

**Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday July 22, 2014 7:00 PM**

**Present** – Mayor Heath Tortarella Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Gary Kenton, Heinz Sauer, Scott Cruikshank, Attorney Rich Olson, and Clerk Patricia Coon.

**Others Present:** Cecily Frazier, Judy Merritt, Elizabeth Spinzia, Brenda Klaproth, Paul Neidercorn, Mr. and Mrs. Christensen, Jeff Cotter and County Legislator Joel Tyner along with members of the press.

**Mayor Tortarella** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02pm. Mayor Tortarella noted the recent passing of Town Assessor Jack O'Brien and commented on his years of service.

County Legislator Tyner addressed the Board on various topics of interest that are before the County Legislature including a planned repair café scheduled for July 26, 2014 at the Rhinebeck town Hall. He also discussed an upcoming vote on item pricing.

**Tree Commission:** Mayor Tortarella discussed the current accessible sidewalk project and he asked the Tree Commission to give their recommendations in regards to the tree planting in front of M & T Bank on Mill Street and other areas of the Village. Cecily Frazier of the Tree Commission stated that the Commission recommends a special CU Structural Soil to be used in a tree pit where “Wireless Zelkova” trees and other trees would be planted. The process would involve a drain which would be connected to the storm drains. This along with the special soil would help prevent sidewalk heaving. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Tree Commission as written. Trustee Kenton seconded. Discussion commenced regarding the cost and where this would be implemented. Mayor Tortarella retracted the motion as it is covered as part of the Village Code. Discussion continued on working with the Planning Board and having this type of material discussed in the planning code. Mayor Tortarella stated without a motion that The Village Board is in agreement with the planning Board's recommendations of replacement of trees and species of trees with special soil used, and all the Board present was in favor.

**Department Reports:**

**Waste Water:** Trustee Kenton reported that 3.84 million gallons of waste water was treated, 42806 gallons of sludge processed and 4053 pounds of sludge was processed.

Trustee Kenton made a motion to put the 1999 Ford F250 pickup truck out to bid as surplus equipment and to be sold as is. Motion was second by Deputy Mayor Traudt. All the Board present was in favor. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Water:** Trustee Sauer reported net water treated was 12,719,000 gallons was processed. The Village had received bids for the three high lift pump control valves at the Village Water Supply Facility. Trustee Sauer made the motion to accept the low bid from Harkins Mechanical, Hudson NY for \$62,850. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Traudt all the board present voted in favor. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Fire Department:** Trustee Cruikshank reported 133 EMS calls village, 159 town for a total 292; fire calls 92 village 68 town for a total 160; motor vehicle accidents 35 town 7 village for a total 42 for month.

Trustee Cruikshank made a motion to accept three new members: Jeffrey Cotter, Andrew Fraleigh, Ryan Hall. Motion second by Trustee Sauer all the board present voted in favor. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Mayor Tortarella made a motion to enter into contract with the Town of Rhinebeck. Motion second by Trustee Kenton all the board present voted in favor. Discussion as to assigning a Town liaison to the fire department, the boundaries of Hillside and Rhinecliff Fire departments and various aspects of the contract. Town Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia addressed the Village Board regarding the goal of having one rate for all three fire houses, and possible consolidation with the Village Fire department and Hillside and Rhinecliff.

**Street Department:** Deputy Mayor Traudt made a motion to invite bids for the Asher Road Rockefeller Lane pavement rehabilitation. Motion was second by Trustee Sauer and all the board present voted in favor. Deputy Mayor Traudt asked residents not to put brush and debris over catch basins. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Planning and Zoning:** Mayor Tortarella reported that the Board has accepted Francois Weigel's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Mayor thanked Francois for his 40 years of service to

the Zoning Board. The Board has appointed Al DeKrey as the interim chairman. Trustee Kenton made a motion to appoint Brant Neuneker and Judy Merritt as alternates to the Zoning Board. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Police and Court:** Mayor Tortarella reported that the Village is working on negotiations on the police union contract with an upcoming meeting August 6, 2014. Complete police and court report are on file in the Village Clerk's office.

## **Committee Reports**

**Website:** no report

## **Special Requests**

- a. **Sinterklaas-** Mayor Tortarella reported on a request from Sinterklaas regarding holding the celebration this year. The application has been tabled pending review from the Rhinebeck Police Department.
- b. **Rhinebeck Garden Club plaque-** Brenda Klaproth discussed the size and material that will be used. Trustee Cruikshank discussed the materials most widely used in the Doughboy area are bronze or brass. Brenda stated the Garden Club will look into other options. Trustee Cruikshank made a motion to accept the submission in brass. Second by Trustee Kenton and all the board present voted in favor.
- c. Mayor Tortarella discussed the request from a property owner to drill wells on Wynkoop Lane. Trustee Sauer discussed the 1600 distance to the water main, therefore a well would be more feasible. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve the drilling of three wells for the Markart subdivision on Wynkoop Lane. Second by Trustee Cruikshank and all the board present voted in favor.

## **Other Business:**

- a. Mayor Tortarella gave an update on the progress of the Asher Dam and the continued work with FEMA on funding the project. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to accept and approve the change order from the contractor in the amount of \$45000 due to unforeseen issues that have come about in the face of the dam. Second by Trustee Sauer and all the board present voted in favor. Discussion on the funds available from FEMA and the appeal process occurring.
- b. Employee Health Insurance Plan- Mayor Tortarella discussed that our current plan expires on August 1, 2014, and the Village is close to an agreement.
- c. Mayor Tortarella stated that a policy and training for employees' is being formulated and should be in place in August.
- d. Lynda Christensen addressed the Board regarding her tree on her new property on 37 South Street. They would like to remove the Elm tree and grind the roots down so the work can be completed to create a level walkway. Deputy Mayor Traudt made a motion to allow the Christensen's to remove the Elm tree at their expense. Second by Trustee Sauer and all the board present voted in favor.
- e. Pat Coon gave a report from the 6 different time clock companies with prices ranging from 1217.85 to 13,660.91. This report has been sent to the Jim Jeffrey's for his IT review. The village would need to have IP address's at all locations. Based upon recommendations it was advised to stay with AMANO system. The Board will review again at the August 12, 2014 meeting.
- f. Village Door update- the Village has received quotes from 2 companies \$4314.00 and \$4595.00. The Board has discussed either replacing or if the front door is handicapped approved. The Board will revisit this next month after all information has been gathered.
- g. Mayor Tortarella discussed the Master Escrow as proposed by Deputy Clerk Krissy Denu. The Board took no action.
- h. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to sign off on the Rhinebeck Commons performance bonds. Second by Deputy Mayor Traudt and all the board present voted in favor.

**Water and Waste Water Adjustments**  
**June 2014 Waste Water Adjustment**  
**Waste Water**

Acct #	DM (balance)	CM	Difference	Reason
40014	51.69		\$51.69	final
40111	83.88		\$83.88	final
21270	76.95		\$76.95	final
40030	96.54		\$96.54	final
21170	302.67		\$302.67	final
40130	50.64		\$50.64	final
40140	56.97		\$56.97	final
40014	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
40111	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
21270	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
40030	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
21170	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
40130	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
40140	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
21200		-32.40	-\$32.40	removal of penalty meter chg out and billing
21347	81.00	1,168.48	-\$1,087.48	final and billing
173	168.75		\$168.75	removal of penalty meter chg out and billing
40025		-\$25.00	-\$25.00	removal of penalty meter chg out and billing
7	\$154.55	\$658.01	-\$503.46	removal of penalty meter chg out and billing

**June 2014 Water Adjustment**  
**Water**

Acct #	DM (balance)	CM	Difference	Reason
40014	8.00		\$8.00	final
2051	48.60		\$48.60	final
40111	14.40		\$14.40	final
21270	34.80		\$34.80	final
782	83.40		\$83.40	final
40030	19.20		\$19.20	final
648	37.20		\$37.20	final
21170	134.52		\$134.52	final
11475	94.20		\$94.20	final
40130	12.80		\$12.80	final
40140	21.60		\$21.60	final
782	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
2051	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
40014	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
40111	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
21270	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
40030	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
648	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
21170	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
40130	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
40140	25.00		\$25.00	new owner
7711		-234.00	-\$234.00	Town highway
31419		-54.00	-\$54.00	per well agreement
11089		-891.00	-\$891.00	removal of bill & penalty
7		-498.82	-\$498.82	did CM instead of DM
21127		-58.74	-\$58.74	payment applied to wrong acct
21227	53.92		\$53.92	payment applied to wrong acct
985		-25.00	-\$25.00	removal of collection fee
11300		-25.00	-\$25.00	removal of collection fee
7	308.01		\$308.01	meter chg. Out & billing

			issue
7	-249.41	-249.41	meter chg. Out & billing
11407	-25.00	-25.00	issue removal of collection fee

Motion made by Mayor Tortarella to accept the adjustments listed. Trustee Sauer seconded and all the board present was in favor.

Mayor Tortarella asked if there were any additions, omissions or corrections to the March 3, 2014 minutes  
 Mayor Tortarella asked if there were any additions, omissions or corrections to the March 10, 2014 minutes  
 Mayor Tortarella asked if there were any additions, omissions or corrections to the March 18, 2014 minutes  
 Mayor Tortarella asked if there were any additions, omissions or corrections to the April 29, 2014 minutes  
 Mayor Tortarella asked if there were any additions, omissions or corrections to the May 13, 2014 minutes  
 Mayor Tortarella asked if there were any additions, omissions or corrections to the June 10, 2014 minutes  
 Mayor Tortarella asked if there were any additions, omissions or corrections to the June 20, 2014 minutes  
 Mayor Tortarella asked if there were any additions, omissions or corrections to the June 25, 2014 minutes

Motion made by Mayor Tortarella to accept the minutes as submitted. Second by Trustee Sauer and all the board present voted in favor. Trustee Sauer discussed having the minutes completed and submitted in a more timely manner.

**June 2014 Voucher Approval**

In the General Fund, Electronic Transfers \$38262.50, Manual Checks # 5773-5783 in the amount of \$17,529.22. Computer checks #29805-29883 in the amount of \$69501.16.

In the Water Fund, no Electronic Transfers, Manual Checks # 2181-5188 in the amount of \$10632.10. Computer checks #29884-29912 in the amount of \$45961.00.

In the Sewer Fund, no Electronic Transfers, Manual Checks # 2000-2007 in the amount of \$9320.08. Computer checks #29913-29937 in the amount of \$18273.55.

**Adjourn –**

Mayor Tortarella made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Sauer seconded and all the board present was in favor.

Submitted by,

Patricia D. Coon  
 Village Clerk