

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees  
February 22, 2024  
Regular Meeting  
112 N. Broad St.  
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Alex Morgia, Deputy Mayor Ron Mildren, Trustee Kelly Sova, Trustee Gregg Townsend, Trustee Sarah Miletta. Present via zoom: Shannon Mason, Treasurer.

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

### **MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 9, January 21, and January 24, 2024 meetings were approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Trustee Sova. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

The bills listed on Abstract #9 with vouchers V4000681 through V4000765 were paid in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mildren. Vote 4 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova and Miletta), 0 nays, 1 abstained (Townsend).

Budget transfers were made in a motion by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Miletta. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

Budget Workshop dates were set for February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

The quotes from Pier Sound and Data Inc for a Video Conferencing System in the village hall as well as the monthly phone line access of \$286.07 were accepted in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Lynn Martin, DPW superintendent**, had questions on the village plans for the eclipse. Some of the planning will depend on the weather forecast for April 8, so parking plans are on hold. No road closures are anticipated.

He requested guidelines for the docks, he would like to hire 2 part time workers to work the docks.

The dock plan was outlined by Trustee Sova. A motion to approve the plan with two part time employees, the outlined rate schedule, no harbor master and a later discussion on the method of payment was made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote 3 ayes (Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 2 nays (Morgia and Mildren).

**John Gleason, Police OIC**, requested that we add Christine Kennedy and Steve Wood to the list of part time police officers. This was done in a motion made by Trustee Sova and seconded by Trustee Mildren. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

He reported that a Criminal Justice student from BOCES will be doing ride-alongs with the Police Department. He also reported that the new Jefferson County dispatch program won't work on one of the computers. He will be purchasing a new computer. One of the tasers is outdated and a new contract with Axon is approximately \$1700.00 per year.

**Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director**, submitted a written report. He said that he would work with the Housing Authority for grant funding.

**Kathy Keating, Visitor Center Director**, reported that they have been interviewing for the Visitor Center assistant. She will send the information to the board for feedback.

**Brandon Sparacino and Corey Reid, Village Engineers**, reported that the requested FEMA revision was submitted.

A motion was made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mildren to allow the mayor to sign the contract giving the Brown Shores Pump Station job to the low bidder Powis Contracting for \$216,000 when the Easement is signed. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

A motion was made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Miletta to allow the Water Intake Project to go out to bid. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

**Scott Kennett, Chamber of Commerce**, reported that there will be a village and trail clean-up on March 23<sup>rd</sup> before the eclipse. The Chamber is planning an Easter egg hunt. The Wonderland in the Harbor event has been cancelled.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

**Mayor Morgia** reported that his list of topics has been covered in other discussions.

**Deputy Mayor Mildren** reported that the LDC had nothing new. The Joint Rec Committee is requesting \$15,000 to match the Town's contribution. The committee is now working on the plans for the dog park.

**Trustee Townsend** reported that the Heritage Area Committee met to discuss roles and responsibilities regarding marketing activities.

**Trustee Miletta** reported she is starting her rounds of the community organizations.

**Trustee Sova** reported that the Fire Department is talking about applying for a grant to build a 20 x 40 addition on the back of the fire hall to move toward compliance with regulations. The village board is in support of this.

She also reported that she was discussing the possibility of a cannabis dispensary in the village with the Planning Board Chair, Janet Quinn.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

DANC Reports for December and January were received.

A letter was received from Dean DeVito regarding his flooding issue on his property.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The following event applications were approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Mayor Morgia:

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- The North American War of 1812 Grand Tactical (with no commitment for funding)
- Summer Solstice Run (contingent on sufficient volunteers)
- 18.12 Challenge update with confirmed times
- Bash for Cash event application

Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

The Pike Day proclamation request was approved.

The Pro Housing Community designation was approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:37 pm.

Brandon Jenkins announced that there will be a Rugby Tournament at Madison Barracks including a Pub Crawl and an event at the Ballroom on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dave Haldeman asked for village support of the Harbor Heights repairs.

Peter Leubner from Navy Point Marina offered to help with the docks planning.

Public comment was closed and a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Mildren and seconded by Trustee Townsend to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Vote 5 ayes (Morgia, Mildren, Sova, Townsend and Miletta), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly  
Village Clerk