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Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – March 22, 2022

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 - Thomas Donnelly  
Darrell Frasier

Trustee Absent - John Bonkoski

Village Clerk & Treasurer – Mary Hahn – Present

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Joyce Donohue, Lauren Hayward, Marianna Krichevsky, Jessie Taylor, Hadrian Taylor

Pledge to Flag – Trustee Frasier

Minutes Regular Meeting 3/8/22

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Frasier to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 3/8/22. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolutions in Mass

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

Resolution #22-15 Refund Road Bond – Alas-Ramos

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a \$5,000 road bond was received by the Village of Sloatsburg on November 22, 2021, by receipt number 24749, and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 18, 2022, to the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees, Joseph Tichenor requested the return of the \$5,000 bond based upon his issuance of a certificate of occupancy for 40 Lincoln Street.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board return the road bond in the amount of \$5,000, held in the Village’s Trust and Agency Account, to Moises and Maria Alas-Ramos.

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

Resolution #22-16 Funding Gateway Park Project

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS on November the 18<sup>th</sup> 2005 the Village entered into an agreement with The Related Companies (Tuxedo Reserve) which agreement included the payment of \$250,000 by Tuxedo Reserve to the Village for commuter parking lot improvements which was a bargained for condition as part of Tuxedo Reserve’s proposed site plan for a housing development in order to mitigate the impact of new

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commuters from the housing development using the Sloatsburg commuter parking lot, and

WHEREAS in August of 2017 \$250,000.00 was placed on deposit with the Village into the Tuxedo Reserve Trust and Agency (T&A) account to cover the parking lot improvements and,

WHEREAS the Village of Sloatsburg applied for funding under the Rural Business Enterprise Grant from the Department of Agriculture (Rural Business Enterprises) in 2019 to construct commuter parking and a park (Gateway Park), and

WHEREAS as a condition of the grant approval the Village was required to match the grant awarded and to fund the entire project and seek reimbursement upon completion from Rural Business Enterprises, and

WHEREAS the approximate cost to develop the land into a parking facility and park was estimated to cost \$500,000.00, and

WHEREAS in order to meet the Village's match of the grant of \$250,000.00, an advance of that amount was made from the Commuter Parking Account in August of 2019 to the Gateway Park Account, and

WHEREAS, in order to fund the remainder of Gateway Park, the Village transferred \$250,000.00 from the Tuxedo Reserve T&A Account to the Gateway Park Account thus, bringing the total funding for said project to \$500,000.00, and

WHEREAS the Gateway Park project has been completed and fully funded by the Village of Sloatsburg in the amount of \$443,877.80 and approved by the Rural Business Enterprises, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloatsburg has sought and received reimbursement from the Rural Business Enterprises in the amount of \$220,248.13

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk Treasurer transfer \$250,000.00 from the T&A Fund Account designated for the Gateway Park to the Commuter Parking Account.

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

Resolution #22-17 Lease Agreement Village of Sloatsburg and Rockland Baseball Association

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the Rockland Baseball Association wishes to utilize the little league field for baseball games within its leagues schedule and to utilize a storage trailer owned by the Village of Sloatsburg to store its field maintenance equipment, and

WHEREAS the Rockland Baseball Association has submitted a request to use said field to be limited from April 1, 2022 thru December 1, 2022 which term shall consist of two seasons of little league field use, and

WHEREAS in consideration for use of the little league field and storage trailer the Rockland Baseball Association will pay the Village of Sloatsburg the sum of \$8,663 subject to the terms of an agreement signed by the parties.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorize said agreement and to authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement on behalf of the Village.

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

Resolution #22-18 Refund Fee Sign Permit Friends of Harmony Hall

Trustee Frasier 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 Friends of Harmony Hall to advertise for their Victorian Holiday Event held on Sunday, December 5, 2021.

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

Resolution #22-19 Refund Fee Sign Permit Chamber of Commerce

Trustee Frasier 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 Event held on Sunday, December 12, 2021.

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

Resolution #22-20 Small Claims Settlement

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the following Small Claims Assessment change for the 2021 tax year, predicated on the 2020 assessment roll:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Lot Number</b>	<b>Old Assessment</b>	<b>New Assessment</b>	<b>Tax Refund</b>
<b>Michael DeMartino</b>	<b>38.58-1-12</b>	\$55,350.00	\$48,000.00	\$243.14

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer transfer \$243.14 from the Various Funds Money Market Tax Certiorari Reserve held at the Sterling National Bank to the General Fund Checking Account held at the M&T Bank.

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

Accept Resignation of Robert Young as Planning Board Member

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*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to accept the resignation of Robert Young as a Planning Board member. All in favor, motion carried.*

Susan McDonagh, Alternate Member Planning Board, to become Regular Member

*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to appoint Susan McDonagh as a regular member of the Planning Board. All in favor, motion carried.*

Appoint Louis Zarro as the Alternate Member of the Planning Board

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Frasier to appoint Louis Zarro as an alternate member of the Planning Board. All in favor, motion carried.*

Other

Marianna Krichevsky and Lauren Hayward, from the Chamber of Commerce, asked the Board about the Chamber sponsoring a bi-weekly summer concert in July and August at the Gateway Park. It would be a total of five (5) nights, on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm or 7:30pm to 9:00pm. There was a brief discussion on parking, seating, the possibility of bringing pets, having food trucks and/or serving snacks.

Ms. Krichevsky also asked about sponsoring a yoga teacher at Gateway Park in the mornings. Mr. Ellsworth stated that the Chamber would have to provide insurance if they sponsor it. Mayor Akey said they should follow up with the Chamber and discuss it at the next meeting.

Joyce Donohue asked about the possibility of businesses serving alcohol at events. Mayor Akey stated that the Village will have nothing to do with alcohol that is provided from an offsite location that is a bonafide business; it is not Village sponsored.

Jessie Taylor discussed the Plein Air Art Show and asked if they could display the art at the Municipal Building or the Fire Hall. Ms. Donohue suggested also displaying it throughout the Village at the library and Senior Citizen's Center. Mayor Akey recommended she contact the Fire Department for use of the hall.

Trustee Frasier updated the Board about the wall seal, informing them that the price has gone up to \$800. Mayor Akey indicated the seal was previously approved but because of Covid, they did not get the price.

*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to accept and move forward with approving All Type Signs to make the wall placard seal for the back of the dais. All in favor, motion carried.*

Mr. Ellsworth informed the Board that the research he did allows for any amendment or modification to the procurement policy to be done by resolution. He also reviewed the proposed changes to the policy and from a legal standpoint they can proceed.

Mr. Ellsworth also provided information on Verizon Fios. He indicated that they do need a franchise agreement through the State of New York to provide services other than internet. He suggested reaching out to them for a franchise discussion.

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Mr. Ellsworth then discussed electronic codification of the Village code. He contacted E-Codes 360, the premier electronic code company for New York out of Rochester. He informed the Board of the information they need to provide to E-Codes 360 to obtain a proposal from them.

Mayor Akey stated that it is important to move forward and put everything in electronic form.

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Frasier to authorize the Village Attorney to provide whatever information is necessary to E-Codes 360 so they can give the Village a cost estimate. All in favor, motion carried.*

Mayor Akey then commented that the procurement policy is twenty-eight years old, and he would like to bring it up to date. He sent it to the Village Auditor and worked with the Clerk-Treasurer to update the numbers. He asked the Village Attorney to review it and advise.

The Mayor asked for any additional comments or questions, none received.

#### Executive Session

Mayor Akey stated there was nothing for executive session.

#### Adjourn

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Frasier to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hahn  
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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