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Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – August 24, 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

Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer – Jessica Oms – Present

Village Attorney – Richard Ellsworth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending:

Pledge to Flag – Trustee Donnelly

Minutes Regular Meeting 7/13/21

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 7/13/21. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolutions

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

Resolution #21-043 Refund – Village Taxes – Overpayment

Trustee Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of taxes received from Corelogic Tax Service covering the Second installment of the 2021 taxes from various bank institutions, and

WHEREAS, included were the following tax payment:  
\$707.74 for 1 Harriman Ave – total overpayment being \$707.74

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer refund \$707.74 representing the overpayment of taxes to Corelogic Tax Service.

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

Resolution #21-044 Acceptance of Building Inspector’s Report June 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 June 2021 in the amount of \$4,555.85.

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

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Resolution #21-045 Village Auditor - Audit 2020

Trustee Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the Village is in receipt of a Letter of Understanding from Steven Straubinger of Fulton, Menfi, Frega, Straubinger & Berlamino, LLC covering their services for the Audit of Village records for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS the Village is in receipt of a Letter from Fulton, Menfi, Frega, Straubinger & Berlamino, LLC confirming and their acceptance and understanding of services they are to provide to the Village for the year ending December 31, 2021 (quarterly statements of revenues and expenses).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees confirm the acceptance of the Letter of Understanding submitted by Fulton, Menfi, Frega, Straubinger & Berlamino, LLC covering the Audit of Village records for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 and confirming the acceptance and understanding of the services to be provided for the year ending December 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be given authorization to execute the Letter of Understanding.

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

Resolution #21-046 Funds Transfer

Trustee Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer transfer \$47,632.50 from the General Fund Account A9720.7 held at the M&T Bank to the Debt Service Fund V9720.7 fund held at the Sterling National Bank. This payment represents the second interest payment due on the Public Improvement Serial Bond 2017. Account charge in the General Fund A9720.7. Account Charge in the Debt Service Fund V9720.7.

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

Resolution #21-047 Funds Transfer

Trustee Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the General Fund Money Market advanced to the General Fund Transportation Equipment Account A5110.2 \$144,324.30 to cover the cost of the Trackless MT7 Articulating All Season Tractor, and

WHEREAS an application was made to the New York State Department of Transportation seeking reimbursement from CHIPS to cover the reimbursement for the advance made to the General Fund Transportation Equipment Account in the amount of \$143,524.44, and

WHEREAS the Village has received a total of \$143,524.44 from the New York State Department of Transportation CHIPS Reserve, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$143,524.44 be transferred to the General Fund Money Market and it be applied to reduce the cost of the Trackless

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MT7 Articulating All Season Tractor leaving a balance of \$799.87 which will be covered by the General Fund Transportation Equipment Account A5110.2.

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

Resolution #21-048 Acceptance of Building Inspector's Report July 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 July 2021 in the amount of \$2536.45.

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

Resolution #21-049 Acceptance of Fire Inspector's Report July 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 July 2021 in the amount of \$770.00.

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

Resolution #21-050 Funds Transfer

Trustee Donnelly offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer transfer \$27,722.50 from the General Fund Checking held at the M&T Bank to the Debt Service Fund held at the Sterling National Bank. This transfer to cover the principle and interest payment due on the Statutory Installment Bond Brook Street Park due August 11, 2021. Principle payment \$19,500.00, interest \$8,222.50 for the total \$27,722.50.

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

Resignation of Court Officer Brian Downey

Mayor Akey asked the Board to accept the resignation of Court Officer Brian Downey.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to accept the resignation of Court Officer Brian Downey. All in favor, motion carried.*

Appointment of Court Officer Jose Pena

Mayor Akey indicated that Jose Pena has been a Court Officer for years and recommended him for Brian Downey's position.

*On a motion by Trustee Donnelly, seconded by Trustee Frasier to appoint Jose Pena as Court Officer. All in favor, motion carried.*

Appointment of Axon Consulting Services, LLC

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Mayor Akey then recommended Axon Consulting Services as the new IT consultants.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donohue to appoint Axon Consulting Services, LLC as the IT consultants for the Village.*

Appointment of Lifeguards covering the balance of the 2021 Season

Mayor Akey noted that some of the lifeguards had to go back to school before the end of the pool season. He asked the Board to approve the hiring of four new lifeguards to cover the balance of the 2021 season.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Donohue to appoint four new lifeguards to work at the municipal pool for the remainder of the 2021 season. All in favor, motion carried.*

Spring Street Deli North – Waiver for the Thirty (30) Day Advance Notice

Mayor Akey reported that Spring Street Deli North will be taking over Hayward's Deli and Market in early September and they are requesting the waiver of the thirty day advance notice for a liquor license.

*On a motion by Trustee Donohue, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to waive the thirty day advance notice for a liquor license for Spring Street Deli North. All in favor, motion carried.*

Robert Davies – independent contractor assisting with the 2022 tax roll \$6,500

Mayor Akey commented that Robert Davies assisted the Village last year with the Tax roll and requested that he be hired to assist again with the 2022 tax roll.

*On a motion by Trustee Donohue, seconded by Trustee Frasier to appoint Robert Davies as an independent contractor to assist with the 2022 Village tax roll. All in favor, motion carried.*

Approve Quinn/Watts Settlement

The Village Attorney recommended that this item be discussed in executive session.

Other

Trustee Frasier provided a color version of the Village seal that would be used for the podium and signs at a price of \$500. Mayor Akey called for the following motion:

*On a motion by Trustee Frasier, seconded by Trustee Donnelly to approve the purchase of a wall mount Village seal(s) at a cost of \$500. All in favor, motion carried.*

Mayor Akey then discussed the current parking situation in the commuter lot, indicating that there are a lot of cars parked without permits. He suggested having the Building Inspector enforce the parking requirements by placing violation stickers on cars without a valid parking permit. There was further discussion, with no decision at this time.

Mayor Akey asked for anymore comments or questions. Mr. Ellsworth asked to move into executive session.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Frasier 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 and reconvene the regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolution #21-051 Approve Settlement of Legal Action

Trustee Frasier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS Peter Quinn and Joann Quinn (the “Quinn Plaintiffs”), and Ajay Watts and Aixa Watts (the “Watts Plaintiffs”) (collectively, the “Plaintiffs”), commenced actions in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Rockland against the County of Rockland (hereinafter referred to as the “County”) and Village of Sloatsburg (hereinafter referred to as “Village”) (collectively, the “Defendants”) by the filing of separate Summons and Complaints; the Quinn Plaintiffs filed under Index No. 034422/2015 on or about August 22, 2016, which Complaint was thereafter amended; and the Watts Plaintiffs filed under Index No. 033815/2017, and

WHEREAS, the Village and the County duly appeared in the action commenced by the Quinn Plaintiffs and served Answers denying the allegations of the Complaint; and

WHEREAS, the Village and the County duly appeared in the action commenced by the Watts Plaintiffs and served Answers denying the allegations of the Complaint; and

WHEREAS, by Decision and Order, dated March 21, 2018, the Quinn Plaintiffs’ action and the Watts Plaintiffs’ action were consolidated under Index No. 031787/2018; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amicably settle all causes of actions and claims asserted in the aforesaid actions and as consolidated and the approval of the Village Board of Trustees is required for the Mayor to execute and deliver a stipulation of settlement to the Plaintiffs and Defendants, a true copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit “A”

NOW THEREFORE, for all of the foregoing and other reasons, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Peter Akey is authorized to execute ad deliver the stipulation of settlement to the Plaintiffs and Defendants, a true copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit “A”

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Donohue, and

On a roll call vote:	Deputy Mayor Bonkoski	Nay
	Trustee Donnelly	Nay
	Trustee Donohue	Aye
	Trustee Frasier	Aye
	Mayor Akey	Aye

Motion carried.

Mayor Akey asked for any comments or questions. Trustee Bonkoski asked the Mayor to direct the Building Inspector to check the Tennessee Gas property for property Maintenance. Mayor Akey agreed.

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Adjourn

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jessica Oms  
Deputy Village Clerk & Treasurer*

*JO:ds*