

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
September 12, 2023
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Alex Morgia, Deputy Mayor Mark Pacilio, Trustee Ron Mildren, Trustee Kelly Sova and Trustee Gregg Townsend. Also present: Treasurer Shannon Mason.

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

The Public Hearing for Local Law #5, an Amendment to the Dog Control Law of 2001 with Definitions of Terms and Restrictions. The hearing was opened at 6:31 pm with no comments offered and the hearing closed at 6:32 pm.

MINUTES

The minutes from the August 8, 2023 meeting were approved in a motion made by Trustee Mildren and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote: 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was accepted in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote: 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays. The bills were paid in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. The check for the dog park was held until the vote for a design approval. Vote: 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

The meeting was paused briefly for technical difficulties and resumed at 6:51 pm.

Betsy Regan was invited to speak on the condition of Harbor Heights Housing and the need for funding for repairs and maintenance. The board has questions on the ownership/oversight of the Village and will check to clarify the village role.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to public comment at 7:06 pm.

Connie Barone spoke for the NYS Sackets Harbor Battlefield and requested the use of the LDC property for next year's Grand Tactical in the summer of 2024.

Janet Quinn suggested that the County Planning Department could answer questions on the housing situation.

Public comment was closed at 7:12 pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Lynn Martin, DPW Superintendent, submitted a written report.

John Gleason, Police OIC, reported that they had a busy month with several events.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, reported on the EV charging station grant. The first step is choosing a contractor from the list of those approved and start the application process for 6 charging stations at 80% funding.

They are working on the possibility of a virtual tour at the Pickering Beach Museum. They are also getting quotes on painting the museum.

The Home Town Heroes banner program will start retiring the original banners and extend the program to allow others to take part.

The Discovery Park plans are being prepared for application.

Kathy Keating, Visitors Center Manager, said that the new 14 minute video for the Visitors Center is done. The Marketing Committee would like to spend \$2,500 for advertising on the 2024 eclipse.

Janet Quinn, Planning Board Chair, reported that their next meeting is scheduled for September 20th. They have approved 2 projects at the new Madison Barracks subdivision. She recommends not approving the Infrastructure Agreement until the as-built drawings are correct and the other requirements are complete. Mayor Morgia will contact the developer for their punch list.

Brandon Sparacino, BCA Engineer, reported that the floating docks were started today at the Market Square Park project. The NOAA invitations for proposal should be announced by October 11th.

NEW BUSINESS

The board voted to approve reserving the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend for the Sackets Harbor Marathon run by Karyn Reinhardt and Mark Congel for the next nine years. This was done in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote: 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays. They agree to meet with the village representatives to review their application for the Marathon in June to finalize plans and submit required paperwork.

The Yuletide event application was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Pacilio and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote: 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

Janet Quinn, Planning Board Chair, reported that a new subdivision application will be forthcoming.

Mayor Morgia will be writing a letter to Lawler Construction regarding the need for a new zoning application for “Creekside 2”.

BOARD REPORTS

Mayor Morgia asked for a motion for signature approval of the MOU when it is received from the Teamsters. This was done in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote: 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

There was a motion to accept the changes to the fuel agreement with the school made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote: 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

Deputy Mayor Pacilio distributed a draft cannabis dispensary special permit law for future consideration.

Trustee Mildren reported a successful summer program for the Rec Committee. All Rec Committee projects that were stalled by covid have been completed.

There has been no movement on the LDC property.

Trustee Sova reported that the fire department roof was leaking over one of the trucks and caused some damage. The roof will have to be addressed soon.

She expressed the need to put a dock plan in place before the next boating season and would like to call a meeting to discuss this.

Trustee Townsend reported that the vendor huts approved last spring were being built by Chamber of Commerce volunteers rather than the approved BOCES construction.

OLD BUSINESS

The changes to the Code of Ethics were approved in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Mayor Morgia. Vote: 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

A motion was made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren to accept Amendment #3 on the BCA Contract. Vote: 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

CORRESPONDANCE

The DANC report was received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:55 pm with no comments offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 with a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote: 5 ayes (Morgia, Pacilio, Mildren, Sova and Townsend), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk