

Village of Rhinebeck

Special Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

7:00 pm Village Hall

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Gary Bassett and Sean Kemp. Also present: Jeanne Fleming, Pat Sexton and Sarah Bissonette-Adler representing Sinterklaas and Karen P. McLaughlin, Village Treasurer.

SINTERKLAAS- The mayor announced that the reason for the meeting was to organize early. Jeanne reported that the schedule will be the same, with the same route and road closings. The board discussed parking and options. The mayor informed the committee that the library parking and entrance will be different by the event date. Trustee Cruikshank suggested getting together with Sergeant Dunn to discuss the Police coverage.

Also discussed, was the signage last year. It seemed like it was too much and unfriendly as it was all “Do Not Park here”. They discussed a pro-parking approach advising people where “to” park instead of where “not” to park, with arrows and recommendations. It was agreed by all, that notifying people early of parking and drop off areas would decrease confusion.

The board discussed the use of Dutchess County busses. Jeanne reported that last year they only offered one bus. She will revisit that with the County.

Jeanne discussed the budget and the grants. The mayor reminded her that the funds the Village spends are taxpayer’s monies and the Village is trying to find that balance of contributing to the community and covering the costs as the tax cap has put financial restraints on the Village budget.

SLUDGE HAULING BID PUBLICATION- Motion made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Deputy Mayor Traudt to authorize publication of request for bids for Sludge Hauling, to be received, opened and awarded at the September 8th meeting. Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt- Yes, Trustee Scott Cruikshank- Yes, Trustee Sean Kemp- Yes and Trustee Gary Bassett- Yes. Motion passed.

LAGOON CLEAN OUT- Trustee Bassett will follow-up with the status of the Lagoon project and report to the board.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY- The mayor reported that the village engineers are working on the head works building and a 5-year plan.

VILLAGE HIGHWAY GARAGE- The mayor reported that the septic tank at the Highway Garage is taking on water, presumably ground water is getting into the tank. The engineer offered 2 options, one is a new tank, and the other is a mini enhanced waste water treatment system. Trustee Bassett will follow up with Tom at the Water Department to discuss a way of measuring the water.

CDBG- The board discussed possible CDBG projects and determined with the assistance of the village engineer that Handicapped Parking at Crystal Lake may be a good application this year.

PARKING LOT- The board discussed the paving of the parking lot here at the Village Hall. Quotes were received, however the Town offered to do the job for less than the quotes, using materials from the State bid. Mayor directed Treasurer to look into inter-municipal agreements.

OLD POLICE CAR- As the new police car is in, the older Durango will be retired from the fleet. The Village can use it for the DPW Superintendent and the Maintenance department, however it will need somebody work and painting. It was suggested to check with BOCES.

PARK & LIBRARY- The library board has expressed concern about the heavy equipment driving back and forth on their road. Deputy Mayor Traudt will check into it.

WATER IMPROVEMENTS- as the Village is investing to improve the water system infrastructure, and reduce water loss, it has been discovered that the 8 inch water line to the Town Park was installed without a meter. The board discussed a pressure test manhole versus a meter. It was determined that a meter must be installed.

RESOLUTION REQUIRING A METER FOR THE 8 IN LINE GOING INTO THE TOWN PARK- Motion made by Trustee Cruikshank, seconded by Mayor Tortarella to require the Town to install a meter at the 8 inch water main going to the Town Park, with the provision that the Village will provide the engineering services and contribute \$10,000 towards the installation. Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt- Abstained, Trustee Scott Cruikshank- Yes, Trustee Sean Kemp- Yes and Trustee Gary Bassett- Yes. Motion passed.

PANDA- The board discussed the public access service provided by PANDA as well as the Cable Franchise agreement. Trustee Kemp offered to take a look at the cable agreement.

TREE COMMISSION- Deputy Mayor Traudt presented the tree planting plan from the Tree Commission for trees to be planted this year. The board discussed and agreed on the trees to be planted.

MINUTES- Motion made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Deputy Mayor Traudt to accept the minutes of August 11, 2015. Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt- Abstained, Trustee Scott Cruikshank- Yes, Trustee Sean Kemp- Yes and Trustee Gary Bassett- Abstained. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Deputy Mayor Traudt to enter executive session to discuss union contract negotiations and personnel history. Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt- Yes, Trustee Scott Cruikshank- Yes, Trustee Sean Kemp- Yes and Trustee Gary Bassett- Yes. Motion passed.

The board entered Executive Session at 10:01 pm.

Motion was made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Trustee Cruikshank to exit executive session and re-enter meeting. Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt- Yes, Trustee Scott Cruikshank- Yes, Trustee Sean Kemp- Yes and Trustee Gary Bassett- Yes. Motion passed.

The board re-entered meeting at 10:24 pm.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE- Motion made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Trustee Cruikshank all in agreement to deny the leave of absence requested by Tim Decker. Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt- Yes, Trustee Scott Cruikshank- Yes, Trustee Sean Kemp- Yes and Trustee Gary Bassett- Yes. Motion passed.

ADJOURN- Motion was made by Mayor Tortarella, seconded by Trustee Cruikshank to adjourn Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt- Yes, Trustee Scott Cruikshank- Yes, Trustee Sean Kemp- Yes and Trustee Gary Bassett- Yes. Motion passed meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen P. McLaughlin, Treasurer for Pat Coon, Village Clerk