

Village of Rhinebeck
Special Meeting Board of Trustees
June 23, 2015
5:00pm
Rhinebeck Village Hall

Present: Mayor Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Gary Kenton, Scott Cruikshank, River Chronicle Reporter Julio Olivencia, Village Clerk Pat Coon.

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00pm. Mayor Tortarella marked the passing of Trustee Heinz Sauer's wife, Klara Sauer and all the accomplishments she had made to the Village of Rhinebeck and to the Hudson Valley community. All Trustees present shared their sorrow of her passing.

Other Business:

Sinterklaas Building use and Event Application-Village board tabled the application subject to a workshop between all parties involved.

Motion to approve Bedford Catalog photo shoot request as submitted made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Cruikshank. All the Board present voted in favor.

“Love for Love” film shoot request- tabled request not submitted.

Application submitted for a vendor permit for NYPIRG was tabled until further information is received.

Rhinebeck Water Dept. sludge bid- \$.24 per gallon - Motion to award bid to Spectraserve made by Mayor Tortarella second by Deputy Mayor Traudt. Discussion from Board in regards to the removal and timing of removal. Motion was tabled subject to the discussion with Engineer Brinnier and Larios regarding questions raised. Trustee Cruikshank will reach out to Brinnier and Larios.

Motion made by Mayor Tortarella to enter inter contract with Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna, LLP with regards to zoning violation litigation. The motion was second by Deputy Mayor Traudt. Discussion commenced in regards to any future litigation. All the Board present voted in favor.

Discussion in regards to a letter received from Mr. Plotnick in regards to outdoor LED lighting in the village. Trustee Kenton will reach out to him in regards to it.

Mayor Tortarella asked the board if there were any questions in regards to the meeting at the Town regarding consolidation of the Fire Districts. Discussion continued and reference to a map of the existing fire department coverage.

Village Board made a motion to recess and to reconvene at the Town of Rhinebeck Town Hall at 6:00pm meeting on the discussion of dissolution of the Town's Fire Protection District made by Mayor Tortarella and second by Trustee Cruikshank. All the Board present voted in favor.

Village Board reconvened at the Rhinebeck Town Hall at 6:00pm for a joint workshop to discuss the dissolution of the Rhinebeck Fire District. Supervisor Spinzia opened the meeting at 6:00 with a Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Gary Kenton, Scott Cruikshank, Members of the press Julio Olivencia and Bill Kemble, Village Clerk Pat Coon, Town Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia, Town Council Warren Replansky, Town Councilmen Bruce Washburn and Joe Gelb. Also in attendance were numerous (34) members of Rhinebeck, Rhinecliff and Hillside Fire Departments as well as members of the public.

Warren Replansky gave a brief history and explained the consolidation process. Supervisor Spinzia offered her comments and feelings on consolidation. Town Councilman Bruce Washburn reported on the consolidation grant applied for from Dutchess County. Mayor Tortarella offered his comments and discussed that the village residents would need to be made aware of the change.

Comments from those in attendance were received from: Sandy Williams (Rhinebeck Fire), Robert DeWitt (Hillside Fire), Darren Forbes (Rhinebeck Fire), Chrissy Eighmy (Rhinebeck Rescue), Todd Leary (Rhinebeck Fire), Meg Todisco (Rhinecliff resident), John Varricchio (Village of Rhinebeck resident), Peter Sipperley (Village of Rhinebeck resident), Joe Baer (Rhinecliff Fire), Henry Campbell (Rhinebeck Fire), Kyle Eighmy (Rhinebeck Fire), Kevin Asher (Rhinebeck Fire), John McGuire (Rhinebeck Fire), Dennis McGuire (Rhinebeck Fire).

Comments also offered by Town Councilman Washburn and Village Trustees Cruikshank, Kenton and Deputy Mayor Traudt.

With no further comments offered, meeting adjourned at 7:30 with future discussion needed.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia D. Coon
Village Clerk