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Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – April 26, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 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

Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer – Jessica Oms – Present

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending:

Pledge to Flag – Trustee Frasier

Minutes

a. Regular Meeting 3/22/22

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

b. Special Meeting 4/7/22

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to accept the minutes of the special meeting of 4/7/22. All in favor, motion carried. Trustee Donnelly abstained.*

Lifeguard Appointments

Resolution #22-23 Staff Appointments – Sloatsburg Municipal Pool 2022

Trustee Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Following appointments be made for the 2022 pool season. Staff will work up to a forty (40) hour work week and be compensated at the following rates:

Recreation Facility

Supervisor	Stephanie Tierney	\$17.51 Per hour (7 <sup>th</sup> year)
Head Lifeguard	Nicole Akey	\$14.94 Per hour (6 <sup>th</sup> year)
Head Lifeguard	Kate Lenihan	\$14.94 Per hour (5 <sup>th</sup> year)
Lifeguard	Katelyn Casarella	\$12.88 Per hour (5 <sup>th</sup> year)
Lifeguard	Brendan Alm	\$12.88 Per hour (4 <sup>th</sup> year)
Lifeguard	Ruari Maguire	\$12.88 Per hour (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)
Lifeguard	Maxim Kochergin	\$12.88 Per hour (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)
Lifeguard	Michael Kravatz	\$12.88 Per hour (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)
Lifeguard	James McCafferty	\$12.88 Per hour (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)
Lifeguard	Anthony Mulrane	\$12.88 Per hour (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will open the facility on weekends starting Memorial Day Weekend until the full season begins on Saturday, June 25, 2022.

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

Resolutions in Mass

Resolution #22-24 Proposal Upgrade Cyber Security System

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the proposal provided by Axon Innovative Technology Solutions to upgrade the cyber security system for the Village of Sloatsburg computers.

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

Resolution #22-25 Acceptance of Building Inspector's Report – March 2022

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Building Inspector's Report for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$3,554.97.

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

Accept Resignation of Sarah Vacchiano, Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to accept the resignation of Sarah Vacchiano as alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. All in favor, motion carried.*

Appoint Kevin Bonkoski to fill the unexpired term of Sarah Vacchiano, as Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to appoint Kevin Bonkoski to fill the unexpired term of Sarah Vacchiano as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. All in favor, motion carried. Trustee Bonkoski abstained.*

E-Codes 360

Resolution #22-26 Proposal of Codification Services for Local Laws

Trustee Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the proposal from General Codes for codification of the Village of Sloatsburg's local laws.

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

Discussion on the Reinstatement of the LOSAP Death Benefit

Mayor Akey provided an overview of the LOSAP Death Benefit for the Fire Department which had previously been removed. He said that he would like to reinstate it.

Resolution #22-27 To Reinstate Death Benefits For Service Award Programs For Volunteer Firefighters Of The Sloatsburg Fire Department

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloatsburg Board of Trustees established a Service Award Program Defined Pension Plan for Volunteer Firefighters (the “Plan”) which became effective on January 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, The Plan included death benefits for a vested participant in the program; and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated April 8, 1996, the Village of Sloatsburg Board of Trustees amended the Plan, which amendment included the removal of death benefits from the Plan; and

WHEREAS, based upon the need to continue to maintain a strong and vibrant volunteer fire department and the recognition of the selfless hours of dedication given by volunteer firefighter, the Village of Sloatsburg Board of Trustees desires to reinstate death benefits in the Plan,

NOW THEREFORE, for all of the foregoing and other reasons, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloatsburg determines that its volunteer firefighters eligible under the Plan shall be entitled to death benefits and that Section “8” of the Plan shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“8.01 Death Before Retirement:

If a vested Participant dies prior to Normal Retirement Date, and does not have a surviving spouse, or he elects otherwise (as provided in Section 4.02) his or her beneficiary shall receive the Actuarial Equivalent of such Participant’s vested Accrued Benefits.

If an employee who is a vested Participant of the Plan dies prior to Normal Retirement Date the benefit shall be payable to his or her surviving spouse in the form of qualified Joint and survivor annuity, unless he or she elects otherwise (as Provided in Section 4.01 & 4.02). For the purpose of this section, the term. “surviving spouse” shall mean his or her spouse who is married to him or her on the date of death and has been married to him or her for at least one year.

The qualified joint and survivor annuity shall mean the annuity that would have been payable to the Participant had he or she retired on his or her Normal Retirement Date, the first day of the month preceding the day of death and the benefit was payable in the form of a joint and survivor annuity.

Notwithstanding any of the above, the benefits payable to the beneficiary must be paid no later than the fifth anniversary of the date of death of the participant or if another form of benefit is elected no later than the benefit payment under the form elected.

8.02- Death After Retirement

If a participant dies after Normal Retirement Date, and prior to the receipt of benefits, the death benefit payable to his beneficiary shall be as follows:

- (i) If the participant is married and has not elected another form of benefits his or her spouse will receive the benefits in the form of Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity.

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(ii) If the Participant is not married or has elected not to receive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity, the benefit payable to the beneficiary, if any, will be in accordance with the form of payment of his retirement pension elected by such Participant at the time of his or her Normal Retirement Date.

Notwithstanding any of the above, the benefits payable to the beneficiary must be paid no later than the fifth anniversary of the date of death of the participant or if another form of benefit is elected no later than the benefit payments under the form elected.”

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

### Other

Mayor Akey commended Trustee Frasier for getting the new Village seal for the Board room.

Trustee Frasier stated that the Sloatsburg Library will be having their Spring Fling on Saturday. He also reminded the Board that the Library budget vote is being held today.

Mr. Ellsworth indicated they do not have an agreement with Crown Castle yet for the additional cell on the tower. He anticipates having it signed by the next meeting. He also had discussion with Verizon regarding the possibility of them coming into the Village without a franchise agreement. They are only in the Village now for fiber optics for computers. They need the franchise agreement for the video television portion of a cable company.

Trustee Bonkoski stated that the DPW is doing a great job.

Trustee Donnelly asked about the vacant lot across the street. Mr. Ellsworth responded that the settlement agreement was for them to complete the filling of the hole by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Executive Session

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to move into executive session. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to come out of executive session at 6:20PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Adjourn in Memory of : Lorraine Astor, Brian Hogan, Carole Weaver Linsner and Michael Yorke

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:21PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Oms  
Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer

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