

Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – September 23, 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- Peter Akey
John Bonkoski
Thomas T. Buckley, Jr.
Daniel O’Leary

Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer – Marianne Dolan – Present

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Mike DeMartino, Tina Scarlett, David Pererya, Lynn DelDuca, Jonathan DiVietro

Pledge to Flag – Trustee O’Leary

Minutes

a. Special Meeting 9/11/14

On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to accept the minutes of the special meeting of 9/11/14. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #14-094 Energy Agreement Electric Usage

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, our current contract with Direct Energy for electric usage is expiring October of 2014, and

WHEREAS, the rate currently charged by Direct Energy is 0.6531 kwh which became effective in November of 2013, and

WHEREAS, we have been contacted by Direct Energy to discuss a renewal of the current agreement for a two year period, commencing in November of 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees affirm the acceptance of the Renewal Agreement with Direct Energy for a period of three years covering all electrical accounts of the Village with the exception of the siren account and the commuter lot at 92 Orange Turnpike, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the fixed rate for the three year period is 0.7400 kwh and will become effective with the November, 2014 billing expiring in October 2017,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with Direct Energy Business, LLC.

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

Report on United Water's Project to lay new pipe along Route 17 from Post Road to the apartment complex in the Town of Tuxedo, start September 15th complete by November 15th

Trustee Buckley reported on the meeting they had in the Village with United Water. They said they break the pipe as they go through and they plan on putting in an 8 inch main. Mike DeMartino asked if they could put a 10 inch main in and they said yes. They also asked what type of fire hose they would have and it is not a lot of water for the commercial district or for the apartments in Tuxedo. Trustee Buckley also suggested a 10 inch main.

Mayor Wright asked the Village Attorney to write a letter to United Water regarding the above issue and the ongoing issue of the fire hydrants. Mr. Ellsworth commented that he can write a letter but United Water has a policy that they will not respond to him. He suggested writing it on someone else's behalf.

Discussion on Fire Hydrants

Mayor Wright commented on the Park Avenue hydrant. Trustee Buckley commented that he is not concerned if they want to move that hydrant.

On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to amend the resolution to reflect that one fire hydrant on the end of Park Avenue remain and the fire hydrant on the north side of Route 17, opposite the Sunnyside Restaurant remain. All in favor, motion carried.

At this time, Mayor Wright asked Jonathan DiVietro to propose his Eagle Scout project to the Board. Jonathan DiVietro presented his project titled: Memorial Walkway.

Note for the record: A copy of Jonathan DiVietro's Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee O'Leary to approve the Eagle Scout project proposed by Jonathan DiVietro. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Wright indicated that he would like the project done by December 2nd for the Veteran's Program.

Hazelwood Road and Hillside Road Projects

Mayor Wright commented that the Village Engineer provided a general estimate of the cost for the above projects but he could not be at this meeting. The Mayor will call a special meeting when he gets the actual figures.

Update on Progress of Sewers

Mayor Wright commented that there was a question of ownership on a portion of Hazelwood Road. He asked the Village Attorney to update the Board on the matter. Mr. Ellsworth commented that as a condition of the Zoning Board of Appeals approval of what was previously the Cleary property; they were required to dedicate the 75' portion of the road to the Village initially for frontage but it was an easement and it specifically stated in the correction that it would be for underground utilities and sewers, as well.

Mayor Wright commented that the project is moving right along and they are making great progress on Dogwood and Hazelwood. Trustee O'Leary commented that the lines on Waldron Terrace are complete and the connection notices have gone out. They will have six months to connect to the sewer system. After the six

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month time period, they will receive a bill for the yearly connection fee whether they hook up or not. The fee is approximately \$270.00.

Update on The Stables

Mayor Wright asked the Village Attorney for any updates. Mr. Ellsworth commented that he has a conflict but the Village Clerk and the Village Engineer has submitted a claim to the bonding company. He also commented on obtaining a special counsel until such a time as necessary. He also commented that the subdivider was considering paving the road.

Past Events

- a. Thursday, September 11th, 13th Annual 9/11 Ceremony, Community Fields

Upcoming Events

- a. Tuesday, September 30th, **Vote on Ramapo Ward System**
- b. Friday, October 2nd, 85th Anniversary of the Vote on Incorporation, October 7th, State of New York Issues Village Status
- c. Saturday, October 4th, Kids Biathlon, Pre-K – Grade 5, check in time 9 AM, start time 9:30 AM, Community Fields, rain date, Sunday, October 5th
- d. Saturday, October 4th, a Review of Sloatsburg's History and Special Tribute to Three Former Religious Leaders: Pastor Gross, Father Monaghan, Father Reis at Sloatsburg Library, 1:00 PM
- e. Thursday, October 9th, Poster Painting, Sloatsburg Elementary School
- f. Saturday, October 25th, Pumpkin Decorating, Sloatsburg Elementary School
- g. Saturday, October 25th, 29th Annual Halloween Parade commencing at 5 PM
- h. Sunday, October 26th, Sponsored by St. Joseph's Home, German/Bavarian Festival at St. Mary's starting at 1:00 PM
- i. Saturday, September 27th, Sloatsburg Fire Department Dinner Dance for Fireman Carl Wright for completion of 50 Years of Service at Seasons.

Other

Mayor Wright asked for any comments or questions. Trustee Akey announced the Fire Department's Dinner Dance for Mayor Wright's 50 years of service in the Department.

Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Dolan
Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer

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