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Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – January 10, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Honorable Peter J. Akey, Mayor, in the Conference Room of the Sloatsburg Municipal Building, 96 Orange Turnpike, Sloatsburg, New York.

Trustees Present - John Bonkoski
 Thomas Donnelly
 Darrell Frasier
 Marc Bitterman

Village Clerk & Treasurer – Mary Hahn – Present

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Gabi Hahn, Hailey McPheter, Ava Ferraro, John Merin, Jane Kempf, Mateuse Sobolo, Jorge Leon, Casey McQuillan

Pledge to Flag – Trustee Frasier

Minutes Reorganizational Meeting and Budget Hearing 12/5/22

On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Bitterman to approve the minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting and Budget Hearing of 12/5/22. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions

On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Bitterman to adopt resolutions in mass. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #23-01 Refund Fee Sign Permit Chamber of Commerce

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees refund the \$150.00 fee paid for a Temporary Sign Permit for the Sloatsburg Chamber of Commerce to advertise for their Winterfest 2022.

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

Resolution #23-02 Electric Energy Agreement

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Clerk/ Treasurer to negotiate a renewal rate for electricity which will become effective 12/13/22; and

WHEREAS, the new rate is \$0.11824 for a twelve month period ending 12/12/23; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Clerk/ Treasurer to execute an agreement with Constellation Energy Resources, LLC at the rate of \$0.11824 for a twelve month period.

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

Resolution #23-03 Acceptance of Building Inspector's Report – December 2022

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Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Building Inspector's Report for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$5166.90.

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

Attorney's Report

Mr. Ellsworth reviewed and updated the Board on the Property Registration form.

Mr. Ellsworth also stated that NYCOM forwarded to him the Real Property Tax Exemption Provision passed by the Governor allowing 10% of assessed value to be reduced on volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers. It would have to be completed and given to the tax assessor before March 1st.

On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to establish a public hearing for 1/24/23 at 7:15 p.m. for a proposed local law to allow for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers the Real Property Tax Exemption Provision set forth by the Governor. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

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

Executive Session

On a motion by Trustee Bitterman, seconded by Trustee Frasier to recess the regular meeting and move into executive session at 7:40 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Trustee Bitterman, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Akey then called for the following action:

On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to authorize the Mayor to approve the settlement for the Village of Sloatsburg with Hi Tech Security and John Meehan for \$60,000 for previous work performed in a settlement agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn in Memory of Bennetto (Benny) Persichetti

On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to adjourn the regular meeting in memory of Bennetto (Benny) Persichetti at 7:44 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hahn
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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