

**Sloatsburg Village Board**

**Regular Meeting – April 14, 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

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Laurie Smyla, Building Inspector Joseph Tichenor, D.A. Thomas Zugibe, George Wamsley, Ramapo Police Chief Peter Brower, Jay Myrow, representing Tuxedo Reserve, Andrew Dance, Ramapo Police Officer

Pledge to Flag – Trustee O’Leary

Mayor Wright welcomed Chief Peter Brower, Assisant to the D.A. George Wamsley and D.A. Thomas Zugibe. Mr. Zugibe spoke to the Board about the duties of the D.A.’s office. Chief Brower also spoke about the active drill and shooting training programs held at the Sloatsburg Elementary School and the Ambulance Corps.

Mayor Wright then commented on the Honor Flight Program and the WWII Veterans and Village residents who attended.

Minutes: Regular Meeting 3/24/15

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Akey to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 3/24/15. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolution Standard Work Day

Resolution #15-043 Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution (2011)

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

**Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloatsburg hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Social Security Number  (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Standard Work Day  (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/ Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System  (Y/N)	Days/ Month  (based on Record of Activities)
<b>Elected Officials</b>								

<b>Appointed Officials</b>								
Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer	Marianne Dolan	0493	31817109		7	12/5/2011-12/3/2012	Y	NA
Acting Village Justice	Jerome Jefferson	3160	41390998		7	12/5/2011-12/3/2012	N	.40

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Akey

On a Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Akey           Aye  
 Trustee Bonkoski   Aye  
 Trustee O’Leary      Aye  
 Trustee Buckley     Aye  
 Mayor Wright        Aye

Resolution #15 -044 Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution (2012)

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloatsburg hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

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<b>Elected Officials</b>								
Mayor	Carl S. Wright	0116	20067328	X	6	12/3/2012-12/5/2016	N	NA
Trustee	Thomas T. Buckley, Jr.	8011	32024796		6	12/3/2012-12/5/2016	N	1.30
Village Justice	Thomas J. Newman, Jr.	5576	36963676		6	12/3/2012-12/5/2016	N	1.42
<b>Appointed Officials</b>								
Village Clerk & Treasurer	Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.	5502	09997651	X	7	12/3/2012-12/5/2016	Y	NA
Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer	Marianne Dolan	0493	31817109		7	12/3/2012-12/5/2013	Y	NA
Acting Village Justice	Jerome Jefferson	3160	41390998		7	12/3/2012-12/5/2013	N	.40

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee O’Leary

On a Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Akey           Aye  
 Trustee Bonkoski   Aye  
 Trustee O’Leary      Aye  
 Trustee Buckley     Aye

Mayor Wright Aye

Resolution #15-045 Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution (2013)

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

**Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloatsburg hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

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<b>Elected Officials</b>								
<b>Appointed Officials</b>								
Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer	Marianne Dolan	0493	31817109		7	12/5/2013-12/1/2014	Y	NA
Acting Village Justice	Jerome Jefferson	3160	41390998		7	12/5/2013-12/1/2014	N	.40
Planning Board Member	Glen Thompson	1888	4005720		7	12/5/2013-12/7/2020	N	.29

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Buckley

On a Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Akey Aye  
 Trustee Bonkoski Aye  
 Trustee O’Leary Aye  
 Trustee Buckley Aye  
 Mayor Wright Aye

Resolution #15-046 Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution (2014)

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloatsburg hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

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Elected Officials								
Appointed Officials								
Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer	Marianne Dolan	0493	31817109		7	12/1/2014-12/7/2015	Y	NA
Acting Village Justice	Jerome Jefferson	3160	41390998		7	12/1/2014-12/7/2015	N	.40
Zoning Board Member	Louis Saviano	7050	40854762		7	12/1/2014-12/7/2015	N	.43

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Bonkoski

On a Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Akey           Aye  
 Trustee Bonkoski    Aye  
 Trustee O’Leary      Aye  
 Trustee Buckley     Aye  
 Mayor Wright        Aye

Resolutions in Mass

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

Resolution #15-047 Authorization to Advertise for Bids Drainage Improvements Hillside and Hazelwood Roads, Drainage Improvements Various Streets Pine Grove

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a Notice to Bidders appeared in the Journal News on March 18, 2015 requesting bids for the drainage improvements to Hillside and Hazelwood Roads returnable April 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a Notice to Bidders is scheduled to appear in the Journal News on Monday, March 29, 2015 requesting bids for the drainage improvements Various Streets in the Pine Grove area; and

WHEREAS, due to the time constraints concerning both projects it was necessary to advertise prior to Board authorization;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees affirm authorization to the Village Clerk Treasurer to advertise the Notice to Bidders on March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>;

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

(See Attached Notice to Bidders)

Resolution #15 – 048 Acceptance of Building Inspector’s Report March 2015

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

4/14/15

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Building Inspector's Report for the month of March 2015 in the amount of \$1298.75.

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

Resolution #15-049 Acceptance of Fire Inspector's Report  
March 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 March, 2015 in the amount of \$725.00.

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

Resolution #15-050 Confirmation Interest Quotation BAN Renewal  
Various Purpose

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees confirm the acceptance of the interest rate of 1.39% submitted by the Greater Hudson Bank on the \$155,600 BAN Renewal Various Purpose. Other rates received by the Village were M&T 2.10% and Sterling National Bank 2.11%

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

Resolution #15 -051 Waive Fee St. Joan of Arc Church Sign Permit

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees waive the fee for a Temporary Sign Permit for St. Joan of Arc Church to advertise for their Carnival and Fireworks Display May 21, 2015 through May 24, 2015 and to refund the permit fee paid by St. Joan of Arc Church.

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

See letter 3/18/15 Fr. Joseph Emmanuel  
Building Inspector's Receipt #6897  
Permit issued 3/30/15, \$250.00 paid

Resolution #15 -052 Destruction Village Records and Court Records

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Records Management Officer to arrange for the destruction of Village records as per the attached and the Court records as per the attached from the Office of the State Comptroller Court Administration.

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

Resolution #15-053 Agreement – Rockland Baseball Association Little League Field Use Agreement

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, RB Association, Inc., desires to enter into an agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg for the use of its little league baseball field for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 baseball seasons, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloatsburg desires to allow RB Association the use of said little league baseball field, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the use are as follows:

75 tons of clay will be put in place during the three year period of the contract. If additional clay over the 75 tons is required it will be at the expense of RB Association.

The chemical treatment of the lawn will be covered by Field Pro who currently treats the entire facility.

The lawn will be cut by the Department of Public Works based on their schedule for a fee of \$1,500 per year, payable to the Village at the start of the 2015 season.

The Village will undertake the repair to the gates going into the facility, said gates will not be locked.

The RB Association, at their own expense, will place fence toppers on the fencing going around the little league field.

The little league field will be available to the general public when not in use by the RB Association after consultation with the Village.

The RB Association to submit a yearly schedule.

There will be no subletting of this facility by RB Association while under this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Attorney is authorized to draft an agreement subject to the above terms and the Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

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

Resolution #15 -054 Authorization to Execute the 2015 Application for Permit to Operate Sloatsburg Municipal Pool

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be given authorization to execute the 2015 application for a permit to operate the Sloatsburg Municipal Pool. Application to be submitted to the Rockland County Department of Health, no later than May 1, 2015, with a fee of \$490.00.

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

Mayor Wright asked Laurie Smyla if she would like to address the Board. Mrs. Smyla commented about the Town of Tuxedo's Public Hearing regarding the Tuxedo Farms project which she attended. She commented that they are continuing the grading of the road and property near Dater's pond without permit from the Drainage Agency.

Mr. Ellsworth commented that he will look into the matter and consult the Building Inspector.

Petition Tuxedo Reserve Amending the Permitted Uses in the MU1 Zone

Mr. Ellsworth commented on the petition by Tuxedo Reserve Owner, LLC to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Sloatsburg. The petition is based on Village Code #54-7 in the MU1 District; to add businesses for professional offices in existing buildings to the permitted uses in that zone. Mr. Ellsworth recommended the matter be referred to the Planning Board and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for more than forty-five days from tomorrow.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee O'Leary to authorize the Village Clerk to forward the petition to the Planning Board requesting comment and to authorize the Village Clerk to advertise a Public Hearing on 6/23/15, ten days prior to the hearing. All in favor, motion carried.*

Jay Myrow, the attorney representing Tuxedo Farms, provided comments on the petition to expand the uses in the MU1 District, in particular the old Jessie's Bagels building. Andrew Dance, representing Tuxedo Farms, commented that they would like to use the old Jessie's Bagels building for a professional office, not a construction office, where they would conduct meetings for the next five years.

Discussion with Building Inspector in regard to concerns of Building Department

The Building Inspector, Joseph Tichenor, asked about the possibility of issuing summons to people, specifically if they block or park in fire lanes. After a brief discussion, Trustee Bonkoski commented on law enforcement issues and indicated that if there is a problem the Code Enforcer should call Ramapo Police. Trustee Akey clarified Mr. Tichenor should still enforce code violations.

Mr. Tichenor then commented on an application received from a third party electrical inspector who is seeking to provide electrical inspections in the Village. He recommended the Board accept Emmanouil Zervakis of New York Electrical Inspectors, Inc. as a third party electrical inspector.

*On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee O'Leary to approve Emmanouil Zervakis of New York Electrical Inspectors, Inc., dba Inspections on Time, as a third party electrical inspector for the Village of Sloatsburg. All in favor, motion carried.*

Mr. Tichenor also commented that he would like to add some public information to the Village website or calendar regarding Village code requirements. This would give residents knowledge before they begin a project. For example, if they want to buy a pool they will know what is allowed by code before they purchase it. Trustee Akey indicated that he could put information on Facebook if the Board agrees.

The next issue that Mr. Tichenor discussed was the \$35.00 re-inspection fee that is in the code but has not been enforced. He would like to start charging the fee and possibly increase the amount depending on how many times a re-inspection is necessary. Trustee Buckley indicated the Town of Ramapo charges \$75.00 for a re-inspection.

Mr. Tichenor then stated that there are some demolition projects coming up and the demo fee is the same minimal amount, regardless of the size of the job. There was further discussion regarding the fees. Trustee Buckley stated that the Town of Ramapo charges the same fee for demolition as they do for the cost of construction.

Mr. Tichenor also talked about the code as it relates to driveways. He is getting a lot of questions from residents who would like to expand their driveways as they need additional parking. He indicated that the code needs to be updated.

Mr. Tichenor stated that according to the DEC, they have to formally appoint a Stormwater Management Administrator. He indicated that he is certified and would be willing to assume the responsibility.

*On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Akey to designate Joseph Tichenor as Stormwater Management Administrator. All in favor, motion carried.*

Library Vote Passed with 82% in Sloatsburg - Great support for Library staff and services

Congratulations to Sloatsburg resident Robert Johnson, Chief of Spring Valley Fire Department – recipient of the Rockland County Fire Chief's Association Active Chiefs Award

Congratulations to Tenley Marshall Escoffery on the publication of her coloring book

Congratulations to Nicole Dodrill, granddaughter of Thomas and Marie Dodrill on being named to All County and All Section for Girls Track

Congratulations to Matthew Leanza on being named to All County and All Section for Pole Vaulting

Congratulations to Brianna Witt for receiving Honorable Mention and voted by the fans as an All Star for Basketball

Mayor Wright then called for a motion to approve the election of officers into the Sloatsburg Fire Department.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the election of officers in the Sloatsburg Fire Department; Chief Joseph Vega, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Chris Morse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Matthew Stritmater, Captain Matt Swanson, Lt. Ron Kanasky, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Anthony Butler and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Robert Stein. All in favor, motion carried.*

Mayor Wright also congratulated John Durkin on being elected President of the Sloatsburg Fire Department. He also expressed thanks and appreciation to Joe Hardiman for his many years of service as President of the Department.

#### Past Events

- a. Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Sewer District Informational Meeting for Next Phase of Project – Route 17 to County Line
- b. Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- c. Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Fire Department's Annual Meeting/Election of Officers
- d. Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Honor Flight Program for WWII Veterans, Members of America's Greatest Generation-George Heller, Allie Massaro, Harrison Bush, Robert Waggenhoffer and Sidney Gettenberg

#### Upcoming Events

- a. Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Beautification and Cleanup Day
- b. Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from White Plains Airport, Honor Flight Program for WWII Veterans
- c. Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Annual Program Honoring Sloatsburg's Graduating Seniors

- d. Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Elaine Freed Lindenblatt, author of Stop at The Red Apple, speaker at the Library
- e. Memorial Day Weekend Activities: St. Joan of Arc Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Carnival, Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Fireworks display Sunday evening, Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, pool opens weekends, Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, Featured Speaker, Assemblyman Karl Brabenek
- f. Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Suffern High School Night of Excellence 7:00 PM
- g. Car Wash, date to be announced
- h. Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Wounded Veterans Annual Walk 9:30 AM-11:00 AM
- i. Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Paper Shredding Fundraiser

Mayor Wright welcomed Town of Ramapo Councilman, Dan Friedman, and invited him to address the Board. Town Councilman Friedman discussed the Fire Protection District coverage and discussion followed.

#### Village Attorney's Report on various issues

Mr. Ellsworth commented that the Town of Clarkstown is looking into the General Municipal Law that requires adjoining municipalities to comply in the same manner they do with the County Planning Department when they are dealing with putting adjoining municipalities on notice of an improvement.

Mr. Ellsworth also explained the IMAP (Interstate Municipal Plan for Emergency) that does not require any action. For natural or any type of disasters, there is a Federal and State law that puts all municipalities into this program seeking assistance that does not require Village or Town Board action to come and help. There is a reimbursement program from the Federal and State to the municipalities crossing the borders to help the Town or Village in distress. The Mayor asked for and received clarification regarding action. Mr. Ellsworth responded that he will look into it further.

#### Other

Mayor Wright asked for any comments or questions, none received. He then expressed his sympathy to Mr. Ellsworth on the recent loss of his father. Mr. Ellsworth thanked the Mayor and staff for all of their support. The Mayor then called for a motion to recess to executive session.

*On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee O'Leary to recess the regular meeting and move to executive session at 9:05 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:10 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

#### Adjourn

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Akey to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:10 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.  
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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