

Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – July 8, 2014

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- Thomas T. Buckley, Jr.
Daniel O’Leary

Trustees Absent - Peter Akey
John Bonkoski

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

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending:

Pledge to Flag – Trustee O’Leary

Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – June 24, 2014

On a motion by Trustee O’Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 6/24/14. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions

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

Resolution #14-062 Acceptance of Building Inspector’s Report
June 2014

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Building Inspector’s Report for the month of June, 2014 in the amount of \$2,043.75.

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

Resolution #14-063 Fire Inspector’s Report June, 2014

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the Fire Inspector’s Report for the month of June, 2014 in the amount of \$375.00.

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

Resolution #14-064 Transfer from Regular Capital Fund to General Fund \$122.97

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

7/8/14

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$122.97 from the Regular Capital Fund to the General Fund. This transfer to reimburse the General Fund for money expended for the advertisement of the \$96,100 BAN (Fire Equipment).

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

Resolution #14-065 Village Auditor Engagement Letter Fiscal Year - 2013

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

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of the engagement letter submitted by Steven Straubinger of Fulton, Timmes, Frega, Straubinger & Berlamino, LLC for fiscal year 2013

WHEREAS the sum to be paid to the fiscal auditor is \$23,175.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees confirm the acceptance of the engagement letter submitted by Fulton, Timmes, Frega, Straubinger & Berlamino, LLC, outlining the services for the 2013 fiscal year at a fee of \$23,175, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be given authorization to execute the engagement letter as submitted.

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

Update on Stables

Richard Ellsworth provided an update on the Stables. The contractor has paid the outstanding professional fees. There has also been a response to a letter to the bonding company stating that the bond is still open and the contractor has indicated that they made a claim. Mr. Ellsworth has not received a copy of the claim against the bond. They were hiring a third party paver to pave the road. Trustee Buckley asked how long it will be. Mr. Ellsworth responded until the bonding company agrees to pay it. A brief discussion followed.

Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency by the Town of Tuxedo for Sterling Forest Resort

Mayor Wright discussed the pros and cons of the above referenced Notice of Intent and called for the following action:

On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to continue to be an interested agency in relation to the Sterling Forest Resort petition. All in favor, motion carried.

Congratualtions:

- a. John Saviano for being named to the Rockland County High School Baseball All Stars – Rockland County's Top Pitcher and Most Versatile Player
- b. Baseball Second Team – Gabe Cohen
- c. Madison Scanlon for being named to the First Team for Rockland County High School Softball All Stars

Past Events

- a. Thursday, June 26th, Graduation Ceremonies: Sloatsburg Elementary School, Suffern Middle School and Suffern High School
 1. Recipients of the Sloatsburg Elementary School Awards:
Physical Education Awards – Liam Gray and Kerry McKay
Trooper Robert V. Conklin Awards – Ryan Helms and Nicole Smith
Tony Campoli Award – Karolina Wiensko
Mary Santy-Cherubini Award – Elizabeth Pecoraro
Thomas Bollatto, Sr. Award – Erica Placencia
American Legion Awards – Thomas Hemmer and Anna Velardi
NYS Comptroller Award – Melissa Bauer
Chamber of Commerce Award – Elizabeth Pecoraro
 2. Ms. Elizabeth Pecoraro reading the winning Chamber of Commerce Essay “What Sloatsburg Means to Me”
- b. Friday, June 27th, Michele Zeidman Day in Sloatsburg, retirement after 30 years of service
- c. Friday, June 27th, Annual Pool Dance
- d. Saturday, June 28th, Pool opens every day
- e. Saturday, June 28th, Sixth Annual Jason M. Hurscik Softball Tournament and Vendor Fair

Upcoming Events

- a. Sunday, July 13th, Family Day at Pool, 12 Noon – 9 PM
- b. Friday, August 8th, Yankee – Indian Game
- c. Saturday, August 16th, 9AM – 1 PM, Annual Car Show

Other

Mayor Wright read a letter from Kathaleen Hruscik requesting a waiver of the sign permit fee to advertise for the Annual Jason M. Hruscik Softball Tournament. Mayor Wright indicated they cannot waive the fee but they can refund it.

Resolution #014-066 Refund – Sign Permit Fee

Trustee Buckley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Kathleen Hruscik has submitted a letter requesting a waiver of the sign permit fee advertising the Jason M. Hruscik Softball Tournament to be held on June 28, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the sign permit fee in the amount of \$250.00 be refunded to Jason M. Hruscik Memorial Fund Inc.

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

Mayor Wright asked for anymore comments or questions. Tom Bollatto discussed the road improvement program. He indicated that they are still waiting to hear from the Town of Ramapo whether or not they can piggyback on their bid to buy the blacktop. If they are not able to do that then they need to quickly go out to bid to solicit a price for the material. The County bid for the milling is with Cavalier Industries and the projected cost is approximately \$19,766. The paving, based on numbers received from Tilcon, would come in at approximately \$55,176. The total would be \$74,942; the number could fluctuate

depending on the measurements. He then discussed the plan for financing to cover the expense.

On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to move forward with the road resurfacing project subject to the ability to piggyback on the Town of Ramapo's bid for blacktop or, in the alternative, to go to bid for the purchase of blacktop. All in favor, motion carried.

Richard Ellsworth then gave an update on Woodmont. He reported that it should be filed by July 30, 2014. He will keep the Board updated.

There was a brief discussion regarding the exterior painting of the Municipal Building. Richard Ellsworth reported that two bids came back at \$18,000. He met with one of the bidders who was not clear on the specs and believed his bid was too low. There was also discussion with one of the \$60,000 bidders who believes his bid was much too high and he did not allow for enough time to properly assess the project. The high bid came back with a price of \$31,000, which is the only responsible bid. The low bid of \$18,300 had no lead certification. The other low bid had no referrals and one of the low bids was planning on piggybacking on subcontractors so he would not have to pay prevailing wage. The other high bid sent his in by email which is not compliant with the bid specs. The only responsible bid was \$60,000 from Aquinas Painting and has come down to \$31,000. The Board will have to vote on it. Mr. Bollatto commented that Aquinas Painting was the contractor that recently painted the Library and the interior of St. Joan of Arc Church. Mr. Ellsworth commented that the Board is not in the position to accept the \$31,000 proposal this evening. The Board should give the other \$18,000 bidder an opportunity to provide a different price, however he is not certified in lead based paint. Mayor Wright commented that they will make a decision based on the recommendation of Mr. Bollatto and Mr. Ellsworth when they conclude which bid has met all the legal requirements.

Mayor Wright then read a letter from Matthew Stritmater regarding Joseph Quinn's status in the Sloatsburg Fire Department and called for the following action:

On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee O'Leary to transfer Firefighter Joseph Quinn back to active membership in the Sloatsburg Fire Department. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn in Memory of Walter Bayer

On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 PM in memory of Walter Bayer. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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