

Village of Rhinebeck  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Tuesday July 14,, 2015  
7:00 PM Village Hall

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Trustee Gary Kenton, Dutchess County Legislator Joel Tyner, Residents Jeff Cotter, and Village Treasurer Karen McLaughlin.

Mayor Tortarella thanked Paul Higgins and Panda for participating in the Community Picnic held by the Village's Park and Recreation committee, as well as Jeff Cotter for being a DJ and representing the Fire Department as well as Dave's Tree Service who also helped in the preparation.

Mayor Tortarella reported on the Village receiving the monies from FEMA for the Asher Dam project, and closing out the project.

**County Legislator Joel Tyner** – 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. County Legislator Tyner reported n a fund raiser being held at the Rhinebeck town Hall for Camp Rising Sun, and the hopes to save the camp. The 5<sup>th</sup> Repair Café is also being held this month at the Town Hall with all types of repairs being done. County Legislator Tyner is trying to have the Dutchess County senior center at Good Shepherd open 5 days per week, and is asking to please contact him to voice your support.

Mayor Tortarella recognized the visitors from the public and asked if they would like to like to address the Board.

Sergeant Dunn asked the Board to approve the hiring of Kyle Jennings who has completed all the necessary training and will be replacing Kris Cuddeback who left in January. Mayor Tortarella made the motion and motion was second by Trustee Cruikshank. All the Board present voted in favor.

### **Department Reports**

**Treasurer's report-** Treasurer Karen McLaughlin presented the Treasurers report to the Board. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office. Treasurer McLaughlin reported on all the documentation she will be giving the Trustees monthly and quarterly and that she is working on the annual report which is filed with the state. Trustees will now have to sign an abstract of vouchers. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve Budget amendments as submitted by Treasurer McLaughlin for budget year 2014-2015. Motion was second by Trustee Kenton and all the Board present voted in favor.

**Water Department-** Mayor Tortarella reported on receiving a vacation buy out request from Tony Fata. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve the request contingent on if the hours are available and the motion was second by Deputy Mayor Traudt. All the Board present voted in favor. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office. Trustee Kenton reported that the second water department newsletter had gone out and favorable comments were received.

**Wastewater Department-** Trustee Kenton reported on the quantity of sludge treated. Discussion started on the existing generator at the plant and the recent power outage. Trustee Kenton reported on Crawford and Associates are working on the Headwork's project as well as a 5 year plan which will be presented in August. 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 complete report is on file in the Clerk’s office. A member of the public asked if this is more than normal, but Trustee Cruikshank stated it ebbs and flows with the seasons.

<u>June</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>VILLAG</u> <u>E</u>	<u>Misc.</u> <u>MA</u>	<u>M/T</u>
EMS	27	22	1	50
FIRE	8	13	1	22
MVA	4	4		8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>80</b>

**Street Department-** Deputy Mayor Traudt discussed the current work being completed on village streets by the highway department. The Village worked in the aid of a drag box on loan from the State to lay blacktop to help the roads in further deterioration. Some minor tree work was done and law cutting done at the Village parks. Superintendent of Public Works Fenton has requested the renting of a piece of equipment to clean out the catch basins as well working with the Town of Rhinebeck to do some road repair. Mr. Fenton also reported that mulch is still available. The complete report is on file in the Clerk’s office.

**Planning & Zoning-** Trustees Kenton and Cruikshank reported that the changes in the zoning code are coming along. The complete report is on file in the Clerk’s office.

**Police & Court-** Mayor Tortarella reported the following summary: 100 incidents in the Town and Village; 62 Tickets Town and Village. Mayor Tortarella recognized the hiring of new Police Office Jennings. 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. Tree removal was approved at 6 Huntington Road. Superintendent of Public Works Fenton as well as highway employee Tom Johnson attended the last Tree Commission meeting to work with the commission in removing dead limbs and tree pruning along sidewalks and highways.

**Parks and Recreation Committee-** Mayor Tortarella discussed the focus of the committee has been on the Legion Park at Crystal Lake with approx. 100+ attendees attending the first picnic. Mayor Tortarella stated the committee is open to suggestions and if any companies want to sponsor a piece of the park to contact the village. Deputy Mayor Traudt thanked the committee for revitalizing the park and all the work being done.

**Special Requests-** Mayor Tortarella reported on a request from Roger Tully Productions video shoot in the village of August 4<sup>th</sup> for about an hour. Motion to approve second by Trustee Cruikshank and all the Board present voted in favor.

**Other Business-** Mayor Tortarella and Trustee Cruikshank reported that Superintendent of Public Works John Fenton has asked the existing Sidewalk sale licensing provision in the village code be revisited and amended. Trustee Cruikshank reported that there are other areas of the code that need to be looked at for example the busker law as well as the outdoor displaying of merchandise. Superintendent of Public Works John Fenton has also asked the board to look into the permitting of garage sales as the village of Wappingers does. Mayor Tortarella suggested putting all the changes be submitted at once as a public hearing would be required. Discussion on sidewalk sales continued.

**Correspondence**

Mayor Tortarella reported on a letter from Leslie Dunkenberg in regards to keeping the bluestone sidewalks. Mayor Tortarella also received a letter in regards to the Village keeping the Rhinebeck Fire Dept. as a result of the joint meeting with the Town.

### **Water & Sewer Adjustments**

Trustee Kenton made a motion to accept the adjustments as presented. Trustee Cruikshank second the motion and all the Board present voted in favor.

**Minutes approval-** Mayor Tortarella made a motion to accept the minutes of 5-20-15,6-9-15. Motion was second by Trustee Cruikshank and all the Board present voted in favor.

Trustee Kenton submitted his resignation to the Board effective July 28, 2015. He apologized to the voters, but due to family circumstances he is moving out of the area. He thanked the Board for the education opportunity. The Board thanked him for his service.

Patricia Carroll Mathis asked about the promptness of getting the minutes approved and on the website. Mayor Tortarella reported that the meetings are also on PANDA as well as on the website.

Deputy Mayor Traudt reported on the ground breaking of Thompson Mazzarella Park and the new road and infrastructure being worked on.

**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.

These minutes were created solely by the video provided by Fred Cartier.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia D. Coon  
Clerk