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Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – January 12, 2021

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
 Joyce Donohue

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

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending:

Pledge to Flag – Trustee Donohue

Minutes

a. Reorganizational Meeting 12/7/2020

On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Donohue to accept the minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting of 12/7/2020. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Special Meeting 12/7/2020

On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to accept the minutes of the special meeting 12/7/2020. All in favor, motion carried.

c. Special Meeting 12/29/2020

On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to accept the minutes of the special meeting of 12/29/2020. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions

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

Resolution #21-01 - 2021 Dog Control Services between Town of Ramapo and Village of Sloatsburg

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village is desirous of contracting with the Town of Ramapo for dog control services, and

WHEREAS, the Town has provided an agreement covering the services of the Dog Control Officer, and

WHEREAS, said Agreement is due to expire on December 31, 2021 with either side having the ability to extend the agreement beyond 2021 and should either party opt not to renew, notification must be made not later than October 14, 2021.

WHEREAS, the rate to be paid for dog control services will be at a rate of \$70.00 per hour plus actual cost of any overtime or call out pay.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Dog Control Contract between the Town of Ramapo and the Village of Sloatsburg, effective January 1, 2021.

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

Resolution #21-02 Johnstontown Road Fire Protection District Agreement - 2021

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloatsburg is desirous of renewing a contract for the Johnstontown Road Fire Protection District with the Town of Ramapo for the calendar year 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo conducted a Public Hearing on December 9, 2020 with regard to the proposed agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo agrees to enter into an agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg for fire protection services for the Johnstontown Road Fire Protection District for the year 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor is authorized to execute said agreement,

WHEREAS, the sum to be paid to the Village for said services for the calendar year 2021 is \$8,000 to be paid on or before February 28, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Sloatsburg enter into said agreement with the Town of Ramapo to provide fire protection services for the Johnstontown Road Fire Protection District for the year 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be given authorization to execute said agreement on behalf of the Village of Sloatsburg, and

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

Resolution #21-03 - 2020 Transfer Holiday Donation from the General Fund to the Trust and Agency Fund

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the Village is sponsoring a Holiday House Decoration Program during the 2020 holiday season, and

WHEREAS SDL Brokerage donated \$250.00 toward the prizes which will ultimately be rewarded to the winners, and

WHEREAS this \$250.00 was transferred to the Village through an ACH payment and is to be recorded in the Trust and Agency account and not the General Account which the money went into

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the \$250.00 be transferred from the General Account A2705 Gifts and Donations to the Trust and Agency account T85 Other.

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

Resolution #21-04 Transfer from General Fund to the Trust and Agency Fund

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer transfer \$500.00 from the General Fund Account A200 to the Trust and Agency Account T85 this amount represents relieved engineering items which appeared on the 2020 tax bill for Mainway c/o JoAnne Briggs, property location subdivision Sterling Mine Road; Cherso Realty Inc. (The Estates at Eagle Valley) and J6 Construction.

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

Resolution #21-05 New York State Department of Transportation Agreement of Adjustment and Release of Owner

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village of Sloatsburg Board of Trustees be empowered to execute the Agreements and any subsequent papers which might be required to secure payment of this claim: Proceeding 14802; PIN AW08.01.70F; S.H. 91; Nyack Turnpike, Part 1; Map 139; Parcel 167

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

Webex Proposal – Trustee Donohue

Trustee Donohue proposed that the Village purchase a Webex license which would allow them to have interactive virtual meetings. The cost is \$162.00 for twelve months. After a brief discussion, the Mayor called for the following motion:

On a motion by Trustee Donohue, seconded by Trustee Donnelly for the Village to proceed with the purchase of a Webex license at the cost of \$162.00 for a twelve month period. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on new website by Trustee Donohue

Trustee Donohue indicated that the current Village website is controlled by a third party and it is slow. She provided the Board with a sample website to demonstrate what they could do if they would like to create something quickly, get control of the domain and put something out. It is easy to manage and not very expensive.

Trustee Donnelly commented that it could replace some of the mailings and possibly be used for updates and notifications. Mayor Akey stated that the Village would want to follow government regulations and guidelines. After a brief discussion, Mr. Ellsworth noted that as long as they are following the Sunshine Laws and the FOIL laws with respect to information, it does not matter where it comes from or how it is being accessed but he will look into it.

Trustee Bonkoski commented that he would like the Village to have the ability to do the reverse 911 to contact residents for emergencies and unexpected happenings, i.e., water main breaks etc. Mayor Akey stated that is a separate issue, but they will look into it as well.

Mayor Akey confirmed that they will do further research on this matter.

Past Events

a. Holiday Contest Winners

Mayor Akey announced the winners as follow:

- 1st place - 3 Greenway West
- 2nd place - 3 Mill Street
- 3rd place - 9 Jackson Street

Honorable mentions: 25 Sheridan, 4 Hickory, 54 Laurel and 24 Navajo Trail

The Mayor acknowledged and thanked the following benefactors: Balsamo/Byrne/Cipriani & Ellsworth, Quality Carting, SDL Insurance and Sloatsburg Chamber of Commerce.

Amend Appointment of Law Firm of Balsamo, Byrne, Cipriani & Ellsworth to include all attorneys employed by their firm

On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to amend the appointment of the Village Law Firm to include all employees of the Firm. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Frasier asked for clarification regarding the CDRC (Community Design Review Committee) and the Community Development Committee. Mayor Akey responded accordingly.

Fill Vacancies

a. Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer – Appointment – Jessica Oms

Mayor Akey appointed Jessica Oms as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer who is currently a five year employee in the Justice Court. Trustee Donnelly asked about the effective date which Mayor Akey confirmed would be immediate. She will continue in her current position until that is filled.

On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to appoint Jessica Oms as Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer. All in favor, and

On a roll call vote:

<i>Trustee Bonkoski</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Donohue</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Frasier</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Donnelly</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion carried.

b. Building Department Secretary – Rachel Artrip

Mayor Akey submitted the name of Rachel Artrip for the Building Department Secretary.

On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donohue to appoint Rachel Artrip as Building Department Secretary. All in favor, and

On a roll call vote:

<i>Trustee Bonkoski</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Donnelly</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Donohue</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Frasier</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion carried.

c. Library Board – Beth Kaplan

Mayor Akey stated that Jane Thompson, the President of the Library, recommended Beth Kaplan for the Library Board and Mayor Akey agreed. Trustee Donnelly asked about Ms. Kaplan’s experience and Trustee Frasier responded that her accounting background will benefit the Board tremendously.

On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Frasier to appoint Beth Kaplan to the Library Board. All in favor, and

On a roll call vote:

<i>Trustee Bonkoski</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Donohue</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Frasier</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Donnelly</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Motion carried.

Trustee Donnelly confirmed that Ms. Kaplan’s position is effective immediately. Trustee Frasier noted that it is an unpaid position.

Other

Mayor Akey asked for any comments or questions. The Mayor then asked for a motion to move into executive session.

On a motion by Trustee Donohue, seconded by Trustee Frasier to move into executive session at 7:55PM. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to come out of executive session at 8:25PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donohue to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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