

Village of Rhinebeck
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday February 10, 2015
7:30 PM Village Hall

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Heinz Sauer, Trustee Gary Kenton, Village Clerk Patricia Coon, Treasurer Karen McLaughlin

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tortarella reported that Peter Rathjen had been appointed Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator at a recent special Village Board meeting. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve Chris Schleuter as the Waste Water Treatment Plant Trainee transferring from the Street Department effective 2/16/2015. Motion was second by Trustee Kenton and all the Board present was in favor. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve Karen Macfarlane's vacation buy out of 35 hours of accumulated vacation time. Motion was second by Trustee Cruikshank and all the Board present voted in favor. Mayor Tortarella discussed Clerk Pat Coon's request to attend the Cornell Municipal Clerk's Institute to be held in July. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve Pat Coon's request as submitted and she can follow up with the Board regarding additional expenses. Motion second by Trustee Sauer and all the Board present voted in favor.

Treasurer's report- Treasurer Karen McLaughlin presented to the Board the January 1, 2015 to January 31, 2015 treasurer's report. Complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Water Department- Water Department- Trustee Sauer reported on the amount of water treated and work being done at the Water plant. Trustee Sauer reported that Stantec is making good progress in developing a hydraulic model. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Wastewater Department- Trustee Kenton reported on the amount of waste water treated at the Waste water plant and that everything is working smoothly. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Fire Department- Trustee Cruikshank reported that in January 2015 there were 41 EMS calls, 14 Fire calls, and 5 MVC calls for a total of 60 calls. Trustee Cruikshank also had a call comparison from 2012 to 2014 showing 754 calls in 2012, 801 in 2013 and 791 in 2014. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Street Department- Deputy Mayor Traudt reminded everyone that cars are not allowed on Village Streets from midnight to 6:00am until April one and violators will receive tickets. Deputy Mayor Traudt reported that he street department is working on clearing the hydrants of snow and asked residents to help by clearing hydrants in front of their homes. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Tree Commission- Deputy Mayor Traudt discussed the 50/50 policy and after discussion this was tabled and will need to be reviewed by Village Council. Deputy Mayor Traudt reported that April 25, 2015 will be tree planting and volunteers are needed. Deputy Mayor Traudt also reported on a modest sidewalk grant the Village received in the amount of \$15000 and will be keeping a list of potential sites. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Planning & Zoning- Trustee Cruikshank reported the zoning commission is making good headway on review of the Village's Zoning Code. Trustee Cruikshank also reported that 2 CO Searches , 7 Building permits, 1 Certificate of Occupancy were done or given out this month The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Police & Court- Mayor Tortarella reported the following January summary of police activity: 28 Town incidents, 82 Village incidents, 19 Town tickets, 149 Village tickets, 5 arrests and 10 accidents. He also reported that the snow ordinance local law is in effect. Vehicles may not park on village streets from midnight to 6AM until April 15, 2015. The complete report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Special Requests-

A. Rhinebeck Republican Committee Caucus- Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve the joint meeting of the Rhinebeck, Red Hook, Clinton, and Milan Republican Committees alternate snow date of Feb. 24 from 7-10.

B. Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation Taste of Rhinebeck Event Application- Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Motion was second by Trustee Sauer and all the Board present voted in favor.

Other Business-

Trustee Kenton reported on Village Employees completed Harassment and Discrimination training held this week at the Village Hall.

Mayor Tortarella asked for any member of the public interested in serving in the Parks and Recreation Committee to send a letter outlining your interest and any skills or special knowledge to the Village Clerk, Pat Coon, The role of this committee will be to advise the Village Board on optimal utilization of the park space within the Village and to explore the potential for additional recreational opportunities.

Mayor Tortarella reported on a letter sent to the Town of Rhinebeck property owner’s reminding them as on 2001 homes and buildings are to be clearly labeled with their correct Enhanced 911 address. Discussion as to notifying Village Residents of this.

Trustee Sauer made a motion to accept the water and sewer adjustments as listed below. Motion was second by Trustee Kenton and all the board present voted in favor.

Water & Sewer Adjustments

January 2015 Waste Water Adjustment				
Waste Water				
Acct #	DM (balance)	CM	Difference	Reason
40139	83.88	0.00	\$83.88	final
40139	25.00	0.00	\$25.00	new owner
21046	3,181.28	13,368,448.58	\$13,365,267.30	corrected billing
720		-168.75	-\$168.75	final done twice
January 2015 Water Adjustment				
Water				
Acct #	DM (balance)	CM	Difference	Reason
11466	18.60	0.00	\$18.60	final
338	59.60	0.00	\$59.60	final
40139	31.80	0.00	\$31.80	final
40139	25.00	0.00	\$25.00	new owner
11466	25.00	0.00	\$25.00	new owner
338	25.00	0.00	\$25.00	new owner
840	25.00	0.00	\$25.00	service
244		59.26	-\$59.26	billed twice in error
244	59.26	-57,361.66	\$57,420.92	error in billing
300	54.00	-59,446.80	\$59,500.80	error in billing
21046	1,413.90	-5,941,532.70	\$5,940,118.80	error in billing
21472	378.00	-1,497,682.80	\$1,498,060.80	error in billing
173	117.34	0.00	\$117.34	billing
548	0.00	-5.40	\$5.40	removal of penalty
21472	378.00	0.00	\$378.00	village owned reversal
21379	0.00	-6.06	\$6.06	removal of penalty
21473	1,446.88	-18.00	\$1,464.88	billing- multiplier issue
173	117.34	-954.02	\$1,071.36	billing error
1341	500.00	0.00	\$500.00	tap fee

883	25.00	0.00	\$25.00	service
298		-75.00	\$75.00	village owned
2981		-378.00	\$378.00	village owned
300	54.00	0	\$54.00	billing

Minutes approval – Mayor Tortarella made a motion to accept the following minutes as submitted and corrected: 11-11-14, 1/13/15,1/15/15,1/22/15 Motion was second by Trustee Cruikshank all the board present was in favor.

Executive session- Motion to go into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee made by Mayor Tortarella 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 Trustee Cruikshank and all the Board present voted in favor.

Mayor Tortarella made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:30pm. Motion second by Trustee Cruikshank.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia D. Coon
Clerk