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Sloatsburg Village Board  
Reorganizational Meeting & Budget Hearing  
December 5, 2022  
7:00 PM

The Reorganizational Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 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

Village Clerk & Treasurer – Mary Hahn – Present

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Joanne Bitterman, Ryan and Theresa Jaggard

Pledge to Flag – Trustee Frasier

Mayor Akey opened the meeting with the swearing in of Marc Bitterman as Village Trustee. He then proceeded to make the following appointments:

**DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK & TREASURER** – Jessica Oms

Mayor Akey reappointed Jessica Oms to the position of Deputy Village Clerk Treasurer for a one-year term of office.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donnelly, to approve the reappointment of Jessica Oms to the position of Deputy Village Clerk Treasurer for a one year term of office to run from 12/5/2022 through 12/6/2023. All in favor, motion carried.*

**ASSOCIATE VILLAGE JUSTICE** – Lorraine Feiden

Mayor Akey reappointed Lorraine Feiden to the position of Associate Village Justice for a one-year term of office.

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski, to approve the reappointment of Lorraine Feiden to the position of Associate Village Justice for a one year term of office to run from 12/5/2022 through 12/6/2023. All in favor, motion carried.*

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

Mayor Akey reappointed the firm of Fulton, Menfi, Frega, Straubinger & Berlamino, LLC to the position of Village Auditor for a one-year term.

*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski, to approve the reappointment of the firm of Fulton, Menfi, Frega, Straubinger & Berlamino, LLC as Village Auditors to the Village of Sloatsburg, designating Steven Straubinger to serve for a term of office to run from 12/5/2022 through 12/6/2023. All in favor, motion carried.*

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

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

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Frasier, to approve the reappointment of the firm of Balsamo, Byrne, Cipriani & Ellsworth as Legal Counsel to the Village of Sloatsburg, designating Richard M. Ellsworth as a member of the firm and Susan J. Assad and Elizabeth B. DiStefano as associates to serve for a term to run from 12/5/2022 through 12/6/2023. All in favor, motion carried.*

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** - the firm of Mancuso Engineering, PLLC

Mayor Akey reappointed Mancuso Engineering, PLLC to the position of Village Engineer designating Eve M. Mancuso for a one-year term of office.

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski, to approve the reappointment of Mancuso Engineering PLLC to the position of Village Engineer designating Eve M. Mancuso for a one-year term of office to run from 12/5/2022 through 12/6/2023. All in favor, motion carried.*

**SLOATSBURG PLANNING BOARD - Chairman** - Glenn Thompson

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

*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donnelly 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 12/5/2022 through 12/6/2023. All in favor, motion carried.*

**SLOATSBURG PLANNING BOARD – MEMBER Lynn Del Duca**

Mayor Akey reappointed Lynn DelDuca to the position of Member of the Sloatsburg Planning Board for a seven-year period.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier, to approve the reappointment of Lynn Del Duca to the position of Member of Sloatsburg Planning Board for a seven-year term of office to run from 12/5/2022 through 12/5/2029. All in favor, motion carried.*

Mayor Akey appointed Ryan Jagard to the position of Alternate Member of The Sloatsburg Planning Board for a seven year period.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier, to approve the appointment of Ryan Jagard to the position of Alternate Member of the Sloatsburg Planning Board for a seven year term of office to run from 12/5/2022 through 12/5/2029. All in favor, motion carried.*

**SLOATSBURG ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Chairman** – August W. Stritmater, Jr.

Mayor Akey reappointed August W. Stritmater, Jr. to the position of Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year period.

*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donnelly, to approve the reappointment of August W. Stritmater, Jr. to the position of Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term of office to run from 12/5/2022 through 12/6/2023. All in favor, motion carried.*

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## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – MEMBERS – 5 Year Term**

Mayor Akey appointed Kevin Bonkoski to the position of Member of Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Marc Bitterman.

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Frasier, to approve the appointment of Kevin Bonkoski to fill the unexpired term of Marc Bitterman, term to run from 12/5/2022 to 12/6/2026. All in favor, motion carried, Trustee Bonkoski abstained.*

Mayor Akey appointed Kevin Camilleri as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Bonkoski.

*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donnelly, to approve the appointment of Kevin Camilleri to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Bonkoski as Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, term of office to run from 12/5/2022 to 12/6/2027. All in favor, motion carried.*

## **VILLAGE HISTORIAN - Harrison O. Bush**

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

*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donnelly, to approve the reappointment of Harrison O. Bush to the position of Village Historian for a one-year term of office to run from 12/5/2022 through 12/6/2023. All in favor, motion carried.*

## **CURRENT VILLAGE DEPOSITORIES**

Mayor Akey designated the following: M&T Bank, Webster Bank, Connect One Bank, and Northeast Community Bank, as Village Depositories for Village funds.

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

## **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER**

Current Official Newspaper - Journal News

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

## **DESIGNATION OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS**

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 Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier, 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 Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier, to approve the procedures 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 any and all Village Board meetings.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Village Law Section 523(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 Frasier seconded the adoption of this resolution. All in favor, motion carried.*

### **MILEAGE ALLOWANCE**

Village law Section 5-523(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:



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*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Frasier to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 11/8/22. 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 #22-67 Transfer Funds General Fund Money Market

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Clerk Treasurer transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund Money Market Account at Connect One Bank to the Village of Sloatsburg General Fund Account held at the M&T Bank. This transfer to cover general expenses.

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

Resolution #22-68 Energy Agreement Gas Usage

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 which will become effective December, of 2022,

RESOLVED, that the rate currently charged by Orange & Rockland is 9.0660 ccf which was in effect for November of 2022, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the rate be effective November of 2022 is \$0.058710 ccf for a 48 month period which expires November, of 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Clerk/ Treasurer to execute an agreement with Hudson Energy Services.

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

Resolution #22-69 Refund Fee Temporary Political Sign Permit

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 Political Sign Permit for John Bonkoski.

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

Resolution #22-70 Refund Fee Temporary Political Sign Permit

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 Political Sign Permit for Joyce Donohue.

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

Resolution #22-71 Refund Fee Temporary Political Sign Permit

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 Political Sign Permit for Bruce Levine.

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

Resolution #22-72 Acceptance of Building Inspector's Report – November 2022

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 November 2022 in the amount of \$3,381.66

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

Acceptance of Mancuso Engineering, PLLC's Proposal for Engineering Services Sterling Avenue Culvert Replacement

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to accept Mancuso Engineering's proposal for engineering services for the Sterling Avenue Culvert (bridge) Replacement. All in favor, motion carried.*

Attorney's Report

Mr. Ellsworth reported that he is working on a draft local law with respect to the registration of rental homes in the Village. He asked the Board how they would like to proceed, and discussion followed.

Mr. Ellsworth also commented that the Planning Board has not acted on the license agreement in the Bruno matter.

Trustee Bonkoski thanked the Building Inspector and the Village Attorney for staying on top of the property formerly known as Tuxedo Motor Sports which is now being used for storage.

Mr. Ellsworth noted that Tuxedo Motor Sports and the property on Eagle Valley Road were both settled in court with terms of paying a fine, getting a building permit and/or a Planning Board application within thirty (30) days. Neither has complied so both were sent notices to reappear in court and the charges will be reinstated.

Trustee Frasier Report on the Veteran's Turkey Distribution

Trustee Frasier reported that they provided fifty turkeys, forty-seven went to Veterans and three to the food pantry. They will have another holiday distribution on 12/17/22, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Public Comment

Trustee Donnelly congratulated Marc Bitterman and welcomed him to the Board.

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Adjourn

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:26 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hahn  
Village Clerk and Treasurer

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