

Village of Hammondsport  
February 14, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Hammondsport Board of Trustees held its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday February 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., 18 Water Street, Hammondsport, NY.

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

Absent: Trustee Larry Foster

Others Present: Bret Steeves, Bee Keck, Mary Beth Haar, Rachael Nichols, Pat French, Kathy Burns, and Peggy Coleman, Steuben County Conference And Visitors Bureau.

Mayor Cummings called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed Brett Steeves and Mary Beth Haar from the Hammondsport Chamber. The Village of Hammondsport tied for Budget Travel Magazine's Coolest Small Town Contest and Brett and Mary Beth were in attendance to discuss ideas for a celebration. Mayor Cummings handed out his ideas for the Coolest Town Celebration and suggested that a committee be set up to include chamber, village, school, and fire department members. Mr. Steeves discussed the Chamber's ideas and would like this to be a festive activity. He suggested a parade. Two dates were suggested: May 19 and June 30. Peggy Coleman from the Steuben County Visitors Bureau said that they would help promote the event. Bea Keck said that many residents in the community want to help with the celebration. Budget Travel magazine will publish an article on the village in their September issue.

Mayor Cummings will contact the school and fire department to set up a date for a meeting.

Kathy Burns from Steuben County Office of the Ageing was in attendance to discuss a program funded through the Steuben Services Fund to allow older Urbana residents to age at home. The program is already in place in the town of Pulteney and has brought in services such as transportation, home delivered meals and assistance with light housekeeping and personal care to those residents in need. Ms. Burns said volunteers help with the coordination and she is letting the board know about the opportunity to village and town residents.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye to approve the January 10, 2012 meeting minutes.

Abstract: On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Green and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay General Fund Abstract #12, claim #367-403 totaling \$17,871.69 and Water Fund Abstract #12, claim #173-192 totaling \$24,624.03.

## Department Reports

Police: Police Sergeant Sincerbox submitted a written report of the Police Department for January. Activities included 33 calls for service, 5 criminal complaints, 17 traffic stops, 3 warnings issued, 14 traffic tickets issued, 9 parking tickets issued. He reported that three radios have been purchased from Freeman Communication for the police car. Sergeant Sincerbox discussed purchasing a new police vehicle. He is checking the state bid price and with Simmons Rockwell.

Trustee Green made a motion seconded by Trustee Pulver, RESOLVED, to authorize Sergeant Sincerbox to purchase a police vehicle for the Village of Hammondsport Police Department if the purchase price falls within the parameters of the Bidding Policy.

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

Motion Carried

DPW/Water: Trustee White read DPW Superintendent Hoad's report of the Water and Street Departments for the month. Water Department activities included regular pump house maintenance, checked for water leaks, water service line repair on Main Street, Annual Water Report preparation. Street Department activities included painting paver and paver trailer, #2 Dump Truck serviced and cleaned, sanding and plowing streets, picked up Christmas trees, replaced and repaired street signs.

Finance: Clerk submitted a report for the month of January. Activities included final budget preparation, ZBA Public Hearing, worked on policies for review, letters to garbage dumpster owners, finalized Garbage/Refuse collection agreement, and closed books for month.

Parks: No Report

Park Use Application: On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee White and carried voting Aye to approve the Park Use Application submitted by Rod Pederson, Porsche Club of America Finger Lakes Region, for the use of Pulteney Park, and the closing of Park Place on Sunday June 10, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

Parade Permit Application: On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee White and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Parade Permit Application submitted by Mary Ann Geisz for a parade in the village beginning at Shethar and Main Street and ending at the Village Tavern on Saturday February 18 from 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Motion Carried

Application for Use of Hanging Banner: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee White and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Application to Hang a Banner submitted by Jack Young, Wine Country Classic Boats, for the Wine Country Classic Boat Show from July 15, 2012 through July 22, 2012.

Motion Carried

KWIC: Trustee Green reported on KWIC. The Houseboat issue is still up in the air. Land Use Training on March 26, 2012 sponsored by The Keuka Lake Watershed Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) and KWIC. This is a free three hour accredited workshop for Planning and Zoning Board members.

On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Green and carried, all voting Aye to accept the Department Reports.

Beautification Committee: No Report.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Water District: Keep on agenda.

Property Maintenance: Clerk sent a letter to owners of dumpsters in the village to again request them to come into compliance with the Property Maintenance Code regarding the screening of dumpsters. The letter requested the owners begin the process by February 29, 2012.

Main Street Grant: Trustee Green stated that the all grants have received SHIPO and property owners are in the process of hiring contractors.

Policies: Trustee Green and the Clerk worked on all policies except Violence Training and Sexual Harassment Training. The Clerk handed out notebooks with policies for the board to review.

#### NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, to approve the levy of the following water bills totaling \$3421.79 on the March 1, 2012 Village Tax Bills. (List attached)

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

Motion Carried

Palettes of Keuka: On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Green and carried, all voting Aye to appropriate \$150 to sponsor a palette for the Palettes of Keuka Art Tour 2012 sponsored by the Hammondsport Chamber of Commerce.

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

Motion Carried

Domain Name registration renewal: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee White and carried, all voting Aye to approve the renewal of the domain name hammondsport.com registered at Domanint for 5 years at a cost of \$64.75.

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

Motion Carried

Year-end Meeting: The Village Board set a year-end meeting date for Monday February 27, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Village board received a property maintenance complaint letter from Evelyn and Clarence Southwick, 6 Curtiss Avenue. The Zoning Officer and Clerk will draw up a letter to send to the neighbors asking them to clean up their yards as they are in violation of the Village of Hammondsport Property Maintenance Code.

Trustee Green introduced Rachael Nichols who is running for Village Trustee in the upcoming March 20 Village Election. Trustee Foster is not running for another term.

Mayor Cummings read a letter from NYMIR stating that General Liability rates will be decreasing 5 percent and Automobile Liability rates will decrease 10 percent.

Mayor Cummings stated that he had a conversation with Town Supervisor John Webster regarding his request for an increase in the amount the Village pays the Town of Urbana for the Shared Services Inter-Municipal Agreement for the Building Inspector, Watershed Inspector, and Zoning Officer. The increase is due to the Town Supervisor figuring in the cost of the Building Inspector's cost of insurance.

With no further business, Trustee White made a motion seconded by Trustee Pulver to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lela Martuscello  
Clerk-Treasurer