

**Sloatsburg Village Board**

**Reorganizational Meeting December 1, 2014**

The Reorganizational 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  
Thomas T. Buckley, Jr.  
Daniel O'Leary  
John Bonkoski

Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer – Marianne Dolan – Present

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending:

Pledge to Flag – Trustee Peter Akey

Swearing in Ceremony for Trustee Peter Akey and Trustee John Bonkoski

Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the Reorganizational meeting. He then asked Judge Jerome Jefferson to administer the Oath of Office to Trustee Peter Akey and Trustee John Bonkoski, which he did.

Note for the record: Mayor Wright noted that Mrs. Lisa Bonkoski and Thomas Bonkoski were present. Trustee John Bonkoski is beginning his third term and Trustee Peter Akey is beginning his second term.

Appointments of Individuals, Boards and Commissions

Mayor Wright then submitted the following names for appointment / reappointment:

**DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK & TREASURER** - Currently encumbered by Marianne Dolan - Term of Office - 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015.

Mayor Wright reappointed Marianne Dolan to the position of Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer for a one year term of office.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Akey to approve the reappointment of Marianne Dolan to the position of Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer for a one year term of office to run from 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015. All in favor, motion carried.*

**ACTING VILLAGE JUSTICE** - Currently encumbered by Jerome S. Jefferson - Term of Office - 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015

Mayor Wright reappointed Jerome S. Jefferson to the position of Acting Village Justice for a one year term of office.

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley, to approve the reappointment of Jerome S. Jefferson to the position of Acting Village Justice for a one year term of office to run from 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015. All in favor, motion carried.*

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**VILLAGE AUDITOR** – firm of Fulton, Timmes, Frega, Straubinger & Berlamino, LLC

Term of Office - 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015

Mayor Wright reappointed the firm of Fulton, Timmes, Frega, Straubinger & Berlamino, LLC to the position of Village Auditors.

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski, to approve the reappointment of the firm of Fulton, Timmes, Frega, Straubinger & Berlamino, LLC as Village Auditors to the Village of Sloatsburg, designating Jeffrey Frega and Steve Straubinger to serve for a term to run from 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015. All in favor, motion carried.*

**LEGAL COUNSEL** – firm of Balsamo, Byrne, Cipriani & Ellsworth

Term of Office - 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015

Mayor Wright reappointed the firm of Balsamo, Byrne, Cipriani & Ellsworth to the position of Legal Counsel.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Akey, to approve the reappointment of the firm of Balsamo, Byrne, Cipriani & Ellsworth as Legal Counsel to the Village of Sloatsburg, designating Matthew J. Byrne and Richard Ellsworth to serve for a term to run from 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015. All in favor, motion carried.*

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** - Currently encumbered by Richard Eichenlaub, PE of the firm of RL Engineering; Term of Office - 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015

Mayor Wright reappointed Richard Eichenlaub, PE to the position of Village Engineer for a one year term of office.

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski, to approve the reappointment of Richard Eichenlaub, PE to the position of Village Engineer for a one year term of office to run from 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015. All in favor, motion carried.*

**SLOATSBURG PLANNING BOARD** – Chairman – Currently encumbered by Glenn Thompson

Mayor Wright reappointed Glenn Thompson to the position of Chairman of the Sloatsburg Planning Board for a one year period.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the reappointment of Glenn Thompson to the position of Chairman of the Sloatsburg Planning Board for a one year term of office to run from 12/1/14 through 12/7/2015. All in favor, motion carried.*

**SLOATSBURG PLANNING BOARD - Member**

**Member: Currently encumbered by Ronald Kanasky**

Mayor Wright reappointed Ronald Kanasky to the position of Member of the Sloatsburg Planning Board for a seven year period running from 12/1/2014 through 12/6/2021.

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the reappointment of Ronald Kanasky to the position of Member of the Sloatsburg*

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*Planning Board for a seven year term of office to run from 12/1/14 through 12/6/2021. All in favor, motion carried.*

### **SLOATSBURG ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (5 year) term**

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman – Currently encumbered by Michael J. Dolan – Term of Office – 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015.

Mayor Wright reappointed Michael J. Dolan to the position of Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year period.

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to approve the reappointment of Michael J. Dolan to the position of Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year term of office to run from 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015 All in favor, motion carried.*

### **SLOATSBURG ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – MEMBER**

**Member – Currently encumbered by Louis Saviano**

Mayor Wright reappointed Louis Saviano to the position of Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term running from 12/1/2014 through 12/6/2019.

*On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee Akey to approve the reappointment of Louis Saviano to the position of Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term of office to run from 12/1/2014 through 12/6/2019. All in favor, motion carried.*

**VILLAGE HISTORIAN** - Currently encumbered by Harrison O. Bush  
Term of Office - 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015

Mayor Wright reappointed Harrison O. Bush to the position of Village Historian for a one year period.

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley, to approve the reappointment of Harrison O. Bush to the position of Village Historian for a one year term of office to run from 12/1/2014 through 12/7/2015. All in favor, motion carried.*

### **CURRENT VILLAGE DEPOSITORIES**

M&T Bank, Chase Bank, Sterling National Bank, Capital One, Greater Hudson Bank, PNC Bank, as Village Depositories for Village funds.

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to approve the Village Depositories designated by Mayor Wright for Village funds. All in favor, motion carried.*

### **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER**

Current Official Newspaper - Journal News

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve the designation of the Journal News as the Official Newspaper for the Village of Sloatsburg. All in favor, motion carried, Trustee Bonkoski opposed.*

### **DESIGNATION OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS**

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2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. for the Regular Village Board meetings with Special Meetings to be held as required in accordance with the provisions of Local Law #3 of 1982.

*On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee Akey to approve the designations for Regular Village Board Meetings and Special Meetings. All in favor, motion carried.*

### **PROCEDURE FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Reference Local Law #3 of 1982 of the Village of Sloatsburg entitled A Local Law Regarding the Convening of Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloatsburg which Local Law sets for the procedure for the calling or holding of a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Reference should be made to the fact that the Village of Sloatsburg's Local Law mirrors the Public Officers Law.

*On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee Akey to approve the procedure for special meetings. All in favor, motion carried.*

### **ADOPTION OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER**

Roberts Rules of Order are adhered to during the conduct of and any all Village Board meetings.

*On a motion by Trustee Buckley, seconded by Trustee Akey to approve the adoption of Roberts Rules of Order. All in favor, motion carried.*

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Village Law Section 524(6) provides that the Board of Trustees may, by resolution, authorize payment in advance of audit of claims from public utilities services, postage, freight, and express charges. If the Board of Trustees does authorize payment of these claims before audit, it would be appropriate to do so at the Organizational Meeting, whereas the following resolution should be proposed.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utilities services, postage, freight and express charges, and

WHEREAS all such claims shall be presented at the next Regular Meeting for audit, and claimant and officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utilities services, postage, freight and express charges and all such claims shall be presented at the next Regular Meeting for audit and claimant and officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees.
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

*Trustee Bonkoski offered the foregoing resolution. Trustee Akey seconded the adoption of this resolution. All in favor, motion carried.*

### **MILEAGE ALLOWANCE**

Village law Section 5-524(7) provides that the actual and necessary expenses of all officers and employees incurred in the official duties shall be a Village charge. Trustees should be allowed, as determined by resolution, to pay a reasonable mileage allowance for use of personal automobiles in the performance of official duties. It is appropriate to adopt this policy at the Reorganizational Meeting the following resolution should be proposed:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who use their personal automobiles while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of 56.5 cents per mile.
2. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

*Trustee Akey offered the foregoing resolution. Trustee Bonkoski seconded the adoption of this resolution. All in favor, motion carried.*

**PROCUREMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS the General Municipal Law Section 104-b requires that all municipalities adopt procurement policies for goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid, the Board of Trustees should simply acknowledge that there exists a previously adopted resolution regarding Procurement Policy for the Village of Sloatsburg which said policy went into effect on January 12, 1994 and should be renewed and reviewed annually. At this point, the Board should simply renew the currently existing Procurement Policy for the Village of Sloatsburg and should adopt same.

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to adopt the existing Procurement Policy for the Village of Sloatsburg. All in favor, motion carried.*

**VILLAGE BOARD ASSIGNMENTS:**

**DEPUTY MAYOR:** Peter Akey

**COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Daniel O’Leary

**FIRE COMMISSIONER:** John Bonkoski

**LIAISON LIBRARY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Thomas T. Buckley, Jr.

**LIAISON TO PLANNING/ZONING:** Peter Akey

**SCHOLARSHIP/YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Peter Akey

**Meeting schedule is as follows:**

**C.D.R.C.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

**Village Board** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

**Planning Board** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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**Zoning Board of Appeals**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Wright thanked Judge Jefferson.

Past Events

- a. Ecumenical Service of the five area churches at the United Methodist Church

Upcoming Events

- a. Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Annual Veteran's Day Recognition, 7:30 PM
- b. Sloatsburg Memorial Post 1643 Annual Christmas Train, Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, rain date Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>
- c. Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast with Santa, 9:00 AM
- d. Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Annual Lighting of Trees, Menorah and Caroling
- e. Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day in Suffern at 2:00 PM
- f. Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Benefit Concert for Food Pantry, Rockland County Concert Band will perform at St. Mary's commencing at 6:00 PM
- g. Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Sloatsburg Fire Department's Annual Christmas Dinner
- h. Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders Caroling at Village Office and throughout the District

Mayor Wright asked for any comments or questions, none received.

Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to move to executive session at 7:35 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee O'Leary, seconded by Trustee Buckley to reconvene the meeting at 8:20 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to authorize the Village Attorney to seek a settlement from the Rockland County Workman's Compensation Board for \$150,000 and if they refuse or fail to act to commence action against the County. All in favor, motion carried.*

Adjourn in memory of Mary Gleassey

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Buckley to adjourn the Annual Reorganizational Meeting at 8:30 PM in memory of Mary Gleassey. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Dolan  
Deputy Village Clerk Treasurer

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