

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday April 8, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor, Clarence Speed; Trustees; Douglas Cropper, Barbara Sagal, Laurence Ostrander; Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons; Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Simmons.

MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE WERE READ ALOUD

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve the treasurer's report made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake, and Health Care Deductible Abstract #1, BOA Abstract # 7) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: Peter Johnson inquired about the Village's junk car law, noting there are several cars he has noticed on Summit Street. Trustee Cropper also noted an increase in such cars and he will speak with the building inspector on Tuesday.

Winnie Speed then asked the board when anything was going to happen with the Casivant properties on Main Street. Attorney Fitzsimmons responded that if the village chooses to move forward we would need to bring an order of eviction to anyone living in the unit(s). An asbestos survey would have to be done and this would prove costly to the village. Resident Tom Paino thought that the cost for an assessment would be about \$150. Perhaps before moving forward on this matter, the board should think about having this done first. Sally Baker let the board know that she has a list of all companies that do this type of work and there is a big difference in pricing. The board should feel free to contact her if they wish to go ahead with this process and she will provide them with a copy of the list.

Officer In Charge Doyle noted the police department has sold the light bar from the old Charger and Stockport is in line to purchase the 2017 Ford Interceptor for \$24,000. They have taken this vehicle out of service and are using the Durango for now. Trustee Cropper asked that OIC Doyle write up a description of the Charger so we can put it for sale at auction.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported working on the RFP for the warehouse property and answering the one question that came back. He has also had the mayor sign the paperwork for the sale of property on Main Street by the old American Legion Building. The new owners will allow the village to keep the easement. He has also been working on the habitat project. This project is scheduled for a public hearing on the 16th and needs a number of variances. Stockport is working on a bond anticipation note for the purchase of the 2107 Ford Interceptor but would like to take receipt of the vehicle beforehand. The board is receptive to this arrangement and attorney Fitzsimmons will get the paperwork in order.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: All normal office tasks, monthly and quarterly reports have been completed. (Bank statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, garbage sticker sales, billing, payroll, etc.) The board may wish to have a meeting with Monolith Solar about our unapplied credits. We currently have over \$19,000 in available credit that is not being applied to our bills. Village elections were held on March 19th, congratulations to Mayor Speed and Trustee's Cropper and Ostrander on their reelection. Water bills went out on March 29th and are due through April without penalty. Thanks to Winnie Speed for helping fold and stuff this billing. The Annual Budget Hearing as well as our Organizational Meeting were held on April 1st. The new budget was approved for fiscal year ending 2020 with a small 2% tax increase. Water rates will be going up \$5.00 per unit per quarter and sewer rates will stay the same. A reminder goes out to all departments to please watch any unnecessary spending for the rest of this fiscal year. In accordance with our Records Retention Schedule (Adopted November 12, 2013) we destroyed: Paid water/sewer receipts dated January 2003-January 2006. The Village Office will be closed on Friday April 19th for the Good Friday Holiday.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Officer In Charge Doyle. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. OIC Doyle will be attending the Emergency Management tabletop exercise this weekend for the Summit Street Dam.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Sagal, a copy of the full report is available in the office for review. Thanks go out to Lisa Heintz from Tobacco Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties as well as to the DPW for delivering and hanging the new No Smoking signs for the library. Thanks also to Dave for working on the bookshelves for the children's room and getting ready to paint. Activities are in place for the April school break. Our Library will be partnering with the Hudson City School District as a Summer Food Site to provide free lunch for any child age 18 and younger. More information will be available after plans are finalized. They are now registered with Repair Cafe' and are in need of 3 experts to lead. They may have someone who may be able to do bike repair, but could use someone with sewing, wiring, computer, basic carpentry or knife sharpening skills. They would like to have one class in the fall and one again late winter or early spring with the different experts. Please reach out if you know anyone who has these skills. Virginia Ambrose has offered the library her baby grand piano. They are currently making plans for space and delivery options. Plans are also being made for a spring clean up day to be held sometime before Memorial Day. Notice has been given that the Mid-Hudson Library System will be increasing their fees in the near future due to delivery charges.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Given by Trustee Cropper, a copy of the full report is available in the office for review. The center continues to be utilized by area residents, with 303 total individuals using the center in March. The After School Program is doing well and continues drawing more interest from area youth. Susannah White will run the Around the World Camp April 22 – 26th. The New York State Safe Boating Class was held in early March. Director Veronezi is signed up to attend Train the Trainer seminar sponsored by NYMIR to be held on April 15th.

MAYOR SPEED: He reported a busy month attending budget meetings and the annual organizational meeting. He was sworn into his new term on April 1st by Judge Jonathan Nichols. He will also be attending the weekend meeting with Emergency Management on April 13, 2019 at COARC.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: No report, on vacation

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He gave the DPW/Water/Sewer reports; a full copy of this report is available in the office for review. The men have started sweeping the streets and the sewer plant has had one pump replaced and had another two rebuilt. County Waste has refused to pick up the dumpster at the sewer plant because they claim the truck fell through the bridge. Our men see no sign

that anything has fallen through the bridge. The dumpster will be moved to the other side of the bridge for pick up and Trustee Ostrander will have someone look at the bridge. He attended the first meeting of one of the BOA Working Groups.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Reported attending a BOA Working Groups meeting, Budget, Organizational and Library Board meetings. The library is working on a new logo, and they have nominated another board member.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Reported attending Budget meetings as well as the organizational meeting. He, Mayor Speed, and Trustee Sagal were available to show the warehouse building for the RFP. He worked with Lisa Heintz to get the No Smoking Signs and attended the Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser for Community Day. He has also spoken with Claverack officials about village assessments.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to move money within accounts as needed was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to accept as warrant the tax levy in the amount of \$534,070.00 and the tax rate of \$7.68352/1000 of assessed value, as passed at the Annual Budget Hearing held on April 1, 2019; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to accept the following slate of Fire Company Officers as submitted:

LINE OFFICERS:

Chief – Mark Beaumont

- 1st Asst. Chief – Brian Ostrander
- 2nd Asst. Chief – Chuck Wagoner
- Captain – Cody Mossman
- 1st Lieutenant – John Tice
- 2nd Lieutenant – Kevin Grau

COMPANY OFFICERS

- President – Fred Zitto
- Vice President – Nathaniel Williams
- Secretary – John Blaauw
- Assistant Secretary – Sarah Langdon
- Treasurer – Jeanette Beaumont
- Assistant Treasurer – Doug Cropper

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

- Five Year – Darryl Mossman
- Four Year – Debbie Grau
- Three Year – Anthony “Skipper” Krein
- Two Year – Lisa Mossman
- One Year – Jose Ortiz;

was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. THREE AYES, NO NAYS, Trustee Cropper Abstained

MOTION to hire Dave Siter as DPW Working Forman/Water/Sewer Interim Plant Operator effective April 15, 2019 at the hourly rate of \$31.25; made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS Trustee Ostrander asked where we stood with the RFP process and Trustee Cropper informed him we are waiting for proposals to come back. They are due by April 30th at noon. Sally Baker will be making up a scoring chart for the board to use. No time table has been set and Ms. Baker reminded the board they do not have to accept any proposal and they can ask for more information if they deem it necessary. The proposals are just a way to gather information.

MOTION to adjourn in memory of Marie Mossman was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer