

Village of Rhinebeck
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday August 11, 2015
7:00 PM Village Hall

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Dutchess County Legislator Joel Tyner, Residents Sean Kemp, Jeff Cotter, Michael Cassano, Judge Sanchez, Officer Kyle Jennings, Tom Traudt, Erin Sanchez, Peter Dunn, and Village Clerk Pat Coon and Treasurer Karen McLaughlin, as well as videographers Fred Cartier and Danielle from PANDA.

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Tortarella welcomed everyone to the Village Board Meeting. Mayor Tortarella gave a brief description of the vacancies on the Board. Mayor Tortarella thanked all who were interested in being on the Board. Mayor Tortarella as the first order of business, appointed Gary Bassett to the seat held by Heinz Sauer and Sean Kemp to the seat held by Gary Kenton. Judge Sanchez swore in Sean Kemp as Village Trustee and Kyle Jennings as a Rhinebeck Police officer.

County Legislator Joel Tyner- Reported on various aspects affecting the Dutchess County legislature including pesticide spraying, puppy mills, toxic toys and fiber optic cable and more and more solar on county property. He asked interested residents to contact him regarding any issues.

Department Reports

Treasurer's report- Treasurer Karen McLaughlin presented the Treasurers report to the Board, ending July 31, 2015. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve Budget amendments as submitted by Treasurer McLaughlin for budget year 2014-2015. Motion was second by Trustee Cruikshank, and all the Board present voted in favor. Mayor Tortarella discussed the approval of the water and sewer adjustments has been tabled for the Trustees to review until resubmitted by Treasurer McLaughlin in the prior one page format.

Water Department- Mayor Tortarella appointed Gary Bassett as liaison. Mayor Tortarella reported on the amount of water generated and processed. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve the vacation buy out of Tom Wallbank of 110 hours of his 266.50 currently on the books. Deputy Mayor Traudt seconds the motion and all the Board present voted in favor. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Wastewater Department- Mayor Tortarella appointed Sean Kemp as liaison. Mayor Tortarella reported on a new biometric time clock installed at the plant, as well as the engineers were at the plant in regards to the new headwork's project. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Fire Department- Trustee Cruikshank reported on the monthly call volume as listed below. The truck committee should be ready to go out to bid in Oct. to replace the 26 year old truck. Deputy Mayor Traudt asked about what happens to the old truck and discussion on the funding of the new truck which would be over \$400,000 which would be in the next fiscal year. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

| <i>July 2015</i> | <i>TOWN</i> | <i>VILLAG E</i> | <i>Misc. MA</i> | <i>MIT</i> |
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| EMS | 22 | 20 | 6 | 48 |
| FIRE | 9 | 9 | 1 | 19 |
| MVA | 8 | 4 | 0 | 12 |
| TOTAL | 39 | 33 | 7 | 79 |

Street Department- Deputy Mayor Traudt reported all mowing completed at the parks, and various other duties of the department. The Board discussed the policy of brush pick up and enforcement policy. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Planning & Zoning- Mayor Tortarella appointed Sean Kemp as liaison to the Zoning Board. Trustees Cruikshank reported on the process and activities of the department during the month. Trustee Cruikshank reported on 2 CO searches, 13 Building permits, 2 Certificates of Occupancy given. 4 site plans Mayor Tortarella appointed Trustee Kemp to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Police & Court- Sgt. Dunn reported on the improvements completed on the Dutchess County Fair entrance. Mayor Tortarella reported the following summary: 21 incidents in the Town and 109 Village; 12 Tickets Town and 109 Village, 10 arrests, and 5 total accidents. Mayor Tortarella also reminded the public that the Town Dog enforcement officer also covers the village and residents should contact the Town of Rhinebeck. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Tree Commission- Deputy Mayor Traudt reported on the fall planting the first Saturday in November and will be looking for volunteers.

Parks and Recreation Committee- Mayor Tortarella discussed on activities of the committee.

Special Requests- Mayor Tortarella reported on the following requests:

- Bulkeley Middle School Lemur placing. Motion to accept the request made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Cruikshank all the board present was in favor. Complete request is on file in the Clerk's office.
- Rhinebeck Chamber side walk sale request. Motion to accept the request made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Cruikshank. Voting as follows: Deputy Mayor Traudt aye; Trustee Cruikshank aye, Mayor Tortarella aye; Trustee Kemp abstained. Motion passed. Complete request is on file in the Clerk's office.
- Rhinebeck Chamber tree lighting request. Motion to accept the request made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Cruikshank. Voting as follows: Deputy Mayor Traudt aye; Trustee Cruikshank aye, Mayor Tortarella aye; Trustee Kemp abstained. Motion passed. Complete request is on file in the Clerk's office.

- Tom Traudt Police showcase request as submitted. Motion to accept the request made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Kemp and all the board present voted in favor.
- Art Studio views sign request- Motion to accept the request made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Cruikshank all the board present was in favor. Complete request is on file in the Clerk's office.
- Church of the Messiah request for the Mad Dash. Sgt. Dunn brought up a question of medical support while runners are on the course. Fire Dept. member Jeff Cotter stated that the rescue squad can be on standby for the 2 hours of the race; however, if there is a call, the squad would have to respond. Motion to accept the request made by Mayor Tortarella with the condition of a volunteer ambulance squad on hand. The motion was second by Deputy Mayor Traudt and all the board present was in favor. Complete request is on file in the Clerk's office.

Other Business-

Attorney Olson has given an update on the Village looking into a busker law as well as the several religious groups actively participating in the village. The Board discussed the availability of controlling it someday.

Sidewalk sales in the Village- Trustee Cruikshank discussed the outside displays in the village. Mayor Tortarella discussed have the CEO reviewing it on a case by case basis.

The Board is also discussing and looking into the permitting of garage sales in the village.

Clerk Coon stated more village forms will be available on the village's website.

The Board discussed they will be starting to plan applying for the Dutchess County Community Block Grant applications as they are due Oct. 2.

Employee Handbook- Mayor Tortarella appointed Trustee Bassett to work with Clerk Coon on this.

Mayor Tortarella reported that the Village had a visit from PESH (Public Employees Safety and Health) and Clerk Coon had worked on complying with all the necessary requests needed. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to have The Workplace violence policy have a minor change in wording. Motion was second by Deputy Mayor Traudt. All the Board present voted in favor.

Mayor Tortarella thanked John Raimondo and the Rhinebeck Historical Society for all the help with the pictures for his office. He invited the public to stop in and see his office which he has been in for 18 months.

Correspondence

No correspondence received.

Minutes approval- Mayor Tortarella made a motion to accept the minutes of May 20, 2015, June 9, 2015, June 23, 2015, July 1, 2015, July 14, 2015 Motion was second by Trustee Cruikshank. Voting as follows: Deputy Mayor Traudt aye; Trustee Cruikshank aye, Mayor Tortarella aye; Trustee Kemp abstained. Motion passed.

Executive session- Mayor Tortarella made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss union negotiations. Motion second by Deputy Mayor Traudt 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.

8:10 Village Clerk left.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia D. Coon
Clerk