

Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees
Minutes March 26, 2015
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Heinz Sauer, Gary Kenton, Clerk Patricia Coon, Town Board Members Joe Gelb and Bruce Washburn and River Chronicle reporter Julio Olivencia.

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting at 7:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

First order of business was Clerk Pat Coon presenting Mayor Tortarella and the Village Board the Proposed 2015-15 budget.

Trustee Sauer presented to the Board the Water Dept. Capital Plan which is on file in the Clerk's office.

Mayor Tortarella scheduled a meeting to adopt the Village Budget on April 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm, this date will be confirmed with the Village Treasurer.

Special Requests-

The American Cancer Society requested holding the Relay for Life at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Motion to approve request made by Mayor Tortarella seconded by Trustee Sauer and all the Board present voted in favor.

The Landsmankill Stocking Club has requested a donation from the Village of Rhinebeck in the amount of \$300.00. Mayor Tortarella discussed the Stocking schedule for the trout contest, and as this expense was included in the budget, no motion is required.

Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve American Legion Montgomery Post #429 Memorial Day parade on May 25, 2015. Motion was second by Trustee Kenton and all the Board present voted in favor.

Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve the Peddling permit for Mr. Ding-a-Ling for his ice cream truck to drive around in the village streets. Motion was second by Deputy Mayor Traudt. During discussion Trustee Sauer stated the music was annoying and Trustee Kenton suggested truing the music off when stopped. Mayor Tortarella amended the motion to limit the music as much as possible. Motion was second by Trustee Traudt. Vote 4-1: Mayor Tortarella – aye, Deputy Mayor Traudt aye, Trustee Kenton aye, Trustee Cruikshank aye, Trustee Sauer no.

Business-

Mayor Tortarella reported that every dam in NYS needs to have an Engineer dam assessment completed by 8-2015, and he reviewed the scheduling for inspections for Class B dams. Mayor Tortarella reported that Asher Dam is inspected every month in house. Discussion on the engineering firm to be selected to do the inspection commenced.

Mayor Tortarella discussed the Town of Rhinebeck's meeting schedule and the planning for a Village Trustee to attend as many meetings as possible.

Mayor Tortarella reviewed the Organizational list and discussed the various candidates that were solicited for village engineer. Trustees all offered comments on the candidates and Trustee Sauer will ask Crawford to come in for an interview.

Events-

Mayor Tortarella gave an update of the Running Away –FEAT marathon and the sponsors will be paying for police coverage. He also discussed the costs for police coverage for the various events. Trustee Cruikshank stated a ballpark of \$10-1500 is the police costs per event. It was suggested by Mayor Tortarella that it may be the time to charge a fee per event to help cover police costs. Sgt. Dunn provided a list of events to start the discussion.

Trustee Cruikshank along with Town Councilman Bruce Washburn will be attending the Fireman's convention.

Trustee Sauer attended the recent Town Board meeting on the Village's behalf.

Other Business-

Mayor Tortarella opened a discussion with Town Councilmen Bruce Washburn and Joe Gelb who were in attendance on the status of the hydrant payments to the Village.

Trustee Kenton discussed a proposal on solar energy and a representative will be attending a future Village Board meeting.

Mayor Tortarella addressed town of Rhinebeck Highway representative Town Councilman Joe Gelb about installing a new sign on Knollwood Road saying school zone with hours on it. Discussion on location, placement and who would do the placement and installation commenced. Village Highway Foreman Mike Wolff will coordinate with Town Highway Superintendent Kathy Kinsella.

Deputy Mayor Traudt thanked Town Councilman Washburn for presenting information and sharing with the Village Board.

Executive session-

Motion to go into executive session to discuss the personal employment history of an individual made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Sauer and all the Board present voted in favor. Motion to close Executive Session and return to regular session made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Kenton and all the Board present voted in favor.

With no further business to be brought before the Board, Mayor Tortarella made a motion to adjourn seconded by Trustee Kenton and all the board present was in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia D. Coon
Village Clerk