

**Sloatsburg Village Board**

**Regular Meeting – September 24, 2013**

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  
Thomas T. Buckley, Jr.  
Daniel O’Leary

Trustee Absent- John Bonkoski

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

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Sarav Saraiya, David Pererya, Ramapo Police Officer

Pledge to Flag

Minutes

a. Regular Meeting 9/10/13

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee O’Leary to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 9/10/13. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolutions

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

Resolution #13 –078 Closing Municipal Building Improvement Account

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

WHEREAS, the above account is considered dormant, and

WHEREAS, the account currently has a balance of \$140.96.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Treasurer close at the M&T Bank the Municipal Building Improvement Account #1100091128494 in the amount of \$140.96, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Treasurer transfer said amount to the General Fund Account A2801.4 Unused Capital Fund Appropriation.

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

Resolution #13-079 Close Real Estate Account

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

WHEREAS, the above account is considered dormant, and

WHEREAS, the account currently has a balance of \$903.29.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Treasurer close at the M&T Bank the Real Estate Account #8890696662 in the amount of \$903.29, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Treasurer transfer said amount to the General Fund Account A630 Due from other funds.

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

Resolution #13-080 Award of Bid Painting Exterior Sloatsburg Public Library

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees authorized the re-advertisement for bids for the painting of the exterior of the Sloatsburg Public Library, and

WHEREAS, said proposals were to be submitted by 11:00 am on Tuesday September 10, 2013, and

WHEREAS, seven proposals were picked up and five proposals were submitted a copy of the bid results attached, and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney has reviewed all of the proposals submitted and Aquinas Painting Contractors Inc., meet all of the requirements, and

WHEREAS, Aquinas Painting Contractors Inc., 29 Marget Ann Lane, Suffern, New York meet all of the requirements to undertake this project submitting the lowest responsible bid of \$22,500, and

WHEREAS, the Village has current funds of \$14,858.09 to be applied to the project, and

WHEREAS, the Village Library Board of Trustees will make a donation to the Village in the amount of \$7,641.91 to meet the total bid of \$22,500.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the donation from the Sloatsburg Library Board of Trustees in the amount of \$7,641.91 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board award the painting of the exterior of the Sloatsburg Public Library to Aquinas Painting Contractors Inc., for the sum total of \$22,500.

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

Resolution #13-081 Transfer T&A to Recreation Reserve

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

RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$5,000 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 the construction of a two family dwelling, received from Daniel and Bridget McNally, 256 Orange Turnpike, parcel #30.45-1-7.

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

Resolution #13-082 Budgetary Transfers

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk & Treasurer make the following budget transfers:

<b>Transfer Amount</b>	<b>From Title/Account</b>	<b>To Title/Account</b>
180.15	A5650.4 Off Street Parking	A6510.4 Veterans’ Services
1,000.00	A5110.2 Street Maintenance Equip	A5110.4L Street Main. Equipment Repairs
1,800.00	A3410.2 Fire Equipment	A3410.0. Fire/Back Bldg.
280.00	A5110.4S Street Maintenance Sewer	A5110.4I Street Maintenance Water
900.00	A1010.1 Board of Trustees Personal Services	A3410.2 Fire Equipment

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

Mayor Wright indicated there was one more motion regarding the settlement with METRA. Richard Ellsworth reported they were able to settle the case against METRA and he expects payment within thirty days. Mayor Wright then entertained the following motion:

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee O’Leary to accept the settlement with METRA payable within thirty days.*

*On a roll call vote:*

<i>Trustee O’Leary</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Buckley</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Akey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mayor Wright</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion carried*

Water Main Break on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mayor Wright commented that United Water and the Sewer District will be meeting tomorrow at 1:00 pm. He received a phone call from the Vice President of United Water who said they were taking the following steps: They were meeting with the company that did their markings and would review them and try to make them more accurate. Also, they would have an engineer inspector on site most of the time.

Mayor Wright then indicated the contractor was at fault in yesterday’s break, last week it was the water company, as well as today’s break. Trustee Buckley commented they also hit the gas line today.

Arrival of New Street Signs, Report by Trustee Peter Akey

Trustee Akey commented that the signs are in and they look beautiful. They will be installed either late Fall or early Spring. He also commented that the pool has been winterized and closed.

Status of Waldron Terrace Bridge

Mayor Wright thanked Mike DeMartino and Trish Austin from O&R who helped resolve this issue. She said the NYS Thruway is cooperating and Orange and Rockland will be shutting off the power to Waldron Terrace, the thruway etc. for two hours one day and two hours the next day to resolve the issue of the pole and the line during that time.

Recognition of Sloatsburg Phys Ed Teacher Ken Wojehowski, The Elementary Teacher of the Year Award at NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

Mayor Wright commented that it is a wonderful tribute and we are very fortunate to have Mr. Wojehowski in Sloatsburg. It elevates the community, the Sloatsburg Elementary School, as well as the Ramapo Central School District.

Update on Water Hydrants

Trustee Buckley reported that he spoke to John Moolick and he said that their attorneys have not responded because the letter was sent by our attorney so their attorney has to answer. Trustee Buckley suggested sending a letter to United Water.

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, Seconded by Trustee O'Leary to send a letter to United Water regarding the fire hydrants. All in favor, motion carried.*

Trustee Buckley also met with the attorney representing them in the rate case. They were supposed to put 8,000 feet of new water mains in Sloatsburg. They asked for the information as to whether they did that. They still have not gotten an answer as to why there is low volume in the North part of the Village since 2010. There was no change in the last flow test.

Presentation on Solar Energy by Sarav Saraiya (Operator of Galactic Cleaner)

Mr. Saraiya made a presentation to the Board and provided them with information relative to the benefits of using solar energy.

Mayor Wright thanked Mr. Saraiya and indicated the Village currently has a two year contract but will examine the information he provided.

Senior Citizens Interest in Movable Recycling Bins

Trustee Akey commented that the current recycling containers are difficult for seniors and people with disabilities to bring out to the curb. They got some information from the Town and they will reach out to the supplier to see if there is a container designed with wheels and a handle. Trustee Buckley indicated there are smaller containers available. They will gather more information to find the appropriate size.

Proposal for Commuter Fees by Village Clerk

Mayor Wright indicated the Village Clerk has submitted a proposal to increase fees for the commuter lot. Trustee Akey confirmed that the current fees have been in place for quite some time. The Village has improved the lot with paving, drainage, signage and lining. Trustee O'Leary commented that he uses the commuter lot and the proposed fees are reasonable. The Mayor suggested the Board consider the proposed fees and act on it at the next Board meeting.

Proposal for Recreation Field Usage by Village Clerk

The Village Clerk also provided a new fee structure for the use of the recreation field. Trustee Buckley asked about regulating fees for large gatherings at the field. Discussion followed regarding the use of the field and requisite fees.

The Passing of Former Heavy Weight Boxing Champ Ken Norton and Sloatsburg

Mayor Wright commented that Ken Norton was in the Village in November of 1979, where he met with residents at the fire house and later visited with the Mayor.

Past Events

- a. Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 911 Ceremony

Upcoming Events

- a. Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, Biathlon
- b. Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Poster Painting at Elementary School
- c. Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Pumpkin Decorating Sloatsburg Elementary School
- d. Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Parade Commencing at 5PM

Other

Mayor Wright asked for any comments or questions. Trustee O'Leary discussed adopting a uniform policy for the Department of Public Works so they are more visible and easily identified.

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to adopt a Uniform Policy for the Department of Public Works, effective immediately.*

*On a roll call vote:*

<i>Trustee Akey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee O'Leary</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Buckley</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mayor Wright</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Motion carried.*

David Pererya asked for clarification of the uniform policy. Mayor Wright responded that Trustee O'Leary has been working on the policy for the past couple of months. The Village does have a line in the budget for a uniform allowance. The Village of Sloatsburg will be identified somewhere on the uniform.

Adjourn

*On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.  
Village Clerk Treasurer

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