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Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – November 9, 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: Kathy Goldman, Mr. Efraim, Spring Hill Ambulance

Pledge to Flag – Trustee Donohue

Mayor Akey opened the meeting and invited Kathy Goldman to address the Board on behalf of the Friends of Harmony Hall. Ms. Goldman said that the Friends of Harmony Hall are planning their annual Victorian Holiday on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. They are applying for a sign permit and requesting to have the fee waived. Mayor Akey indicated they cannot waive the fee. They must pay for the sign permit and the Village will refund it.

*On a motion by Trustee Donohue, seconded by Trustee Frasier to refund the fee for a sign permit issued to the Friends of Harmony Hall. All in favor, motion carried.*

Mayor Akey then invited the volunteers from Spring Hill Ambulance to address the Board. Mr. Efraim, the Chief of Spring Hill, thanked the Board and updated them on their plans. They would like to move into the Sloatsburg Ambulance Building within the next few weeks and the goal is to be stationed here 24/7. He also indicated they would like to rebuild and do community outreach such as, CPR classes for free, first aid classes for free, Narcan training, etc.

Trustee Frasier asked for and received clarification that Spring Hill is trying to regrow the volunteer base in Sloatsburg so that they have volunteers located here and responding here.

Minutes Regular Meeting 10/12/21

*On a motion by Trustee Donohue, seconded by Trustee Frasier to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/12/21. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolution #21-055 Return of Uncollected 2020 Village Taxes

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Village Treasurer submit to the Board of Trustees the Return of Uncollected 2021 Village Taxes in the amount of \$354876.70, subject to final audit and additional payments received up to November 1, 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer submit said Return of Unpaid Taxes to the Rockland County Treasurer for relevy on the 2022 State, Town and County taxes.

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

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Resolution #21-056 Acceptance of Building Inspector's Report September 2021

Trustee Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Building Inspector's Report for the month of September 2021 in the amount of \$2545.50.

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

Resolution #21-057 Acceptance of Building Inspector's Report October 2021

Trustee Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Building Inspector's Report for the month of October 2021 in the amount of \$7,410.65.

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

Resolution #21-058 Acceptance of Fire Inspector's Report October 2021

Trustee Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Fire Inspector's Report for the month of October 2021 in the amount of \$75.00.

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

Appointment of Christopher Szklany to the position of MEO II and Maintenance Supervisor

*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to appoint Christopher Szklany to the position of MEO II and Maintenance Supervisor. All in favor, motion carried.*

Set Public Hearing to Adopt local law to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Frasier to set a public hearing on 11/23/21 at 7:00 PM, to adopt local law to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites. All in favor, motion carried.*

2021 Stormwater II Education Program Agreement

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donohue to accept the 2021 Stormwater II Education Program Agreement. All in favor, motion carried.*

Penflex Service Award Program 2021/22 Service Fee Agreement

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to accept the Penflex Service Agreement for 2021/22. All in favor, motion carried.*

NYS DOT Traffic Signals Transfer Switches

Mayor Akey reported that they received notification, for information purposes, from the NYS Department of Transportation that there will be some traffic signals, one in Sloatsburg, that is going to have a battery backup, so it is going to be called a traffic signal transfer switch.

Veteran Turkey Distribution Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> between 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM at Village Hall

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Trustee Frasier commented that he and Trustee Donohue will be helping to distribute the turkeys and food baskets on Saturday and invited everyone to assist.

Sloatsburg Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will be caroling at Village Hall on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

The Second graders will sing and have pizza.

Other

Mayor Akey asked for any comments or questions. Mr. Ellsworth asked if Trustee Donnelly or Mr. Bollatto received any response from the NYS DOT on the bridges.

Trustee Donnelly indicated he received a phone call from Senator Melnick's office inquiring if the work was completed. He said he was satisfied with the work they did trimming the brush along the roadway, and they did not paint the railings yet.

At this time, Mayor Akey called for a motion to move into executive session.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donohue to move into executive session at 7:40PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:50PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Mayor Akey asked for the following motion:

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to enter into an agreement with Donald Stedge, LLC, Surveyor, for \$5,500 to act as an expert witness for a current court case before the Sloatsburg Village Court. All in favor, motion carried.*

Adjourn in memory of Anne Dami and Ellie Davis

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to adjourn the regular meeting in memory of Anne Dami and Ellie Davis at 7:55PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.  
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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