

Village of Rhinebeck
Village Board Meeting
Tuesday May 20, 2014
7:00 pm
Village Hall

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Gary Kenton, Heinz Sauer and Scott Cruikshank, Clerk Patricia Coon. Also present were Town Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia and Town Councilman Joe Gelb, resident James Reardon and members of the press.

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

Mayor Tortarella reported on the receipt of bids for the West Market Street and Route 9 crosswalks. After consideration and review by Village Engineer Nancy Clark from Erdman Anthony, the bid was awarded to Sunup Enterprises. Mayor Tortarella made the motion to award the contract to Sun up Enterprises. Trustee Sauer seconded and all the board present was in favor.

Other business:

Mayor Tortarella reported on receiving a request from FEAT to put on a full marathon in the Town and Village of Rhinebeck May 16-17 2015. The owner of FEAT is Kyle Irwin former local resident, reported that part of the proceeds would go to local agencies including the Thomson Mazzarella Park. Supervisor Spinzia reported that she had been made aware of the proposed event. Discussion followed and the event will need future discussion regarding the route and other factors.

Discussion on the Rhinebeck Fire Department's coverage of the Town of Rhinebeck commenced with Mayor Tortarella stating that the Village is willing to negotiate with the Town a rate of \$160,000 for 2 years which is a reduction of the prior offer. A lengthy discussion proceeded with the Town Supervisor and Councilman Gelb and the village board. Resident James Reardon addressed the board stating that there are state and federal mandates which the fire department has to comply with which are very costly as well as the Village board has a responsibility to the Village Taxpayers. After continued discussion, Supervisor Spinzia stated that the Town of Rhinebeck cancels the contract with the Village of Rhinebeck for fire protection.

Brian Miles from Spain Agency addressed the Village Board and presented a quote regarding NYMIR liability insurance.

Trustee Sauer reported on the New York State Labor Department's surprise audit of the Village. The village will receive notice of the findings and will have 10-15 days to correct any violations.

Building Inspector John Fenton's proposed new building department fees were discussed and any decision will take place at the next meeting after Trustees have had time to review.

Mayor Tortarella discussed that the biometric time clock in the Village hall will be changed to be in consensus with the other time management systems in the village and will round to the 15 minute. Mayor Tortarella asked Clerk Pat Coon to investigate other biometric time management systems for other locations in the Village.

Trustee Sauer reported on an independent audit completed by Lori Doty, CPA. After review of her audit, Trustee Cruikshank was asked to make recommendations to the Planning/Building/Zoning departments. Trustee Sauer reported that the New York State Comptroller's office had recently completed an audit of the Water and Waste Water departments, and that there are changes that have been recommended to be made to the Village code. A date of September 1, 2014 was discussed to put together a list of proposed changes to the Village code.

Trustee Kenton discussed the needed treatment for the Emerald Ash borer for 9 ash trees on Locust Grove. Trustee Kenton made a motion to have Hudson Valley Horticultural services do the treatment at \$1075. Trustee Traudt seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding property owner David Silver donated funds. Mayor Tortarella will confirm the amount of with Deputy Clerk Krissy Denu.

Trustee Kenton asked for support from the Rhinebeck Central School and other agencies to be presented with the grant documents Vicar Cornelius is writing for the TAP grant. The deadline for submission is June 11, 2014. Trustee Kenton also reported that there is an updated list of trees to be taken down in the village. Discussion followed in regards to the cost of taking down trees, and the possibility of the Tree Commission having a fund raiser to help in the costs of removal and planting of trees.

Mayor Tortarella discussed on a letter received from property owner Piper Woods in regards to a catch basin in the parking lot of her building. Mayor Tortarella stated it is not village property however the Street Defragment will take a look at it.

Mayor Tortarella reported that the Village has hired a consultant to look at the fire department fleet and no further action will take place until the report is received from the consultant. Trustee Cruikshank reported that Rhinebeck fire department Inc. has approached the Village and is in the early planning stages of building a 3 bay garage in the back of the fire department parking lot. Rhinebeck Fire Department Inc. will come back to the Village with more plans.

Mayor Tortarella made a motion to go to executive session for personnel matters. Trustee Sauer seconded and all the board present was in favor.

Mayor Tortarella made the motion to return to regular session. Trustee Kenton seconded and all the board present was in favor.

Deputy Mayor Traudt made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Cruikshank seconded and all the board present was in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia D. Coon

Clerk