

Village of Hammondsport
January 8, 2013
Meeting Minutes

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The Village of Hammondsport held a Public Hearing on the 2013/2014 General Fund and Water Fund Budgets; immediately following the Public Hearing, the Village of Hammondsport Board of Trustees held its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday January 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., 18 Water Street, Hammondsport, NY.

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, Robert Lack, Pam Knapp, Lucy Knapp, Gavin Goodman, Carly McConnell, Chris McConnell, Frank Curran, Christine Koloiejczak, Paul Martuscello, Dennis Fagan, and Mary Perham.

Public Hearing

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 General Fund and Water Fund Budgets at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Cummings asked for comments from the Board members and then the public.

With no comments, Trustee Green moved seconded by Trustee White to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Robert Lack Presentation

Mayor Cummings introduced Mr. Robert Lack who spoke to the board about his ideas for developing the Curtiss School property. Mr. Lack discussed the zoning issues with regard to the property. The Curtiss School property is zoned Low Density Residential and would need to be rezoned to Medium Density Residential if the property is to be developed. Mr. Lack presented three ideas for developing the property. One is for the school to be converted into condominiums, second option is apartments and the third option is an antiques and art center. First and foremost, Mr. Lack is interested that the Village Board consider rezoning the property as he would like to subdivide the area along Lake Street and Bauder Street into 4 building lots if he is successful in purchasing the property from the Hammondsport School District.

The board thanked Mr. Lack for his presentation and will discuss the rezoning issue.

Waste Water Study

Dennis Fagan presented the board with three proposals and the cost estimates for a waste water collection system and location of treatment systems. One location is Mercury Aircraft property on Wheeler Avenue, the second location is the Hammondsport Main Street School, and the third is Town of Urbana Curtiss Park. The Curtiss Park site was presented because the DEC was not in favor of the Main Street School option and Mercury is not in favor of their property being used. The Village board will

meet with the Town Board later this month and discuss the possible use of the park for a treatment area.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee White and carried, all voting Aye to approve the December 11 and December 17, 2013 meeting minutes.

Abstract: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Nichols and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay General Fund Abstract #11, claim #365-401 totaling \$19,976.63 and Water Fund Abstract #11, claim #136-150 totaling \$4,250.56.

Department Reports

Police: Police Sergeant Sincerbox submitted a written report of the Police Department for December 2012. Activities included 27 calls for service, 3 criminal complaints, 8 traffic stops, 1 warning issued, 8 traffic tickets issued, 12 parking tickets issued.

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, water meter repair, 10 inch water main repair, and water samples.

Street Department activities included stamp crete on Shethar Street, repairing and painting dump truck body, installing bus stop, changing out light poles, plowing and snow removal, and raking cemetery.

Finance: Activities included finalizing the 2013/2014 Water and General Fund Budgets, filed local law#1 of 2012 with the Department of State, attended Hammondsport Chamber meeting, Swarthout Recycling destruction of records on 12/19/2012, Hoad Disposal signed Refuse and Recycling Contract, advertised for budget public hearing, and wrote a letter of support to the Beautification Committee for the Meade Foundation Grant.

Board approval for the following General Journal Entry: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Nichols, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following General Journal Entries:

Debit A1255	100.00	(Italian Bistro withdrew application)
Credit A200	100.00	
Debit A8510.4	42.90	(wrong account charged)
Credit A5410.4	42.90	

Parks: No Report

KWIC: January meeting is scheduled for the 28th in the Village Office. Trustee Green reminded the board about the training on March 25, 2013 at the Yates County Auditorium sponsored by KWIC.

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

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

Beautification Committee: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Water District Inter-municipal Agreement: No report.

Letter to Town regarding master meters: The board discussed the letter written by Attorney Reed to the Town of Urbana regarding the installation of a master meter at the town line in Water District II with the intent that the village will issue a bill to the Town of Urbana for water usage and the cost of the meter. The board wanted to review the letter before it was sent.

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Green and carried, all voting Aye, the Mayor is hereby authorized to send the letter to the Town of Urbana.

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

Motion Carried

Joint meeting with the Town of Urbana: After speaking with Town Supervisor John Webster, Mayor Cummings would like to schedule a time to meet jointly with the Town of Urbana. Mayor Cummings and Supervisor Webster will come up with dates. Items for the agenda include Old Town Garage on Liberty Street, Water Agreement, and master meters.

Main Street Grant: Trustee Green reported that the Grant Committee reallocated money and projects are being completed. The Streetscape is just about complete.

2013-2014 General Fund and Water Fund Budgets: The Board is in agreement to adopt the budgets.

Adoption of the 2013/2014 General Fund and Water Fund Budgets:

On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a resolution adopting a budget for the fiscal year commencing March 1, 2013 and ending February 28, 2014, making the appropriations for the conduct of government of the Village of Hammondsport and establishing rates of compensation for officers and employees for such period and WHEREAS this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budgets and hear all persons desiring to be heard thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget as amended and revised and as hereafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column "adopted" in the General Fund and Water Fund be and hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and salaries and wages stated in the Wage Schedule of such budget shall be and hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective March 1, 2013. The total appropriations for the Water Fund are \$294,298.56 with a water rate of \$6.32 per 100 cubic ft. Total appropriations for the General Fund are \$574,443.90 with a tax rate of \$7.16 per \$1000 assessed value. (Copy attached following this record.)

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Complaints: The Board is in receipt of the report from Zoning Officer, Bob Magee, regarding the complaints on the condition of the building adjacent to the ambulance garage owned by Sandra Curtis. The property is not in any violation of the Village Zoning Codes. The Clerk will send a copy of the Zoning Officer's letter to the four people who filled out a complaint form.

Gold Star Exemption: Assessor David Oliver sent the Steuben County legislation to the village board for review. The board will look into the percent of exemption that is involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Grape Street Park: Chris and Carly McConnell were in attendance to discuss the issues at Grape Street Park. The back of their property is adjacent to the park. Mrs. McConnell explained that in December apples and oranges were thrown at their house almost hitting her and the fence was broken in several places. Time and time again the park fence and equipment are damaged as well as neighboring properties. Last spring an ad was placed in the Shopper and it stated that if damage and vandalism persists the park will be closed. Chris and Carly McConnell feel the board should follow through with this action. After much discussion, the board decided to close the park for a while to see if the children come forward and help to keep the park clean and stop the misuse. The clerk will place an ad in the Shopper and DPW Superintendent will rope off the park.

On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees agreed to close Grape Street Park until further notice.

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

Motion Carried

Fire Commissioner: The board accepts Bill Yahn's resignation as Fire Commissioner. Mayor Cummings is recommending Ed Stull to fill the term and he was informed that the Town of Urbana is in agreement and has appointed Ed Stull.

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Nichols RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees does hereby appoint Ed Stull as Hammondsport Fire Commissioner to fill out Bill Yahn's term that expires December 2016.

Election Inspectors: On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye, that the Village Board does hereby appoint the following Election Inspectors for the March 19, 2013 Village election:

Linda Kressly - Republican
Lillian Elwood - Republican
Joanne Mitchell – Democrat
Alzina Turner - Democrat

Election 2013: On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Green and carried, all voting Aye to approve the polling place of the March 19, 2013 Village Election as The Fred and Harriet Taylor Memorial Library and hours for voting are from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Cummings informed the board that he and Randy Hoad will be meeting with the Curtis Museum tomorrow along with the Town of Urbana regarding a water extension to the museum. Jim Sharon at the IDA expressed that he would like to take the money that was slated for the Bully Hill extension and redirect it to the museum extension.

Public Comment

Gavin Goodwin addressed the board with information about the company he works for Kohilo Wind Turbine. His company is looking for a location in New York State. He handed out a brochure to the Trustees and his company will be hosting a symposium on green and sustainable energy for public and business interests.

With no further business or public comment,
Trustee Green made a motion seconded by Trustee Pulver to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lela Martuscello, Clerk-Treasurer