

**Sloatsburg Village Board**

**Regular Meeting – February 10, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 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  
John Bonkoski  
Thomas T. Buckley, Jr.  
Daniel O’Leary

Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer – Marianne Dolan – Present

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Ronald Harmon

Pledge to Flag – Trustee O’Leary

Minutes

a. Public Hearing and Regular Meeting 1/13/15

*On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee O’Leary to accept the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting of 1/13/15. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolutions

Resolution #15-017 Acceptance of Building Inspector’s Report January 2015

Trustee Buckley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Building Inspector’s Report for the month of January 2015 in the amount of \$465.00

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

Resolution #15-018 Acceptance of Fire Inspector’s Report January 2015

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Fire Inspector’s Report for the month of January, 2015 in the amount of \$200.

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

Mayor Wright commented that he received a request from Senator Carlucci indicating that if the Village wants to put in for member items they have to do so by next week. He commented on the requests from last year and asked for suggestions. Trustee Buckley suggested a fire truck and a dump truck was also suggested.

Mayor Wright then commented that he contacted Senator Carlucci and Assemblyman Brabenec regarding snow removal along Route 17. Assemblyman

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Brabenec responded that he contacted the Department of Transportation and they will be contacting the Village.

Conditions of Area Dams, next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Mayor Wright commented that they want to make sure people are protected. Trustee Bonkoski suggested contacting the Town of Ramapo and applying pressure to the State. Trustee Buckley commented on a letter from the D.E.C. regarding reporting. He talked about the engineer's idea of lowering both dams.

Report on Navajo Trail Extension

Mr. Ellsworth commented that the Board received the recommendation from the Village Engineer that they accept the road subject to certain conditions.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Buckley to authorize the Village Attorney to take action to accept the dedication of Navajo Trail by Sterling Quarters, LLC subject to the Rockland County Drainage Agency approving the project and subject to the sub-divider obtaining a bond for the survival of the shade trees for one year, which year shall include a second "bloom" on the shade trees. All in favor, motion carried.*

Report on Recent Storms – State, County, Town and Village responsibilities – Village DPW commended for performance

Mayor Wright commented that the priority is to take care of the streets and keep the roads open.

Past Events

- a. Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Swearing in Ceremony for Assemblyman Karl Brabenec
- b. Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, Sloatsburg Fire Department's Annual Super Bowl Breakfast for Mutual Aid Departments
- c. Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, Meeting on Area Dams 2:00 PM, Municipal Building

Upcoming Events

St. Joan of Arc will be holding its 3rd Annual Carnival, Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Church would again like to partner with the Village for a fireworks display. Last year the event was well attended and received many accolades.

Mayor Wright proceeded to read the request from the Church to the Board. Trustee Akey suggested they reach out to the Fire Department to assist with the safety of the fireworks. Trustee Bonkoski suggested better access from the road and control of traffic during the carnival. Mayor Wright confirmed that they would do the same as last year and called for the following motion:

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee O'Leary to grant permission to St. Joan of Arc Church to use the following facilities of the Village of Sloatsburg: the passive park, the pavilion, the support building, to include restrooms, from May 21, 2015 thru May 24, 2015 for a Church carnival and fireworks display. All in favor, motion carried.*

- a. Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, DARE Graduation Elementary School at 7:00 PM (Alternate date March 19<sup>th</sup>)
- b. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Sloatsburg Mill Fire

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- c. Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- d. Fire Department's Annual Meeting, Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 PM – Election of Officers
- e. Honor Flight Program for WWII Veterans, Members of America's Greatest Generation, Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from Stewart, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from White Plains

Other

Trustee Buckley commented on United Water's bill as it relates to swapping out the hydrants. There was discussion as to where the hydrants were being moved to.

Ron Harmon addressed the Board regarding the condition of the side of the road in the winter months when it snows. The post office will not deliver mail and pedestrians are walking directly in the lanes of Route 17. Mr. Ellsworth commented on the law as it relates to sidewalks and indicated that he will look into it further. He also commented that Mayor Wright has reached out to the State to address the problem as well. Mayor Wright provided further information and Trustee Buckley suggested that Mr. Harmon contact Senator Carlucci with his concerns.

Executive Session

*On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to move into executive session at 8:10 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:15 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to authorize the Village Attorney to file a Notice of Claim against the County of Rockland alleging the same causes of action contained in the Article 78 Proceeding by the Village of Sloatsburg against the County of Rockland, the Rockland County Worker's Compensation Committee and Karen Cassa, solely in her capacity as Director of Insurance. All in favor, motion carried.*

Adjourn in remembrance of August "Gus" Stritmater, Sr., WWII Veteran, 69 Year Member Sloatsburg Fire Department, 40 Years Chairman of the Zoning Board, Former Rockland County Planning Federation Man of the Year and Community Leader

Note – from January of 2014 thru January 2015, the Village has lost 5 WWII Veterans: William McGrady, George McDonald, Dick Parker, Harvey Izzo and Gus Stritmater – all Firemen, three former Fire Chiefs and four 50 Year Members plus

*On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to adjourn the regular meeting in remembrance of August "Gus" Stritmater at 8:20 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Dolan  
Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer

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