

Village of Rhinebeck  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Tuesday June 9, 2015  
7:00 PM Village Hall

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Heinz Sauer, Trustee Gary Kenton, Dutchess County Legislator Joel Tyner, Residents Jeff Cotter, Elijah Bender and Village Clerk Patricia Coon.

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Tortarella welcomed everyone to the Village Board Meeting. Mayor Tortarella took a moment to recognize the resignation of Village Trustee Heinz Sauer effective June 30, 2015 and this was his last Village Board meeting. Mayor Tortarella reflected on Trustee Sauer's service to the board, being appointed in 2012, and elected in 2013 and 2015. He was thanked greatly for his service. Trustee Sauer gave statements saying he was proud of his accomplishments and improvements made to the Water Department including improvements to the infrastructure, security, painting, leaks, valve improvements in the distribution system, replacing hydrants and valve, pressure testing and flow testing. Trustee Sauer reviewed his projects he has completed and projects that still need to be completed within the next few months.

Deputy Mayor Traudt thanked Trustee Sauer for all the work Heinz did before coming on the Board and as trustee. Trustees Cruikshank and Kenton added their thanks and comments to Trustee Sauer saying he accomplished years of work in the time he was on the Board.

**County Legislator Joel Tyner** – County Legislator Tyner gave kudos to Trustee Sauer for all his accomplishments. County Legislator Tyner spoke about various topics of concern and interest he is involved with at the Dutchess County Legislator, and gave to the Board copies of letters he has presented to County Executive Molinaro in regards to “Summits for an FDR-Style Public Works Physical Infrastructure and Human Infrastructure Jobs Program for Dutchess County”; asking County Executive Molinaro to work with them to immediately restore \$50,000 in county funding for Dutchess County's Green Teen Community Garden; asking County Executive Molinaro to ban toxic toys. County Legislator Tyner also presented a letters sent to governor Cuomo calling for \$15.00 minimum wage; asking Governor Cuomo to pass and sign Lyme or tick-borne disease comprehensive health coverage. Mayor Tortarella asked County Legislator Tyner regarding the suggested elimination of school taxes and how it would affect the middle class. County Legislator Tyner replied it would be funded thru income taxes.

**Treasurer's report-** Mayor Tortarella reported on the appointment to the full time position of Treasurer at 35 hours per week at her existing salary effective July 1, 2015. Congratulations to Karen were voiced by the Board. Treasurer McLaughlin wished Trustee Sauer well and thanked him for his excellent job tracking funds and working with her. Treasurer Karen McLaughlin presented the Treasurers report to the Board. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

**Water Department-** Trustee Sauer reported on the bid opening on June 11, 2015 at 11:00 at the Rhinebeck Village Hall for the sludge removal from the water department lagoon. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

**Wastewater Department-** Trustee Kenton reported all is well at the Waste Water plant. 3.5 million gallons of waste water were treated and 35,081 gallons of sludge processed and 5095 pounds of sludge processed. Discussion started on the existing generator at the plant and the recent power outage. Trustee Cruikshank suggested replacing the generator with a larger one, and Trustee Sauer asked if the backup generator at the water reservoir would be sufficient. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

**Street Department-** John Fenton- Newly appointed Commissioner of Public Works reviewed the highway report he submitted and discussed that a request for proposals on the paving for the Firehouse parking lot were done. He reviewed the paving and patching schedule of village streets and the priority of them.

The Village Board and John Fenton discussed the concrete sidewalk bids received and the Board suggested breaking out bid, having the Village do the removal and preparation and have the companies do the pour. Award of bid and project was tabled until further discussion could take place with the Highway Supervisor.

Motion to go into executive session at 8:05pm to discuss the employment history of an individual made by Mayor Tortarella and second by Trustee Cruikshank. All the Board present voted in favor. Motion to close executive session and resume regular session made by Mayor Tortarella and second by Trustee Kenton. All the Board present voted in favor.

**Fire Department-** Trustee Cruikshank reported on the monthly call volume as listed below. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

<u>Feb.201</u> <u>5</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>VILLAG</u> <u>E</u>	<u>Misc.</u> <u>MA</u>	<u>M/T</u>
EMS	24	25	1	50
FIRE	6	9	3	18
MVA	1	1	3	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>73</b>

**Street Department-** Deputy Mayor Traudt discussed the possibility on establishing a consolidated brush pick up. Deputy Mayor Traudt reported that mulch deliveries will now only be made within the Village/Town of Rhinebeck borders. The Board discussed the pickup times and frequency of brush throughout the Village. Resident Jeff Cotter suggested once a month pick up would be sufficient. Mayor Tortarella suggested by defining in the Village code that brush cannot be at the curb longer than 48 hours is acceptable. It was also suggested having mulch deliveries only on Friday afternoons. Mayor Tortarella discussed the loan of a drag box from NYS DOT for laying down pavement. The street department will have this loan for approximately 3 weeks. By the Village doing this work, the village can save money. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

**Planning & Zoning-** Trustee Cruikshank reported the Zoning commission is meeting June 10, 2015 and is possibly 3 meeting away for a draft to present to the Village Board. He reported the Commission has been defining and through. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

**Police & Court-** Mayor Tortarella reported the following summary: 33 incidents in the Town, 119 in the Village; Tickets Town- 22, village 47; Arrests 4, accidents 6. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve the following policies: DMV Photo System, Internet Security and Privacy Act, and Drivers Privacy Protection. Motion was second by Trustee Cruikshank and all the Board present voted in favor. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

**Tree Commission-** Deputy Mayor Traudt reported the tree commission has reviewed several applications, but no action is taken at this time. The committee has not yet set the date regarding the fall tree planting. Trustee Cruikshank asked if the Tree Commission follows up after tree removal with stump grinding, and Deputy Mayor Traudt confirmed when at all possible. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

**Parks and Recreation-** Mayor Tortarella reported that the committee has met several times and is working on a community picnic on July 10 from 5-8pm with a rain date of July 17 at Crystal Lake. This event is to bring awareness to the park and share the plans on revitalizing the area. No report filed.

**Special Requests-** Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve George Wyant's request to buy out 100 hours of vacation. Mr. Wyant currently has 1038.50 hours of vacation. Motion was second by Trustee Kenton. All the board present voted in favor.

Trustee Kenton reported there is a committee of local citizens looking into putting more power lines underground. Any interested parties should contact either himself or the Clerk Pat Coon.

**Correspondence-**

The Board received a letter from American Legion Montgomery Post #429 extending their sincere appreciation to Sgt. Dunn, the entire Village of Rhinebeck Police Dept. for their professionalism and effort, the Village Board and Village Staff regarding the Memorial Day Parade.

The Board also received a letter and donation to the Village of Rhinebeck recreation park improvements from Kyle Irwin, Race Director from the Rhinebeck Hudson Valley Full and Half Marathon FEAT as a sign of their commitment to support the village that better the community.

**Water & Sewer Adjustments**

Waste Water

Acct#	DM (Balance)	CM	Difference	Reason
40003	25			New Owner
40053	25			New Owner

40053	115.53			Final
535	9.45			Final
686	25			New Owner
686	293.75			Final
686	25			New Owner
40149	25			New Owner
40149	159.84			Final
315	1158.48			Double Payment

May 2015 Water  
Adjustment

Acct#	DM (Balance)	CM	Difference	Reason
40003	25			New Owner
4761	25			New Owner
4761	16.2			Final
31468	25			New Owner
31468	25			New Owner
37	25			New Owner
37	36.67			Final
40053	25			New Owner
40053	43.8			Final
535	4.2			Final
393	25			New Owner
686	25			New Owner
686	18.33			Final
375		49.2		removal of penalty bill redone
21184		13.1		removal of penalty bill redone
249		60		removal of penalty bill redone
40149	25			New Owner
40149	60.6			final
625	25			New Owner
21452	150			Water had been off in the computer
21470	252			Water had been off in the computer
21287	7290			Water had been off in the computer
3491	24			Final
922	60			FINAL
922	25			New Owner
3491	25			New Owner

Motion to accept the adjustments as submitted made by Trustee Sauer and second by Trustee Kenton and all the Board present voted in favor.

**Minutes approval** – Mayor Tortarella made a motion to accept the following minutes as submitted: 34-14-2015, 5-12-2015, 5-20-2015. Motion was second by Deputy Mayor Traudt. All the board present voted in favor.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss the union negotiations made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Cruikshank and all the Board present voted in favor. Motion to close Executive

Session and return to regular session made by Mayor Tortarella second by Deputy Mayor Traudt and all the Board present voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Cruikshank all the board present was in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia D. Coon  
Clerk