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Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – January 23, 2024

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: None

Pledge to Flag – Trustee Frasier

Minutes Regular Meeting 1/9/24

On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 1/9/24. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #24-08 Agreement Ramapo Fire Protection District 2

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloatsburg is desirous of renewing a contract for the Ramapo Fire Protection District 2 with the Town of Ramapo for the calendar year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo conducted a Public Hearing on November 8, 2023 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 Ramapo Fire Protection District 2 for the year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor is authorized to execute said agreement, and

WHEREAS, the sum to be paid to the Village for said services for the year 2024 is \$198,500.00,

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 Ramapo Fire Protection District 2 for the year 2024 at a sum of \$198,500.00, 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 Donnelly, and

On a roll call vote:

Trustee Bonkoski Aye
Trustee Donnelly Aye

Trustee Frasier Aye
Trustee Bitterman Aye
Mayor Akey Aye

Motion carried.

Resolution #24-09 Agreement Ramapo Fire Protection District 3

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloatsburg is desirous of renewing a contract for the Ramapo Fire Protection District 3 with the Town of Ramapo for the calendar year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo conducted a Public Hearing on November 8, 2023 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 Ramapo Fire Protection District 3 for the year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor is authorized to execute said agreement, and

WHEREAS, the sum to be paid to the Village for said services for the year 2024 is \$103,500.00.

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 Ramapo Fire Protection District 3 for the year 2024 at a sum of \$103,500.00, 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 Donnelly, and

On a roll call vote:

Trustee Bonkoski Aye
Trustee Donnelly Aye
Trustee Frasier Aye
Trustee Bitterman Aye
Mayor Akey Aye

Motion carried.

Resolution #24-10 Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District Agreement

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloatsburg is desirous of renewing a contract for the Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District with the Town of Ramapo for the calendar year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo conducted a Public Hearing on November 8, 2023 with regard to the proposed agreement, and

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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 Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District for the year 2024, 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 2024 is \$8,000.00, and

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 Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District for the year 2024, 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 Bitterman, and

On a roll call vote:

Trustee Bonkoski	Aye
Trustee Donnelly	Aye
Trustee Frasier	Aye
Trustee Bitterman	Aye
Mayor Akey	Aye

Motion carried.

Resolutions in Mass

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

Resolution #24-11 Acceptance of Fire Inspector’s Report December 2023

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Fire Inspector’s Report for the month of December in the amount of \$200.00.

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

Resolution #24-12 Acceptance of Building Inspector’s Report – December 2023

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 in the amount of \$1625.85.

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

Resolution #24-13 Funds Transfer

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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RESOLVED that the Clerk Treasurer transfer \$125,000 from the Capital Fund Money Market Account held at the Connect One Bank into the Debt Service Checking Account held at the Webster Bank. This transfer is to be applied to the Public Improvement Serial Bond 2020, for the unused money bonded for Construction of Village Parking Lot (\$365,000)

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

Resolution #24-14 Refund – Village Taxes – Overpayment

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of \$1,985.03 submitted in payment of Village taxes from Ms. Ann George for 12 Sterling Mine Rd, Sloatsburg, NY; and

WHEREAS, there was a clerical error on the above mentioned property. A Senior exemption (41807) was inadvertently removed on the 2023 assessment roll. The correct exemption amount should be 23,750, and Village tax bill should have been \$992.52 The full assessment with no exemption is 47,500; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer refund \$992.51 to Ms. Ann George representing the overpayment with her proper exemption re-instated.

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

Reappointment of Library Board Members for a Five Year Term of Office

On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Bitterman to reappoint Jane Thompson, Mario Donatelli, Edward Marse and Merion Jenns to the Library Board for a five year term of office to run from January 2024 through December 2028. All in favor, motion carried.

Attorney’s Report

Mr. Ellsworth updated the Board on E-Codes. According to E-Codes, they are still waiting for responses to four questions, regarding policies, procedures, and legislation. He will contact them again.

Public Comment

None present

Executive Session

None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hahn
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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