

Sloatsburg Village Board

Reorganizational and Regular Meeting – December 2, 2013

The Reorganizational Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Honorable Carl S. Wright, Mayor in the Conference Room of the Sloatsburg Municipal Building, 96 Orange Turnpike, Sloatsburg, New York.

Trustees Present- Peter Akey
Thomas T. Buckley, Jr.
Daniel O’Leary
John Bonkoski

Village Clerk & Treasurer – Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr. – Present

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Michael Dolan, David Pererya, the Ballards (Johnsontown Road)

Pledge to Flag – Trustee Dan O’Leary

Mayor Wright recommended the following appointments:

DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK & TREASURER - Currently encumbered by Marianne Dolan - Term of Office - 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014.

Mayor Wright reappointed Marianne Dolan to the position of Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer for a one year term of office.

On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to approve the reappointment of Marianne Dolan to the position of Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer for a one year term of office to run from 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014. All in favor, motion carried.

ACTING VILLAGE JUSTICE - Currently encumbered by Jerome S. Jefferson - Term of Office - 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014

Mayor Wright reappointed Jerome S. Jefferson to the position of Acting Village Justice for a one year term of office.

On a motion by Trustee O’Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley, to approve the reappointment of Jerome S. Jefferson to the position of Acting Village Justice for a one year term of office to run from 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014. All in favor, motion carried.

VILLAGE AUDITOR – firm of Fulton, Timmes, Frega & Straubinger
Term of Office - 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014

Mayor Wright reappointed the firm of Fulton, Timmes, Frega & Straubinger to the position of Village Auditors.

On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Akey, to approve the reappointment of the firm of Fulton, Timmes, Frega & Straubinger as Village Auditors to the Village of Sloatsburg, designating Jeffrey Frega and Steve Straubinger to serve for a term to run from 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014. All in favor, motion carried.

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LEGAL COUNSEL – firm of Balsamo, Byrne, Cipriani & Ellsworth
Term of Office - 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014

Mayor Wright reappointed the firm of Balsamo, Byrne, Cipriani & Ellsworth to the position of Legal Counsel.

On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski , to approve the reappointment of the firm of Balsamo, Byrne, Cipriani & Ellsworth as Legal Counsel to the Village of Sloatsburg, designating Matthew J. Byrne and Richard Ellsworth to serve for a term to run from 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014. All in favor, motion carried.

VILLAGE ENGINEER - Currently encumbered by Richard Eichenlaub, PE of the firm of RL Engineering Term of Office - 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014

Mayor Wright reappointed Richard Eichenlaub, PE to the position of Village Engineer for a one year term of office.

On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski , seconded by Trustee O'Leary ,to approve the reappointment of Richard Eichenlaub, PE to the position of Village Engineer for a one year term of office to run from 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014 All in favor, motion carried.

SLOATSBURG PLANNING BOARD - Members

Current Member - Glenn Thompson - (7 year term) 12/2/13 to 12/7/2020.

Mayor Wright reappointed Glenn Thompson to the position of member of the Planning Board for a seven year term of office.

On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Akey to approve the reappointment of Glenn Thompson as a member of the Sloatsburg Planning Board for a seven year term of office to run from 12/2/13 through 12/7/2020. All in favor, motion carried.

Current Alternate Member - Robert Green - (7 year term) 12/2/13 to 12/7/2020.

Mayor Wright reappointed Robert Green to the position of Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a seven year term of office

On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Akey to approve the reappointment of Robert Green as an Alternate Member of the Sloatsburg Planning Board for a seven year term of office to run from 12/2/13 through 12/7/2020. All in favor, motion carried.

Current Alternate Member - Ronald Kanasky - (7 year term) 12/2/13 to 12/7/2020.

Mayor Wright appointed Theresa Bitterman to the position of Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a seven year term of office

On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the appointment of Theresa Bitterman as an Alternate Member of the Sloatsburg Planning Board for a seven year term of office to run from 12/2/13 through 12/7/2020. All in favor, motion carried.

PLANNING BOARD, OPEN POSITION – (Unexpired term of Laura Kelly) –
Term of office 12/2/13 through 12/1/14

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Mayor Wright appointed Ronald Kanasky to the position of member of the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Laura Kelly.

On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to approve the appointment of Ronald Kanasky as a member of the Sloatsburg Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Laura Kelly, term of Office 12/2/13 through 12/1/14. All in favor, motion carried.

SLOATSBURG PLANNING BOARD - Chairman - Currently encumbered by Glenn Thompson

Mayor Wright reappointed Glenn Thompson to the position of Chairman of the Sloatsburg Planning Board for a one year period.

On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Akey to approve the reappointment of Glenn Thompson to the position of Chairman of the Sloatsburg Planning Board for a one year term of office to run from 12/2/2013 through 12/1/14. All in favor, motion carried.

SLOATSBURG ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (5 year) term

Member – Michael J. Dolan – Term of Office – 12/2/2013 through 12/3/2018

Mayor Wright reappointed Michael J. Dolan to the position of member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term of office.

On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to approve the reappointment of Michael J. Dolan as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term of office to run from 12/2/2013 through 12/3/2018 All in favor, motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - Chairman - Currently encumbered by Michael J. Dolan - Term of Office - 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014

Mayor Wright reappointed Michael J. Dolan to the position of Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year period.

On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the reappointment of Michael J. Dolan to the position of Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year term of office to run from 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014. All in favor, motion carried.

VILLAGE HISTORIAN - Currently encumbered by Harrison O. Bush
Term of Office - 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014

Mayor Wright reappointed Harrison O. Bush to the position of Village Historian for a one year period.

On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Akey, to approve the reappointment of Harrison O. Bush to the position of Village Historian for a one year term of office to run from 12/2/2013 through 12/1/2014.

CURRENT VILLAGE DEPOSITORIES

M&T Bank, Chase Bank, Sterling National Bank, Capital One, Greater Hudson Bank, PNC Bank, as Village Depositories for Village funds.

On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the Village Depositories designated by Mayor Wright for Village funds. All in favor, motion carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Current Official Newspaper - Journal News

On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee O’Leary to approve the designation of the Journal News as the Official Newspaper for the Village of Sloatsburg. All in favor, motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. for the Regular Village Board meetings with Special Meetings to be held as required in accordance with the provisions of Local Law #3 of 1982.

On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee O’Leary to approve the designations for Regular Village Board Meetings and Special Meetings. All in favor, motion carried.

PROCEDURE FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Reference Local Law #3 of 1982 of the Village of Sloatsburg entitled A Local Law Regarding the Convening of Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloatsburg which Local Law sets for the procedure for the calling or holding of a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Reference should be made to the fact that the Village of Sloatsburg’s Local Law mirrors the Public Officers Law.

On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the procedure for special meetings. All in favor, motion carried.

ADOPTION OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order are adhered to during the conduct of and any all Village Board meetings.

On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee O’Leary to approve the adoption of Roberts Rules of Order. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Village Law Section 524(6) provides that the Board of Trustees may, by resolution, authorize payment in advance of audit of claims from public utilities services, postage, freight, and express charges. If the Board of Trustees does authorize payment of these claims before audit, it would be appropriate to do so at the Organizational Meeting, whereas the following resolution should be proposed.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utilities services, postage, freight and express charges, and

WHEREAS all such claims shall be presented at the next Regular Meeting for audit, and claimant and officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utilities services, postage, freight and express charges and all such claims shall be presented at the next Regular Meeting for audit and claimant and officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees.
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Trustee Akey offered the foregoing resolution. Trustee Bonkoski seconded the adoption of this resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

Village law Section 5-524(7) provides that the actual and necessary expenses of all officers and employees incurred in the official duties shall be a Village charge. Trustees should be allowed, as determined by resolution, to pay a reasonable mileage allowance for use of personal automobiles in the performance of official duties. It is appropriate to adopt this policy at the Reorganizational Meeting the following resolution should be proposed:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who use their personal automobiles while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of 56.5 cents per mile.
2. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

Trustee Akey offered the foregoing resolution. Trustee O'Leary seconded the adoption of this resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

PROCUREMENT POLICY

WHEREAS the General Municipal Law Section 104-b requires that all municipalities adopt procurement policies for goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid, the Board of Trustees should simply acknowledge that there exists a previously adopted resolution regarding Procurement Policy for the Village of Sloatsburg which said policy went into effect on January 12, 1994 and should be renewed and reviewed annually. At this point, the Board should simply renew the currently existing Procurement Policy for the Village of Sloatsburg and should adopt same.

VILLAGE BOARD ASSIGNMENTS:

DEPUTY MAYOR: Peter Akey

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS: Daniel O'Leary

FIRE COMMISSIONER: John Bonkoski

LIAISON LIBRARY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Thomas T. Buckley, Jr.

LIAISON TO PLANNING/ZONING: Peter Akey

SCHOLARSHIP/YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Peter Akey

Meeting schedule is as follows:

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| C.D.R.C. | 3 rd Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. |
| Village Board | 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. |
| Planning Board | 3 rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. |
| Zoning Board of Appeals | 3 rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. |

Mayor Wright thanked the Board of Trustees, all the people that serve in Village Government and all the volunteers for all their service throughout the year.

On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee Akey to adjourn the Annual Reorganizational Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Wright called the regular meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

Johnsontown residents addressed the Board regarding taxation and services. Mayor Wright determined that they are located outside of the Village limits and indicated that their taxable district would be the Town of Ramapo.

Resolutions

On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Akey to adopt resolutions in mass. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #13- 098 Budget Transfer – Hydraulic Cylinder

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer transfer 3,000 from Street Maintenance, Maintenance Helper A5110.1E to Street Maintenance Equipment Repairs A51104.L. This transfer to cover the cost associated with the replacement of a hydraulic cylinder for Truck 6 (2004 International Dump Truck).

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Akey and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #13-099 Small Claims Settlement

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the following Small Claims Assessment change for the 2013 tax year, predicated on the 2012 assessment roll:

Name	Lot Number	Old	New	Tax
		Assessment	Assessment	Refund
Stephen Harvey	39.30-1-50	\$44,454.00	\$39,400.00	\$179.42

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk & Treasurer transfer \$179.42 from the Various Funds Money Market Tax Certiorari Reserve held at the Provident Bank to the General Fund Checking Account held at the M&T Bank.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Akey and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #13-100 Transfer General Fund Money Market to General Fund Checking Account

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$211,126.00 from the General Fund Money Market Account held at the Greater Hudson Bank to the General Fund Checking Account held at M&T Bank. This transfer to cover the annual 2013/14 Retirement bill and the interest payment on the Public Improvement Serial Bond 1998.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Akey and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #13-101 Tax Collection 2014 Authorization for Clerk to Advertise/Authorize Mayor to Execute Tax Warrant

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be given authorization to execute the tax warrant for 2014, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk Treasurer is authorized to advertise for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 2014. Said notice is to appear in the Journal News Newspaper on December 16, 2013 and December 23, 2013.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Akey and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #13-102 Transfer General Fund Money Market to General Fund Checking Account

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$150,000.00 from the General Fund Money Market Account held at the Greater Hudson Bank to the General Fund Checking Account held at M&T Bank. This transfer to cover General Fund expenses.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Akey and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #13- 103 Transfer T&A to Recreation Reserve

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$2,500 from the Trust & Agency Account T-85 Other Funds to the Various Funds Money Market Account held at the Provident Bank (Recreation Reserve). This amount represents the money in lieu of land for recreation for the construction of a one family dwelling, received on behalf of James and Bonnie Kralik, Parcel #29-59-1-1-1, Park Avenue.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Akey and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #13- 104 Acceptance of Building Inspector's Report November, 2013

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Building Inspector's Report for the month of November, 2013 in the amount of \$6,142.50.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Akey and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Trustee Akey reported on TLO. He put together a Draft policy and procedures on usage. Trustee O'Leary asked about the ability for more than one log in for security reasons. Richard Ellsworth commented that he doesn't believe the court should have access; he should be named as Prosecutor. A brief discussion followed and the Board will finalize it at their next meeting.

Past Events

- a. Tuesday, November 19th, meeting of Community Development Committee
- b. Thursday, November 21st, Mary Buckley Day in Sloatsburg, 100th Birthday
- c. Tuesday, November 26th, Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, St. Joan of Arc
- d. Sunday, December 1st, Breakfast with Santa
- e. Sunday, December 1st, Lighting of Trees and Menorah commencing at 4 PM

Upcoming Events

- a. Tuesday, December 3rd, Annual Veteran Recognition Program
- b. Sunday, December 8th, Suffern's Annual Pearl Harbor Day, 2 PM
- c. Saturday, December 14th, Sloatsburg Fire Department's Annual Christmas Dinner
- d. Saturday, December 14th, Rockland County Concert Band performing concert at St. Mary's in Tuxedo for the benefit of the Sloatsburg Food Pantry
- e. Monday, December 9th / Tuesday, December 10th, Shopping/Wrapping for Needy Children
- f. Second Graders Annual Caroling Program, Wednesday, December 18th

Congratulations to Elizabeth Flaherty on being named honorable mention for All American for Volleyball at Roger Williams College

Other

Mayor Wright commented on the American Legion's Annual Santa Train. Mayor Wright asked for any more questions or comments. Trustee O'Leary commented that the Sloatsburg Fire Department responded to a mutual aid call in Tuxedo. He relayed a thank you from the Tuxedo Fire Department who also

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indicated that Sloatsburg handled it very professionally. Mayor Wright commented that Sloatsburg also responded to the recent mountain fire in Orangeburg. Trustee Akey commented that Sloatsburg also put out a recent fire in Torne Valley that took about two days.

Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Akey to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.
Village Clerk Treasurer

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