to begin garbage collection for the residents.

All the paperwork is in for the water intake project. The EFC has a new lawyer reviewing it.

The Village is waiting for the Easement for the Bartlett property parking area to arrive from the lawyers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:47 pm.

George McCulloch offered his thanks to Mayor Constance for his 14 years of public service. The mayor is not seeking re-election.

Mike Taber is against any change to the law requiring dogs to be leashed.

Nathaniel Miletta was also against requiring dogs to be leashed. Public comments was closed at 6:53 pm in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Mayor Constance. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

There was an email from John Kent with an update on his purchase of a portion of the LDC property. The Village will schedule a survey of the land behind the sewer treatment plant for an access road.

OLD BUSINESS

The Madison Barracks infrastructure agreement is progressing. The Village is waiting for information including the needed bonding requirements. In the mean time they are continuing with their work on Vollum Road at their own risk. The core samples taken show that the roads have various subbase and asphalt depths. The current proposal includes about a 1000 feet of rebuilt road. For the other substandard roads, they offer having a drainage ditch installed with an additional 4” of asphalt. Mark Kenword is their engineer and is still working on the storm water plans.

NEW BUSINESS

The Whooville in the Harbor event application was approved in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Fay. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Mildren reported that the baseball field completion is being coordinated.

Trustee Fay reported that the Chamber of Commerce will have a “Trunk or Treat” event on October 31st.

The Marketing Committee said that the website usage statistics are up.

Trustee Pacilio reported that the ad for the Visitors Center Coordinator is out.

He also said that a Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant is being applied for. A steering committee will be appointed at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Budget transfers were done in a motion made by Trustee Fay and seconded by Trustee Pacilio. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

The bills listed on Abstract #5 with vouchers V2-002384 through V2-00353 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, reported that 5 ash trees on Fort Pike Park need to be taken down. The funding of \$1,400 for this was approved in a motion made by Trustee Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays. He also spoke about a recommendation to allow poplars to regrow wild. Paving will be done Friday on Brown Shores Road. November 8-9 will be targeted for the yard waste pick-up in the Village. Paul Doyle, a summer worker for the DPW, is done for the season with thanks for a great job.

Corey Reid, Village Engineer, said that the 90% drawings for the Market Square Park and Chapin Alley projects are done and will be submitted. They are working on the preliminary plan for the remaining infrastructure projects (i.e., East Main St.).

John Gleason, Police OIC, reviewed his written report with the Board.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, reported that the Pickering Beach Museum is doing an internal audit of their policies.

Janet Quinn, Planning Board Chair, reported that the Board will meet on October 27th this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George McCulloch offered the Board a letter from the State on the painting of the historic signs. He also feels that the Village is underestimating the value of the potential new houses built in the Barracks.

Mike Taber complained about people confronting him about his dogs not on a leash. He requested the wording of the law be posted in public.

Kelly Sova said a dog leash law would be helpful.

The public comments were closed and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm in a motion made by Mayor Constance and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Constance, Fay, Mildren and Pacilio), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk