

Village of Hammondsport
December 11, 2012
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Hammondsport Board of Trustees held its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday December 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., 18 Water Street, Hammondsport, NY.

The Village Board held a Public Hearing on Local Law 1 of 2012 Chapter 108 of the Hammondsport Village Code, TAXATION, Condominiums.

PRESENT: Mayor Emery L. Cummings, Jr.
Trustee Stella Pulver
Trustee Rachael Nichols
Trustee Bruce White
Trustee Anne Green
DPW Superintendent Randy Hoad
Police Sergeant Ryan Sincerbox
Clerk-Treasurer Lela Martuscello

OTHERS PRESENT: Debra A. Robbins, Paige Stopka, Theresa Stopka, Jr. Stopka

Before the Public Hearing on Local Law 1 of 2012, Mayor Cummings introduced Paige Stopka of Girl Scout Troop 41041. Paige and her Girl Scout troop would like to volunteer to keep the village parks clean. Her mother said it was her idea to volunteer in the community and help in the beautification of the parks. The board thought it was a great idea and Paige will coordinate with the DPW Superintendent Hoad in the spring as far as which parks, the start and finish dates, and what needs to be done.

On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the board hereby accepts the offer from Paige Stopka of Girl Scout Troop 41041 to help beautify and keep the village parks clean.

Public Hearing

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. on Local Law 1 of 2012 Chapter 108 of the Village Code, TAXATION, Condominiums. Assessor, David Oliver presented an article to the board regarding the loophole in a 1980s law that gives a 40 percent tax break to NYS condo owners. The NYS Assessors association lobbied state lawmakers to change the tax code because they say the law creates a loophole that enables condo owners to bypass their share of taxes and places a burden on other property owners. The law was passed saying condo owners should be assessed based on what the property would bring in for rent rather than how much it should be sold for and was intended for NYC condo owners encouraging them to stay in the city and was not intended to have an effect on upstate.

With no further comments, Trustee Green moved seconded by Trustee Pulver to close the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Refuse/Recycling Bid

One bid for one year Refuse and Recycling contract was received from Hoad Disposal.

Non-residential cost: \$27,000

Residential cost: \$31,000

Total Bid amount: \$58,000
Per month cost: \$4,833.34

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes: On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye to approve the November 13 and November 26, 2012 meeting minutes.

Abstract: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee White and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay General Fund Abstract #10, claim #321-364 totaling \$56,590.63 and Water Fund Abstract #10, claim #119-135 totaling \$22,195.37.

Department Reports

Police: Police Sergeant Sincerbox submitted a written report of the Police Department for November 2012. Activities included 28 calls for service, 4 criminal complaints, 7 traffic stops, 1 warning issued, 6 traffic tickets issued, 6 parking tickets issued.

The annual Christmas in the Park sponsored by the Hammondspport Chamber was a success with no problems.

DPW/Water: DPW Superintendent Hoad gave a report of the Water and Street Departments for the month. Water Department activities included regular pump house maintenance, read and repaired water meters, attended water meetings, installed 2 new water services, and shut off water at Mercury plant 8, 7, and 6.

Street Department activities included new street signs, removed curb and graded for new curb on Shethar Street, mowing, clean catch basins, patched streets, completed annual leaf pickup and removed leaf box, installed sander.

The bus shelter is here and will be installed shortly.

The streetscape looks great and the board has received positive public comments.

Finance: Activities included worked on 2013/2014 Water and General Fund Budgets, water billing, newsletter, advertised for local law, letters to nonprofits and businesses for garbage collection, levied village taxes with county.

Board approval for the following General Journal Entry: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee White, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a General Journal entry to void check #2836 payable to Everet J. Prescott and reissue a check for the same amount to EP Minerals ch#2847.

Parks: No Report

KWIC: No meeting is scheduled for December. They are still working on making sure that zone 1 inspections are completed on time.

The Zoning Officer's, Building Inspector's and Watershed Inspector's reports were noted being received.

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Nichols and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Department Reports.

Beautification Committee: No Report.

Village records: The Clerk presented a list of records to be destroyed in accordance with the Village of Hammondspport Record Retention Schedule. List is attached to minutes.

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee White and carried, RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized to destroy the following list of records.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Cummings – Aye
Trustee Pulver – Aye
Trustee Green – Aye
Trustee White – Aye
Trustee Nichols – Aye

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Water District Inter-municipal Agreement: No report.

Letter to Town regarding master meters: The board discussed the Town of Urbana bringing properties not in a water district into a properly formed water district and installing a master meter at the town line in District II. The inter-municipal agreement that expired in 2009 states that a master meter would be installed at each starting point in District II.

On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Village of Hammondspport will install at village cost a master meter for water at the Town Line in District II and the Village will bill from that meter to the Town of Urbana for the cost of the master meter and the cost of the water.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Cummings – Aye
Trustee Pulver – Aye
Trustee Green – Aye
Trustee White – Aye
Trustee Nichols – Aye

Motion Carried

Water Extension to Bully Hill: Mayor Cummings received a letter from John Webster, Town of Urbana Supervisor, regarding the proposed water district to Bully Hill. Mayor Cummings contacted Supervisor Webster to discuss the village board's stance on not cutting the current water rate in half for the proposed district. Mr. Webster's letter states that if the Village does not significantly reduce the current water rate the Town will cancel all plans for the proposed district and release the current grant.

Main Street Grant: Trustee Green reported that the Grant Committee will be awarding more money as some of the projects came under budget and some were withdrawn. The Streetscape is just about complete.

Condominium Law: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee White and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, the Village of Hammondspport Board of Trustees hereby passes Local Law 1 of 2012 Chapter 108 of the Village code, TAXATION, Condominiums.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Cummings - Aye
Trustee Green – Aye
Trustee White – Aye

Trustee Nichols – Aye
Trustee Pulver

Motion Carried

Wastewater Study: On agenda for January 8, 2013.

Fire Commissioner: Mike Day was approved as Fire Commissioner for 5 year term by the Town of Urbana.

Inter-municipal Agreements: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee White and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Village of Hammondsport Board of Trustees does hereby approve the Inert-municipal Agreements for 2013 with the Town of Urbana for Building and Watershed Inspector and Zoning Officer.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Cummings – Aye
Trustee Pulver – Aye
Trustee Green – Aye
Trustee White – Aye
Trustee Nichols – Aye

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Garbage Bid: On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the board of trustees accepts the bid for a one year contract for Refuse and Recycling collection presented by Hoad Disposal in the amount of \$58,000, contingent upon execution of contract and filing of all necessary insurance forms by February 4, 2013 per bid specifications.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Cummings – Aye
Trustee Pulver – Aye
Trustee Green – Aye
Trustee White – Aye
Trustee Nichols – Aye

Motion Carried

With the Refuse and Recycling Bid submitted and accepted, the board directed the Clerk to amend the Preliminary Budget. The board will go into executive session to discuss salaries to be amended in the budget.

Complaints: The board received four written complaints on the building located on 54A in the village adjacent to the Ambulance Garage. The nature of the complaints is the building is run down and has become an eyesore. The Board directed the clerk to give the forms to the Zoning Officer and a letter to be sent to each complainant regarding the outcome of the Zoning Officer's findings.

The board scheduled a budget workshop for 4:00 p.m. on Monday December 17, 2012.

David Oliver told the board that Steuben County has adopted the Gold Star Exemption. Mr. Oliver will send the legislation to the village board for review.

Mr. Oliver also discussed the Comprehensive Plan with the board and asked if they would like the Planning Board to review and update.

On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Nichols and carried all voting Aye, the board voted to go into executive session at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the salaries, employment and employment history of village employees

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee White and carried, all voting Aye, the board voted to come out of executive session at 7:37 p.m.

With no further business or public comment,
Trustee White made a motion seconded by Trustee Pulver to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lela Martuscello, Clerk-Treasurer