

Village of Hammondsport
June 10, 2014
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Hammondsport Board of Trustees held its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday June 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., 18 Water Street, Hammondsport, NY.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Debra Robbins, John Jensen, John Kuehn, Richard Orman, Evelyn Southwick, Brock Bradford, Stephen Buck, Laurie from union Block Italian Bistro, Bob Sproule, Sr. Bob Sproule, Jr., Joe Luppino, David Oliver.

Mayor Cummings welcomed Jamie Johnson from the Steuben County IDA to address the board regarding a grant application for engineering design for a downtown sewer system in the Village. The application is through the Consolidating Funding Program and must be submitted in the next week. Mr. Johnson is seeking approval from the board to go ahead with the application process. The Village if approved could be awarded \$30,000 with a village match of \$7000. The concern of the board is the Curtiss School purchase is in litigation and may not be resolve when the grant is awarded. If this is the case, the Village can withdraw the application. The buyer of the school has expressed interest in allowing the village to place the wastewater treatment behind the school. The Village already received a grant to begin the engineering study for a downtown sewer system and this would be for the design of the system.

Trustee Green made a motion seconded by Trustee White and carried all voting Aye, to authorize the Steuben County IDA to proceed with the grant process through Consolidated Funding for Engineering for a downtown Septic System and earmark \$7,500 if the Village is awarded the Funding.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 – Ayes 0 – Nays

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye to approve the May 13, 2014 meeting minutes.

Abstract: On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay General Fund Abstract 4,

claim #74-113 totaling \$33,608.55 and Water Fund Abstract 4, claim #35-50 totaling \$28,707.19.

Capital Projects Abstract: On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee White and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the Capital Projects Abstract 1, Claim #1-4, totaling \$68,811.56.

Department Reports

Police: Police Sergeant Sincerbox submitted a written report of the Police Department for May 2014. Activities included 25 calls for service, 2 criminal complaints, 1 criminal complaint closed, 7 traffic stops, 3 warnings issued, 6 traffic tickets issued, 19 parking tickets issued.

Mayor Cummings reported that he has been receiving many complaints regarding the no parking spot on Mechanic Street across from the ally. He suggests another sign be placed on the pole.

DPW/Water: DPW Superintendent Hoad submitted a written report on the Water and Street Departments for the month of May. Water Department activities included regular pump house maintenance, water samples, install new water meters, install new curb box and rods, water meeting, turn valves, and flushing hydrants.

Street Department activities included Lake and Mechanic Street projects, DOT flooding on Route 54 and 54A, flooding shoulder on Bully Hill and Reservoir Hill, cleaning catch basins, sweeping streets, cleaning parks, mowing, patching streets, repair beach dock, sidewalk repair, pads for park benches, brush pickup, street signs, and painting crosswalks.

Finance: Clerk-Treasurer gave a written report of the Clerk's Office for the past month. Activities included June 1 water billings, June Newsletter, Legal ads for Mechanic Street bond resolution, meeting with representative from Comp Alliance, welcome letters, ZBA Public Hearing, contacted NYCOM regarding procedures for reporting an incident, and attended a workshop on funding for water and sewer projects.

General Journal Entries: On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee White and carried all voting Aye, the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following General Journal Entries and adjustments: Transfer \$11,916.04 from General Fund to Water Fund for water relieves, transfer \$1207.57 from General Fund and \$497.42 from Water Fund for payroll fees, void check 5041 General Fund, credit water account 1006 for \$63.20 and debit water account 826, \$63.20.

Parks: Trustee Keck gave a report of the Parks and Recreation Committee. The beaches will open with lifeguards around June 16, 17. The Summer Recreation Swim Program will begin on July 7 and run Monday through Thursday. At the meeting responsibilities of the Town of Urbana and Village of Hammondsport for the Summer Recreation Program were discussed from an agreement drawn up by Town Supervisor Dick Gardiner in 2001. Trustee Keck will look into this further. A quote for cleaning the bathrooms at Champlin Beach was submitted by Rose Rago. The Lifeguards will open and close the bathrooms through Labor Day.

On motion of Trustee Keck and seconded by Trustee Green the Village Board does hereby hire Rose Rago as cleaner for the bathrooms at Champlin Beach at a rate of \$15 per hour for the months of June, July and August.

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

Motion Carried

Trustee Keck also reported on the Town of Urbana Parks Advisory Committee. A decision was made to not apply for the TAP Grant as the highway crew can fix areas in question and pull rails. David Oliver discussed possible parking lot designs with Cornell Professor Frantz and their Cornell Design Connect website.

KWIC: Trustee Green reported on KWIC activities. There has been continued review and revisions on Policies and Procedures. KWIC has not received various waivers from DOH that were in place before. Pulteney is continuing to act as if they have withdrawn from KWIC but in fact they have not according to KWIC by-laws.

Zoning Officer's Report was noted as being received.

Trustee Pulver made a motion seconded by Trustee White to accept the Department Reports.

Beautification Committee: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Curtiss Museum Water Extension: DPW Superintendent Hoad reported that the project may go out to bid in June.

Dumpsters: The Zoning Officer reported that three of the remaining enclosures should be completed by end of month. It may require another court appearance to bring the final property owner into compliance.

Lake Street Project: Work began the week after Memorial Day and is moving along. The Water Department fixed a water main leak at the bottom of Shethar Street and DPW Superintendent Hoad wants the board to give a big thank you to Edger and their crew for staying until 8 pm to help with the repair as well as Debbie and Randy Pierce for bring them all dinner.

Policies: A few changes to the Employee Policy were discussed. No changes will be made at this time. The Board will further look into section 4.3 Bereavement and 4.7 Volunteer Ambulance & Fire Department Leave.

Workers Compensation Insurance: Trustee Green, the Mayor and the Clerk met with John Kuehn from Sprague Insurance regarding the Workers Compensation quote from New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance. The Village has received two quotes for Workers' Compensation Insurance. Comp Alliance in the amount of \$14,748 and PERMA in the amount of \$13,822.

Trustee White Made a motion that the Village Board go back to Comp Alliance and PERMA again to see if they would each consider lowering their quote. No second.

Motion does not move forward

Trustee Keck made a motion seconded by Trustee Pulver to accept the quote from PERMA for Workers Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$13,822.

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

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Applications:

Banner: On motion of Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Keck and carried all voting Aye the Village Board does hereby approve the Application to Hang a Banner submitted by Hammondsport Methodist Church for Community Vacation Bible School.

Parade: On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Keck and carried all voting Aye the Village Board does hereby approve the Parade Permit Application submitted by the Hammondsport Fire Department for a parade on Saturday July 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Park Use: On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried all voting Aye the Village Board does hereby approve the Park Use Application submitted by Josh Rosenbloom, Union Block Italian Bistro for the use of Pulteney Park on July 2, 2014 for "Live Music" in the Bandstand from 6 to 8 p.m.

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Keck, the Village Board does approve the Special Event Open Container Application submitted by Finger Lakes Beer Company having submitted a completed application and Heron Hill Winery upon completing and submitting an Application.

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee White and carried all voting Aye the Village Board does hereby approve the Park Use Application submitted by the Hammondsport Chamber of Commerce for use of Pulteney Park on October 4, 2014 for a Harvest Festival.

Water Warrant: On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Green the Village Board hereby approves the June 1, 2014 Water Warrant in the amount of \$73,268.71.

Parks Advisory Committee: David Oliver was present to discuss ideas regarding the Town of Urbana and Mercury property along Liberty Street to be used for parking and the regulations for parking lots. Mayor Cummings suggested the Committee put something in writing for the Village Board to address. The Village Code will need to be amended to include parking in the proposed areas.

Trustee Green discussed the following items: placing flags on bike racks in the village so bikers can find them, the possibility of moving the bulletin board to Pulteney Street in front of the Post Office so more people would see it, replacing Vine and Davis Avenue street sign, and placing more no parking signs on William Street, Lake Street, and Shethar Street. There is a phone book committee meeting on Thursday June 19 for anyone interested in helping with a Hammondsport Phonebook.

Trustee Keck discussed recycling with the board. She would like each resident to receive a recycling container at no charge. Recycling is required per the Village Code. Mayor Cummings and Trustee Keck will review the Village Code and come up with ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Southwick, 6 Curtiss Avenue, addressed the board with her concerns regarding neighboring properties that have become an eyesore. She would like the Village to address the situation under Property Maintenance. The Zoning Officer has looked into the situation and the property in question is vacant and he is trying to contact the bank to get some answers. Meanwhile, he will contact some community organizations to help with the possibility of Mrs. Southwick putting up a fence.

Robert Sproule, 5 Lake Street, addressed the board regarding a water leak at his property. He is asking the board to forgive his \$1500 water bill as the leak was caused by a frozen pipe. Legally the Village Board cannot forgive a water bill for a property owner. Mr. Sproule also asked the board if they have any news about the unfinished Condo Project. The Project will need Planning Board review.

Joseph Luppino, 16 Thorpe Avenue, discussed with the board his concerns with parking on Thorpe Avenue. He is requesting that the board consider one-sided parking on Thorpe Avenue because he thinks the street is too narrow. The board will look into his proposal and discuss at the July 8 board meeting.

David Oliver, Planning Board Chairman, discussed the Village Comprehensive Plan and the need to update. He has been in discussion with Cornell University and an update could be done for approximately \$400. The Mayor suggested that the Village Comprehensive Plan update be done uniquely for the Village of Hammondsport.

John Jensen informed the board that the Saturday before Labor Day the Chamber will have a small Genounda celebration with a bonfire in the boat launch.

On motion of Trustee Pulver and seconded by Trustee Green and all voting Aye the Village Board of Trustees will enter into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss items regarding proposed, pending or current litigation. The board invited the Clerk and Zoning Officer into Executive Session.

Trustee Pulver made a motion seconded by Trustee White to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

With no further business, Trustee Green made a motion seconded by Trustee White to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lela Martuscello, Clerk-Treasurer