

**Sloatsburg Village Board**

**Regular Meeting – April 22, 2014**

The Regular 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  
John Bonkoski  
Thomas T. Buckley, Jr.  
Daniel O’Leary

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

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Village Engineer – Richard Eichenlaub - Present

Village Superintendent of Public Works – Michael DeMartino

Interested Citizens Attending: Vincent Altieri, Executive Director Rockland County Drainage Agency, Thomas Dodrill, Lynn DelDuca, Richard & Laurie Smyla, Donald Foley, Marino Fontana, August Stritmater, Jr., Garry Bakker

Pledge to Flag – Trustee O’Leary

Meeting with County Drainage Agency

Mr. Vincent Altieri, the Executive Director of the Rockland County Drainage Agency addressed the Village Board concerning the engineering report – Analysis Mitigation Recommendations for the Nakoma Brook.

Note for the record: A copy of the Rockland County Drainage Agency Analysis and Mitigation Recommendations for Nakoma Brook/Brook Street Park Engineering Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Altieri stated that by using the current FEMA maps and data you could take approximately thirty (30) homes out of the flood plain. He reviewed the various alternates. Alternate 1 – to switch the playground with the parking lot would cost approximately \$200,000. Alternate 4 is the most costly at approximately \$2.5 million.

It was suggested by Mr. Altieri that if the Village could share in the cost, the County would be receptive suggesting the possibility of State funding. The Rockland County Drainage Agency commissioned the study.

The Village Engineer, Richard Eichenlaub, questioned the extent of the levy in relation to the Sterling Avenue Bridge. Mr. Altieri responded accordingly and commented that he would have to look at the reports.

Richard Smyla commented about the stream and water being released by United Water and discussion followed.

The Village Attorney, Richard Ellsworth, suggested that he could FOIL the records from United Water and make a determination.

Mayor Wright expressed concern over the projected cost factor. Mr. Altieri stated that the Nakoma Brook is regulated by the County Drainage Agency, the Army Corp of Engineers and the D.E.C. Mayor Wright commented that the County previously appropriated \$800,000 to make improvements to the Nakoma Brook and approximately \$300,000 was expended, leaving a balance of \$500,000. Mr. Altieri stated that there is approximately a balance of \$250,000 remaining in the account. He can ask the County Finance Department for an audit of the account to determine what was spent and what remains.

Trustee Akey spoke to the issue of bank stabilization and the erosion of the bank along the west side. Mike DeMartino provided further comments relating to bank stabilization changing the course of the water. There was further discussion on the issue. Mayor Wright thanked Mr. Altieri for coming.

Mayor Wright then asked Mr. Garry Bakker to address the Board. Mr. Bakker stated that he has lived at 17 Park Avenue for about thirty years. He commented that since the Tuxedo Reserve has taken over the property known as Dators Meadow, there are four wheelers and motorcycles, a racetrack, parties, bonfires and garbage being dumped. He had to call the police this past weekend and the fire department was called in to put out the bonfire. He indicated there are no longer any gates.

Mayor Wright commented that other residents from Park Avenue have had the same complaint and the Tuxedo Reserve has been contacted. The Mayor then asked the Village Attorney to contact them to post the property and also to put gates up. Mr. Bakker commented that there are multiple entrances to that property that need to be gated. Trustee Buckley stated that he visited the site and indicated there is a section in the New York State Property Maintenance Code that refers to vacant property. Mr. Ellsworth will draft a letter to the Tuxedo Reserve. Mayor Wright commented to Mr. Bakker that they will keep him informed.

Mr. Bakker then commented that there are no curbs or sidewalks left on the northern part of Route 17. He indicated that it is not safe for pedestrians and asked if anything can be done. Mayor Wright responded that it is up to the State of New York and right now we are at a disadvantage because we do not have an Assemblyperson representing us.

Mr. Bakker also complimented the new street signs. He then spoke about an Oak tree on Tuxedo Reserve's property that is dying and leaning towards the back of his house. He did try to contact their office but no one was available and asked if the Village could draft a letter. Mayor Wright asked the Village Attorney to contact Andrew Dance of the Tuxedo Reserve regarding the situation in Dators Meadow and the tree behind Mr. Bakker's house.

August Stritmater, Jr. addressed the Board concerning the broken water main which flooded his basement and asked for an explanation. He indicated the water main is forty years old and has worked fine. Once they started doing work, there were three breaks in two weeks; one of which caused a significant amount of damage to his house. He needs to find out who is responsible.

Mayor Wright commented that Trustee Dan O'Leary serves on the Sewer Commission and they should start there for answers. Trustee O'Leary commented that he has a meeting with the Sewer Commission on 4/24/14 and he will raise the issue. Mr. Ellsworth suggested that they ask at the meeting whether there is a simple claims form that Mr. Stritmater can submit to his insurance company. There was further discussion regarding insurance claims. Mayor Wright confirmed that Trustee O'Leary will check into the matter at the Sewer Commission meeting.

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## Resolutions

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

### Resolution #14 -041 Transfer from General Fund to Trust & Agency Fund

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk & Treasurer transfer \$387.74 from the General Fund Account A250 Taxes Receivable to the Trust & Agency Fund Account T85. This amount represents a relieved engineering, advertising fee which appeared as a relieved item on the 2013 tax bill. Payment received from the County of Rockland on 4/7/14 (delinquent taxes) for One Hundred Sterling Mine Road LLC (Martin Lichtman).

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

### Resolution #14-042 Fire Department Membership Status

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 15, 2014 the following firefighter has been expelled from the Sloatsburg Fire Department: Jeffrey Ventola

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

Congratulations to Senior Al Chamberlain for being named Rockland County's Best High School Bowler for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, he has received accolades galore

Congratulations to William "Bill" Gonzalez to being named Rockland County's Bowling Coach of the Year

## Past Events

- a. Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Annual Easter Egg Hunt

## Upcoming Events

- a. Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Great American Cleanup, 10 AM – 12 Noon, Community Fields
- b. Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Food Pantry Project, Shredder - Trustee Buckley indicated the shredder is not available that day and they would like to reschedule for June 14<sup>th</sup>
- c. Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Fundraiser for Scholarship Fund at Character's Restaurant 4 PM – 10 PM
- d. Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Joan of Arc's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
- e. Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Annual Recognition Night of Graduating Seniors
- f. Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Suffern High School's Alumni Dinner, Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr. Guest of Honor
- g. Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 4 PM, Scholarship Fund Annual Village Wide Garage Sale
- h. Thursday, May 23 – May 25, St. Joan of Arc's Carnival and Fireworks
- i. Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Pool opens for weekends

- j. Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Parade commencing at 10:00 AM, District Attorney Thomas Zugibe Featured Speaker
- k. Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Suffern High School Night of Excellence
- l. Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Military Appreciation Walk
- m. Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, Graduation Ceremonies: Sloatsburg Elementary School, Suffern Middle School and Suffern High School
- n. Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, Annual Pool Dance
- o. Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Pool opens every day
- p. Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Sixth Annual Jason M. Hruscik Softball Tournament and Vendor Fair
- q. Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, Family Day at Pool

Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting April 8, 2014

*On a motion by Trustee O’Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2014. All in favor, motion carried. Trustee Akey and Trustee Bonkoski abstained.*

Other

Mayor Wright asked for any comments or questions. Lynn DelDuca asked if there was any update on the grant for the FRC (Family Resource Center) for next year. Mayor Wright responded that there was no update and the County will announce a date. Mayor Wright then called for a motion to recess and move into executive session.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee O’Leary to recess the regular meeting at 8:15 PM and move into executive session to discuss personnel and potential litigation. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee O’Leary, seconded by Trustee Akey to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:42 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to approve the contractual agreement with Dr. Harry R. Carter, FIFireE, CFO. All in favor, motion carried.*

Note for the record: The resume’ for Dr. Carter is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Resolution #14-043 Staff Appointments - Sloatsburg Municipal Pool 2014

Trustee Akey offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the 2014 pool season will be based, this year, on eleven (11) weeks and four (4) days.

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made for the 2014 pool season. Staff will work a forty (40) hour work week and be compensated at the following rates:

Recreation Facility

Supervisor	Dee Leone	\$7,349.04 (Season)	(3 <sup>rd</sup> yr.)
Head Lifeguard	Keith Diaz-Albertini	\$ 10.00 per hr. (\$4,720.00 Season)	(1 <sup>st</sup> yr.)
Lifeguard	Christopher Warren	\$ 10.13 per hr. (\$4,781.36 Season)	(6 <sup>th</sup> yr.)
Lifeguard	Frankie Colon	\$ 9.84 per hr. (\$4,644.48 Season)	(5 <sup>th</sup> yr.)

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Lifeguard	Daniel Khieninson	\$ 9.02 per hr.	(\$4,257.44 Season)	(2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.)
Lifeguard	Yalisha Colon	\$ 9.02 per hr.	(\$4,257.44 Season)	(2 <sup>nd</sup> yr.)
Lifeguard	Kendall Padovani	\$ 8.75 per hr.	(\$4,130.00 Season)	(1 <sup>st</sup> yr.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will open the facility commencing on Memorial Day weekend and the following weekends, weather permitting until the start of the full season June 28, 2014.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee O'Leary and was duly adopted.  
Motion carried.

Adjourn

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.  
Village Clerk and Treasurer

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