

Village of Hammondsport  
August 13, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Hammondsport Board of Trustees held its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday August 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., 18 Water Street, Hammondsport, NY.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Bruce White

OTHERS PRESENT: Debra Robbins, Mary and Richard Orman, and Chuck Peacock.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

Chuck Peacock from the Steuben County IDA was present to ask the village board their support of the IDA submitting an application for funding from the NYS DOT Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP).

Mr. Peacock also discussed an application that is being submitted by the IDA this fall for a Consolidating Funding ARC Grant for a water revitalization plan. This is a matching grant and the IDA will ask the Village and Town of Urbana to contribute to the matching amount.

The board agreed to support the TEP application with the following resolution:

On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Nichols and carried all voting Aye, RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) will submit an application for funding from the NYS DOT Transportation Enhancements Program (TEP) on August 16, 2013 for the Urbana/Hammondsport Rails to Trail Conversion Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project involves the establishment of a trail within the Town of Urbana that connects the Finger Lakes Trail system and the Curtiss Museum with the Village of Hammondsport; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hammondsport is at a disadvantage because the Finger Lakes Trail system stops abruptly at the Curtiss Museum; and

WHEREAS, extending the connection with the Finger Lakes Trail system into Urbana and Hammondsport will encourage users to explore our community, patronize local businesses and enhance our economy; and

WHEREAS, the Project is also consistent with our local plans for the expansion of recreational opportunities and the elevation of the quality of life for our residents; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Hammondsport enthusiastically supports the Urbana/Hammondsport Rails to Trail Conversion Project and strongly urges the NYS Department of Transportation to fund this important trail connection.

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

Trustee Nichols – Aye

Motion Carried

Minutes: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye to approve the July 9, 2013 meeting minutes.

Abstract: On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Green and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay General Fund Abstract #6, claim #161-201 totaling \$44,937.27 and Water Fund Abstract #6, claim #62-74 totaling \$4,302.92.

Department Reports

Police: Police Sergeant Sincerbox submitted a written report of the Police Department for July 2013. Activities included 34 calls for service, 3 criminal complaints, 2 criminal complaints closed, 4 traffic stops, 2 warnings issued, 4 traffic tickets issued, 25 parking tickets issued.

DPW/Water: DPW Superintendent Hoad reported on the Water and Street Departments for the month of July. Water Department activities included regular pump house maintenance, water samples, water meeting, leak location, and replace water line at 118 Pulteney Street.

Street Department activities included patching streets, sweeping streets, replacing sidewalks, mowing, septic pump replaced at Champlin Beach, serviced equipment, painted parking lines, and installed tree grates.

DPW Superintendent Hoad discussed using CHIPS money to Slurry seal streets in the village.

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Green, RESOLVED, that DPW Superintendent Hoad is hereby authorized to spend available CHIPS money to slurry seal the following streets in the village: Upper Lake Street ( from Main to village line), Davis Avenue, Curtiss Avenue, Wheeler Avenue, and Orchard Street.

ROLL Call VOTE: Mayor Cummings – Yea  
Trustee White – Absent  
Trustee Pulver – Aye  
Trustee Green – Aye  
Trustee Nichols – Aye

Motion Carried

**Finance:** Activities included closing books and balancing bank statements, attended SEQR training, ARC Grant Report filed, looking into accepting credit card payments, park bench requests. Clerk's conference is the week of September 9<sup>th</sup> and the board meeting is September 10.

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Nichols and carried all voting Aye to change the September 10 board meeting date to September 17, 2013.

The Village has received requests from people wanting to purchase a park bench and or a plaque for a bench in memory of someone. The Clerk wants to know if there is a process to accept and apply for one.

Mayor Cummings made a motion seconded by Trustee Nichols that the Clerk obtain information regarding a request for a bench or plaque in memory of someone and bring it to the board for their approval.

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

Motion Carried

Parks: No Report.

KWIC: Trustee Green distributed KWIC reports that can now be printed for inspections. She also informed the board that the KWIC Committee is considering fee increases as well as asking each municipality for an additional \$2000 this year for retirement payment.

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.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Curtiss Museum Water Extension: The Town of Urbana is requesting quotes from engineers.

Main Street Grant: Only one project waiting for completion, Park View Wine and Spirits. The project must be completed by August 31, 2013.

Dumpsters: Nothing new to report. Not all are in compliance. The board will ask the Zoning Officer for court date for owners not in compliance.

Wastewater Study: The Pleasant Valley Winery site is not available for a treatment site for a downtown sewer system. Mayor Cummings will set up a meeting with Fagan Engineers and the IDA to see where we can go from here.

Update on Lake Street Reconstruction Project: The Village Board must complete Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, coordinate Lead Agency with all other involved agencies which are the NYS Department of Health and the NYS Department of Transportation, and adopt a Lead Agency coordination resolution. The Clerk will send out the appropriate letters. The Village must allow 30 days after the letters are mailed to the DOT and DOH before establishing the Village as Lead Agency for the Street Project.

The Mayor and the Trustees completed Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form.



## NEW BUSINESS

Empire Telephone: Mayor Cummings informed the board that a representative from Empire Telephone will come to the September board meeting to discuss a proposal for high speed internet in the village.

Lori Steeves and Helen Monroy are requesting use of the Village meeting room on Friday September 20 and Saturday September 21 as a staging area for the storytellers that are part of the Hammondsport Storytelling Festival.

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Nichols and carried all voting Aye to approve the use of the Village meeting room by the Hammondsport Storytelling Festival on Friday September 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday September 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Curtiss School: Mayor Cummings spoke with Mr. Lack, the developer proposing to purchase the Curtiss School, regarding the possibility of the Village purchasing the area in front of the school for green space. Mayor Cummings is asking the board if they would be interested if the area is subdivided. The board expressed interest but cannot commit without knowing the cost.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Orman gave the board members tax information regarding the Town of Urbana's proposal to create the DA Fund and how it will affect the village residents.

With no further business or public comment,  
Trustee Pulver made a motion seconded by Trustee Green to adjourn the board meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lela Martuscello, Clerk-Treasurer