

# THE TRUSTEE REPORT

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Mayor: Alex Morgia  
Deputy Mayor Ron Mildren  
Trustee Gregg Townsend  
Trustee Kelly Sova  
Trustee Sarah Milletta

The Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees would like to invite residents to attend our monthly board meetings in person or via Zoom. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

The Zoom link is available and posted monthly on our website. For anyone wishing to view meeting recordings you can find them on our website also.

## **What's Happening:**

Village Office will be closed in celebration of Presidents Day on Monday February 19.

At the annual meeting held December 19, 2023 many items were presented and approved as are done on an annual basis. Such things as :

- ◆ Designation of the Regular Open Meeting dates to be the second Tuesday of each month to commence at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Approval of Village policies
- ◆ Authorization of appointments
  - Deputy Mayor - Ron Mildren
  - Deputy Clerk - Erika Rauch
  - Deputy Registrar - Erika Rauch
  - Zoning Enforcement Officer - James Corbin
  - Heritage Area Director - David Alteri
  - Visitor's Center Director - Kathy Keating
  - Village Historian - Jeannie Brennan & Constance Brennan-Barone
  - Village Attorneys - Kendall, Walton & Burrows; David Geurtsen
  - Village Engineer - Bernier Carr & Associates
  - Village DPW Superintendent - Lynn Martin

# Department Reports

## Department of Public Works

Prior to our January meeting the weather had been relatively quiet allowing DPW workers to do routine maintenance and cleaning of DPW areas, as well as complete breakdown and maintenance of all equipment, tools and machinery. The crews will continue to pick up discarded Christmas trees until they are gone.

### Public Notice: Sidewalk Snow

- Property owners are responsible for clearing snow from their sidewalks.
  - The village DPW clears sidewalks as a courtesy only *after* they have finished cleaning all roadways.
  - Heavy snowfall may delay sidewalk clearing until later in the morning or early afternoon. If you have time sensitive reasons the sidewalk should be clear, you'll need to have backup arrangements for heavy snowfall days business or home
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## Village Board

Annual reports were received from the Village Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Village Historian.

Mayor Morgia reported attending Watertown's Regional Safety and Logistics meeting regarding the upcoming Eclipse on April 8, 2024. With the expectation of high visitor numbers to our region there are some concerns regarding communication and traffic. He also reported that the Army Reserve will be running a training scenario in the village on January 21, 2024

Trustee Townsend reported exchanging correspondence with Lakeview Estates Subdivision, Madison Barracks to formalize a list of Items that remain outstanding with respect to completion of the infrastructure conveyance process.

Deputy Mayor Mildren reported that the Parks and Recreation committee is in the process of getting their budget request ready for the upcoming Village Board budget season. He also put a reminder out to all community organizations to submit budget requests in writing to the Village by the end of January.

Trustee Sova reported that the Sackets Harbor Fire Department has established a grant committee to apply to a NYS Volunteer Fire Infrastructure and Response Equipment grant. In addition, the ambulance is in need and has requested assistance with \$1,738.95 in ARPA funds to replace a broken tablet that EMS personnel use to complete call reports on. The Village Board approved their request.

Trustee Sova also wanted to announce winners of the 2nd Annual Christmas in the Harbor Decorating Contest:

Best Holiday Spirit - Pecora Family on Hounsfield Street

Best Holiday Classic - McPherson Family on Ontario Street

Best in Show - Harrienger Family on Bayview Place.

The Village would also like to thank this years sponsors for this year's gift cards. Goodfellows Restaurant and the Whiskey Coop.

**Market Square Park REDI Project Phase 1 Update:**

- ◆ A substantial completion walk through was held on 11/3 and a formal punch list was established.
- ◆ CO#7 was provided for signature in a credit to the village in the amount of \$11,835 for the west boat ramp changes.
- ◆ Substantial completion certificate was provided for signature.

This project will be completed and Market Square Park will be open in the spring.

Thank you for everyone's patience during our construction, next year will be amazing!