

Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – July 13, 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  
                                      Darrell Frasier  
                                      Joyce Donohue

Trustee Absent -            Thomas Donnelly

Village Clerk & Treasurer – Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr. – Present

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Aiden Hand, Sloatsburg Chamber of Commerce, Isabel Hesse, Mrs. Nevins, Teacher at Sloatsburg Elementary School

Pledge to Flag – Mayor Akey

Minutes Regular Meeting 6/22/21

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to approve the minutes of the regular meeting 6/22/21. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolutions

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

Resolution #21-040 Transfer Chips Funds to Village Reserve Funds

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS by resolution #20-063 the Village undertook the resurfacing of Lincoln Street from Washington Avenue to the end. Funding for this project came from various funding sources. The total project cost was \$143,000, \$28,234 from Orange and Rockland and \$37,000 from Suez Water. The shortfall of \$77,766 was covered through a portion of the Village’s reserve fund. Upon receipt of this sum through the Chips program the reserve fund would be restored

On December 28, 2020, the Village received from the State of New York, Chips funding \$77,766 and will be deposited into the Village’s reserve fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk Treasurer deposit \$77,766 into the Village’s reserve account at the ConnectOne Bank.

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

\*reference resolution #20-063

Resolution #21-041 Bond and Interest Payment

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Clerk Treasurer transfer \$179,410.00 from the General Fund Accounts to the Debt Service Fund Accounts; principle A9720.7 \$165,000.00, 9720.6 \$14,410.00. The appropriations in the Debt Service fund are V9720.6 for \$165,000.00 and V9720.7 in the amount of \$14,410.00 for the interest. This transfer to cover the principal and interest payment due on the Village of Sloatsburg Public Improvement Serial Bond 2020.

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

Resolution #20-042 Refund Duplicate Street Opening Permit Fee

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the Village recently completed its 2020 Annual Fiscal Report; and

WHEREAS a review by the Village Auditors determined that a duplicate street opening permit fee was submitted to the Village in the amount of \$4,224.50; and

WHEREAS the street opening permit covered work undertaken by Suez Water for a water main replacement project on Johnstontown Road (Permit #308 dated 8/21/20); and

WHEREAS the bank statement for the general fund dated 9/1/20 – 9/30/20 shows a payment on 9/11/20 from Suez in the amount of \$4,224.50 and on 9/30/20 a payment of \$4,224.50; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village refund, from A600 Accounts Payable, to Suez Water the duplicate payment which posted to the general fund account on 9/24/20.

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

Reading of essay “Sloatsburg: A Great Community” by Isabel Hesse

Note for the record: The essay “Sloatsburg A Great Community” by Isabel Hesse is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Presentation of Chamber of Commerce Award to Isabel Hesse

The President of the Sloatsburg Chamber of Commerce, Aiden Hand, commended Ms. Hesse on her essay and presented her with the Chamber of Commerce Award.

Appoint Sarah Vacchiano to Zoning Board of Appeals as the Alternate

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to nominate Sarah Vacchiano as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals; term of office to run from 7/13/21 to 12/6/25. All in favor; and*

*On a roll call vote: Trustee Bonkoski Aye*

*Trustee Donohue    Aye*  
*Trustee Frasier     Aye*  
*Mayor Akey         Aye*

*Motion carried.*

Other

Trustee Frasier contacted All Type Signs to do a mockup of the sign and an estimate.

Trustee Donohue noted that Rockland County Tourism awarded Friends of Harmony Hall \$20,000 for the Bluegrass Festival and the Sloatsburg Chamber was awarded \$12,941 for Explore Harriman to advertise the parks, businesses, and the Historical Society.

Trustee Frasier reported that there is a vacancy on the Sloatsburg Library Board.

Mayor Akey asked the members of the Chamber of Commerce to introduce themselves.

At this time Mayor Akey called for the Board to move into executive session.

Executive Session

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to recess the regular meeting and move to executive session at 8:00 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to come out of executive session at 8:05 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

**Note for the record:** Attached hereto and made apart of these minutes is a copy of a letter from the New York State Division of the Budget from Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Adjourn

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.  
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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