

Village of Rhinebeck  
Board of Trustees  
June 25, 2014  
6:00pm  
Village Hall

**Present:** Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Gary Kenton, Scott Cruikshank, and Heinz Sauer, Village Clerk Patricia Coon, Bill Dowden, Brian Miles and Robert Giammatteo from Spain Agency, and members of the Press.

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting at 6:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Scott Cruikshank started the discussion on Worker's Compensation Insurance with questions regarding claims to Brian Miles. Discussion on the Comp Alliance coverage continued with questions from Board members. Mr. Miles stated that being self insured they plan to do it right. The Board continued with more questions to Mr. Miles and Mr. Giammatteo. Trustee Cruikshank made a motion to accept Comp Alliance through Spain Agency as the Village of Rhinebeck's Worker's Compensation carrier. Motion seconded by Trustee Sauer. Discussion started and Rhinebeck resident Bill Dowden who is on the Board of the Safety Group of New York State Insurance fund stated how the current policy covers terrorism and the policy stands alone with assets of \$14 billion. Further discussion continued. Mayor Tortarella called for a vote, and all the Board present voted in favor.

Deputy Mayor Traudt discussed the Big Belly locations for the 3 that could be purchased using the Frost Memorial Fund grant of \$18,525.00. Mayor Tortarella discussed removing the cans in the Village Business district and possible replacing the current cans at Crystal Lake and the Mini Park with larger ones. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Traudt to purchase 3 Big Belly Duo Stations with the two solar compactors, one for garbage-one for single stream recycling. Motion seconded by Trustee Kenton and all the Board present voted in favor.

Mayor Tortarella discussed that Northern Dutchess Hospital has a tree that is impacted by the hospital's expansion that was unforeseen. It was discussed that either the Mayor or building Inspector John Fenton can make the determination.

Trustee Sauer discussed ECS (Energy Curtailment Specialists) who buys electric capacity from large users, and pay per kilowatt. Motion made by Trustee Sauer to have access to our electric information. Motion seconded by Trustee Cruikshank and all the Board present voted in favor.

Mayor Tortarella made a motion to go into executive session to discuss individual employee history, seconded by Deputy Mayor Traudt all the Board present voted in favor.

Deputy Mayor Traudt made the motion to return to session, seconded by Trustee Kenton, all the board voted in favor.

Deputy Mayor Traudt discussed the hole on Livingston Street and by the Church of the Messiah are being worked on.

Mayor Tortarella discussed the invasive bamboo at a resident's property on South Parsonage Street. Trustee Cruikshank and Traudt will look into it and see if a settlement can come about.

Trustee Cruikshank discussed offering the Town of Rhinebeck a seat at the table for discussion on the Fire Department contract. Trustee Traudt thanked the fire department, all of the 12 mutual aid companies and all volunteers involved in the Eveready Fire on Saturday June 20.

With no further business to be brought before the Board, Trustee Kenton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Sauer, and all the board present was in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Coon  
Village Clerk