

**Sloatsburg Village Board**

**Regular Meeting – February 24, 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

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

Interested Citizens Attending: Michael Downes, David Pereyra

Pledge to Flag – Trustee O’Leary

Minutes

a. Regular Meeting 2/10/15

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Buckley to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/10/15. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolution #15-019 Drainage Improvements Pine Grove Lakes

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees at their meeting of October 28, 2014 discussed drainage improvements in the Pine Grove Lakes area; and

WHEREAS, based on a review of the drainage system within the Pine Grove Lakes area by the Village Engineer and the Superintendent of Public Works an engineer’s estimate was developed; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer submitted a proposal to undertake the drainage improvements on November 31, 2013 and revised March 10, 2014 for the sum total of \$15,600; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting October 28, 2014 adopted a bond resolution in the amount of \$325,000 to cover the cost of the drainage improvements within Pine Grove to include engineering costs and other projected costs of the project, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the engineering proposal submitted by RL Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$15,600

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee O’Leary and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #15-020 Small Claims Settlement

Trustee Buckley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the following Small Claim Assessment:

Name/Lot Number	Tax Year	Original Assessment	Revised Assessment	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
Virginia Eibert	2015	\$43,100	\$39,600	\$3,500	35.22	\$123.27

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk & Treasurer transfer \$123.27 from the Various Funds Money Market Tax Certiorari Reserve held at the Sterling National Bank to the General Fund Checking Account held at the M&T Bank.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee O’Leary and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #15-021 Surplus Equipment

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees declares one 1999 Ford Expedition, VIN No. 1FMPU18L6XLC32971, surplus and authorize Village Clerk & Treasurer to dispose of said vehicle through Gov Deals in an “as is” condition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees establish a minimum bid of \$2,500 for said vehicle

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

Resolutions in Mass

*On a motion by Trustee O’Leary, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to adopt resolutions in mass. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolution #15 -022 Transfer

Trustee O’Leary offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund Money Market Account held at the Greater Hudson Bank to the General Fund Checking Account held at the M & T Bank. This transfer to cover general Village expenses.

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

Resolution #15-023 Refund – Village Taxes – Overpayment

Trustee O’Leary offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt taxes in the amount of \$5,999.25 received from Lereta Tax Service covering the first installment of the 2015 taxes, together with memo bill fees.

WHEREAS, included in said amount a total of \$1,954.71 was received representing a duplicate payment on Bill #536, Barbara Berntsen, 71 Eagle Valley Road.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer refund \$1959.71 representing the overpayment of taxes and the memo bill fee of \$5.00 to Lereta Tax Service.

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

Resolution #15-024 Refund – Village Taxes – Overpayment

Trustee O’Leary offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt taxes covering Bill #51, 44 and 45 in the name of May Ann Madlansacay totaling \$690.00.

WHEREAS, the total of the bills should have been \$686.79.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer refund \$3.21 representing the overpayment in taxes.

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

Resolution #15-025 Sewer Grant

Trustee O’Leary offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the following individual has submitted an application for a grant under the Sewer Program, and

WHEREAS, all required documents have been submitted and reviewed by the Village Attorney and the Village Clerk Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, the dwelling was inspected through the Rockland County Office of Community Development on August 20, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Village has received notification on August 21, 2014 indicating that the dwelling has passed, and

WHEREAS, the dwelling is located in the Waldron Terrace North Sloatsburg area and is able to connect to the sewer system

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following applicant be awarded a sewer grant as follows:

Morton Haber, 11 Sheridan Avenue, Sloatsburg, NY 10974, \$1,500.00

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk Treasurer be authorized to issue the respective grant to the designated contractor upon submission of an executed contract between the homeowner, the contractor and the Village of Sloatsburg.

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

Resolution #15-026 Renewal Petroleum Bulk Storage Application

Trustee O’Leary offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloatsburg has received from the Rockland County Department of Health its renewal application for petroleum bulk storage, and

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WHEREAS, the current registration is due to expire on April 1, 2015 and the renewal application must be submitted prior to March 9, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the renewal fee to be paid by the Village of Sloatsburg is \$530.00.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorize the payment of \$530.00 to the County of Rockland Commissioner of Finance for the renewal of the petroleum bulk storage.

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

Resolution #15-027 Budgetary Transfer – Service Benefit Award Program

Trustee O’Leary offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$62,907.00 from the General Fund Account A 9089.4B Service Benefit Award Program for Volunteer Firefighters to the Investment Fund held at the M&T Bank. This transfer covers the 2015 allocation as provided in the 2015 Fiscal Budget. This amount includes an allocation covering those individuals who attain the age of 65 years and continue to receive credits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$2500.00 from the Service Benefit Award Program A9089.4B to the General Insurance Account A1910.4. This transfer to cover the cost associated with the AD&D policy afforded those members enrolled in the Service Award Program Defined Benefit Pension Plan for Volunteer Firefighters.

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

Resolution #15-028 Transfer from General Fund to Debt Service

Trustee O’Leary offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer transfer \$88,640.63 from the General Fund Checking Account held at the M & T Bank to the Debt Service Fund held at the Sterling National Bank. This transfer to cover the principal and interest payment due on the Village of Sloatsburg Public Improvement Serial Bond 2008 due March 1, 2015.

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

Resolution #15-029 Transfer from General Fund to Debt Service

Trustee O’Leary offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer transfer \$28,043.83 from the General Fund Checking Account held at the M & T Bank to the Debt Service Fund held at the M & T Bank. This transfer to cover the principal and interest payment due on the Village of Sloatsburg BAN Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment.

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

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Resolution #15-030 Refund penalty paid

Trustee O'Leary offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt taxes covering Bill #11 in the name of James A Hand in the amount of \$1,584.90, and

WHEREAS, a late penalty in the amount of \$39.62 was assessed and collected in error in that payment was timely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer refund \$39.62 to Cheryl Hand representing the penalty paid in error.

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

Resolution #15-031 Refund – Village Taxes – Overpayment

Trustee O'Leary offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt taxes covering Bill #686 and 687 in the amount of \$290.57 which was received from Marie Persichetti on January 30, 2015 and

WHEREAS, the total payment of taxes for both parcels should have been \$239.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer refund \$51.07 representing the overpayment in taxes.

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

Condition of Area Dams, next meeting to be held in March

Trustee Buckley commented that they had a meeting with County personnel. They went over area maps, the evacuation plans and policies on how to notify the residents. There was discussion with the D.E.C. as well and they indicated that the report will be out on the Sebago Dam in March. Trustee Buckley also indicated that the Mayor received correspondence from the D.E.C. regarding a revised emergency action plan. Trustee Buckley suggested they send a letter stating they do not agree with the emergency action plan and the Village wants monitoring of the dam.

Trustee Akey commented that the Board would like to tour the dam with the engineer in the spring. They are also updating the Village's emergency action plan. There will be public information meetings as they proceed.

Meeting with D.E.C. on Storm Management Program 2/19/15

Mayor Wright commented that he, the Superintendent of Public Works, the Village Clerk and the Village Engineer met with a representative from the State D.E.C. to review the Storm Management Program.

David Pereyra asked the Mayor to define what the Storm Management Program is. Mayor Wright and Trustee Akey responded accordingly with the requirements of storm water management.

Ms. Karen Shapiro and Ilyssa Shapiro to discuss program for Earth Day

Mayor Wright commented that Mrs. Shapiro and her daughter Ilyssa were not able to be in attendance. They would like to be at the next meeting to discuss Earth Day this year. Trustee Akey indicated that Randi Colton and Scout Pack 46 would like to be involved with the cleanup.

Appointment of Marc Bitterman as permanent member of the Zoning Board and August "Gus" Stritmater, Jr. as Alternate to the Zoning Board

Mayor Wright submitted the name of Marc Bitterman to fill the unexpired term of August Stritmater, Sr. as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals; the term of office 2/24/15 to 12/5/16. He also submitted the name of August Stritmater, Jr. as an alternate member; term of office 2/24/15 to 12/5/16.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Akey to appoint Marc Bitterman to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of August W. Stritmater, Sr. term of office 2/24/15 to expire on 12/5/16. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to appoint August Stritmater, Jr. as Alternate Member of the Sloatsburg Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Marc Bitterman; term of office 2/24/15 to 12/5/16. All in favor, motion carried.*

Congratulations to Jenny Kirby of Characters Bar and Restaurant as being named the Ancient Order of Hibernians Business Person of the Year. Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Pearl River Hilton commencing at 7 PM

Past Events

- a. Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Joan of Arc's Valentine Breakfast

Upcoming Events

- a. Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, DARE Dinner at St. Joan of Arc Church
- b. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Sloatsburg Mill Fire
- 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
- f. Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Beautification and Cleanup Day

Upcoming Events in May

- a. Annual Program Honoring Sloatsburg's Graduating Seniors (date to be announced)
- b. Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, Featured Speaker, Assemblyman Karl Brabenek
- c. St. Joan of Arc will be holding its 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>, Fireworks Display Sunday Evening
- d. To be scheduled – Night to recognize Eagle Scout Chris McNamara for work at cemetery

Other

Mayor Wright asked for any comments or questions. Mr. Pereyra asked when Senator Carlucci is coming to the Village. Mayor Wright indicated that he

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did not know if he is coming to meet with the general public. He does want to meet with the Village Board in regard to their letters and requests.

Mr. Pereyra then asked about the date for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mill Fire. Mayor Wright responded that it will be Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourn

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee O'Leary to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.  
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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