

Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting
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Present – Mayor Heath Tortarella Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Brant Neuneker, Heinz Sauer, Attorney Rich Olson, and Clerk Patricia Coon.

Others Present:

Joel Tyner-County Legislator and members of the press and public

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Legislator Tyner addressed the Village Board congratulating Mayor Tortarella on being appointed Mayor and to outgoing Mayor Reardon for all of his accomplishments. Legislator Tyner discussed energy needs, and Trustee Sauer questioned him on transmission lines proposed to be placed in the Hudson River and other topics. Mr. Tyner will get back to him on answers to his questions. Mr. Tyner continued to address the Board on various topics of interest and if the public has any questions, comments or complaints, they can reach out to him at 876-2488.

Mayor Tortarella reported that on some personnel updates. On February 3, 2014 he was appointed mayor to complete Mayor Reardon's term as Mayor on March 31. Pat Coon was appointed interim Village Clerk and Krissy Denu was appointed interim Treasurer, and John Fenton was appointed interim Building Inspector. His hours will be the same as the Zoning Enforcement Officer which is posted. The Village Board of Trustees will hold an executive session meeting on February 26, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Village Hall.

Mayor Tortarella presented Mayor Reardon with a certificate and wished him the best. Mr. Reardon addressed the community, staff and Village Board thanking them for all they have done. He had wanted to all work together, and was successful because everyone worked as a team. He stated it is the first time in over 20 years he is not in a leadership role in the community.

Department Reports:

Waste Water: Trustee Neuneker reported that 38,150 gallons of sludge was processed, 3.75 million gallons of waste water treated, and 6,189 lbs of sludge processed. Waste Water Report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Water: Trustee Sauer reported that the net water treated was 11,488,000 gallons. Trustee Sauer reported that a hydrant was hit and run on 6324 Mill Street and it will be repaired as soon as the weather breaks. All agencies have been notified. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office. Trustee Sauer also reported on the Energy Initiative and the solar panels saving the Village on energy costs. Also Central Hudson has been changing out light bulbs on street lights to energy saving bulbs. Trustee Sauer will be meeting with Village Attorney Olson to review the State comptroller's audit of the Water Department.

Fire Department: Trustee Tortarella reported that the fire department responded to 69 total calls in The Town of Rhinebeck and village, with mutual aid to Hillside, Rhinecliff and Red Hook. Yearly total of 198 calls from this year. The Fire Department has a total membership of 104 members 46 of which are active. The Fire Department is taking over the shed that will be used for storage. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Street Department: Trustee Traudt reported on snow, snow and snow. The street department has started some tree trimming as weather permits. Trustee Traudt reminded that cars need to be off the street for snow removal, as well as it is against New York State Law 214 and Village Code 98-11 to push and leave snow on the road. Trustee Traudt discussed that the street department has CHIPS money to repair roads. Trustee Traudt and Trustee Sauer will coordinate as the water department is repairing hydrants and coordinate these intended repairs before a street is to be resurfaced. NYS DOT had denied responsibility on the repairs to the pedestrian bridge, and the Street Department will have someone look at it in the spring. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Planning and Zoning: Trustee Neuneker reported that on February 4, 2014 the planning board has requested some changes to the code. As there are numerous changes to the code, it was discussed to have all the changes to the Village Code to be done at the same time. Trustee Neuneker stated that on February 25, 2014 at 7:00pm there will be a public hearing on the proposed events code. Karen MacFarlane requested a buy out of her vacation time. Motion was made by Trustee Neuneker, seconded by Trustee Traudt and all the board present was in favor. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Police and Court: Mayor Tortarella that the union contract is needed to be reviewed. Police Budget has been completed. A change in personnel policy for the use of patrol rifle needs to be sent to the union before adoption. Complete police and court report are on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Dog Report: A few dogs have been running at large, and the Dog Warden has reminded them of the leash law. The deer that have been in the village and he thinks that is what is making the dogs keep barking.

Committee Reports:

Tree Committee: John Wecshler is now chair for the tree committee. Trustee Traudt made a motion to have Jon Wecshler apply to the Frost Foundation for a \$10,000 grant for a landscape design of Crystal Lake. Motion seconded by Trustee Sauer, discussion that this grant would create a plan to have the Legion Park at Crystal Lake become a recreational area, and a committee would have to be formed to implement this plan and do as much work in house as possible. All the board present was in favor. Trustee Traudt motion to take 3 trees down, Seconded by Mayor Tortarella. Discussion as to where the funds would come from. Motion tabled until the next meeting.

Website: Mayor Tortarella has been working on updating the website.

Other Business: East Chestnut Street drainage was discussed and Trustee Traudt stated he would talk to the neighbors about the placing a drainage ditch to help control flooding.

Finance and Controls: no report

Correspondence: The Village received a note from Mrs. Aldrich's class thanking the Village for helping with their disaster safety projects. The Village also received a letter from David Tellerday at M & T Bank regarding the musicians' playing on West Market St. As it was determined that the Village does not have a busker law, it was determined we can not take any action at this time. Rich Olson, Village Attorney will be looking into this. The Village received a letter from Time Warner alerting us that rates will be going up. Mayor Tortarella also received a hand written note regarding John Flowers, a radio personality that he is sponsoring Christmas in February which benefits the veterans at Castle Point. The Village also received a letter from the assembly of the State of New York eliminating the income tax on manufacturers for all of the state, which would be disastrous for Dutchess County.

The Village of Rhinebeck proposed a resolution regarding the tax on manufacturers.

WHEREAS, the proposed 2014-15 New York State budget includes a provision that would eliminate the corporate income tax on manufacturers for all of the state except for counties in the MTA region, including Dutchess County.

WHEREAS, this proposal will drive manufacturing jobs out of our communities. A manufacturing business in Dutchess County would pay a 6.5% corporate tax, while a business in Ulster or Columbia County would have no corporate tax.

WHEREAS, the Poughkeepsie-Newburg-Middletown metro area is one of only two New York regions to lose private-sector jobs in 2013.

WHEREAS, proposals to split New York State into separate tax zones are divisive and pit New York against each other.

NOW THEREFOR LET IT BE RESOLVED, That the VILLAGE OF RHINEBECK memorializes the State Senate, Assembly and Governor to include all of New York, including the counties in the MTA Region, in the elimination of the corporate tax on manufacturers.

Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to New York State Senator Gipson; New York State Assemblyman Cahill and Assemblyman Kieran Michael Lalor, District 105,

Resolution introduced by Trustee Howard Traudt Seconded by Trustee Brant Neuneker with vote as follows:

Ayes 4 Nays 0 absent 0

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Other Business:

John Fenton presented a memo to the Village Board regarding a 30” X 60” sign request to be placed on Village Property in the front of the municipal parking lot on East Market Street. The applicant, Marilyn Hatch, from the Museum of Rhinebeck History addressed the board. Trustee Neuneker made the motion to ask the planning board their opinion on the proposed sign. Seconded by Trustee Sauer, All the present board in favor.

January 2014 Adjustment Report Water and Waste Water
Water

Acct #	DM (balance)	CM	Difference	Reason
40124W	\$25.00		\$25.00	New Owner
636W	\$25.00		\$25.00	New Owner
673W	\$25.00		\$25.00	New Owner
40125W	\$25.00		\$25.00	New Owner
40124W	\$25.20		\$25.20	Final
636W	\$49.20		\$49.20	Final
178W	\$18.60		\$18.60	Final
782W	\$43.20		\$43.20	Final
40125W	\$45.00		\$45.00	Final
673W	\$10.26	-\$10.26	\$0.00	normalized
298W		-\$75.00	-\$75.00	Village Owned
6881W	\$1,770.00		\$1,770.00	Service Reimbursement
814W	\$996.00		\$996.00	Service Reimbursement
743W	\$25.00		\$25.00	Service broken frost bottom

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

Waste Water	Acct #	DM (balance)	CM	Difference	Reason
	40125S	\$25.00		\$25.00	New Owner
	40124S	\$25.00		\$25.00	New Owner
	40124S	\$66.47		\$66.47	Final
	40125S	\$118.69		\$118.69	Final
	21373S		-\$15.53	-\$15.53	adj. off penalty
	21425S		\$2,272.19	-\$2,272.19	adj off penalty
	21425S		\$3,443.98	-\$3,443.98	adj. to reflect historic sewer rate

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

Motion made by Trustee Traudt seconded by Trustee Sauer to approve the Minute of Feb. 3, 2014 executive session meeting. All the board present in favor.

Mayor Tortarella discussed having the first budget workshop on March 3, 2014 at 6:00pm. Trustee Neuneker discussed uniforms for the different departments, and when the contract expires, getting bids from other companies.

The Board discussed the different communication options, and asked Interim village Clerk Pat Coon to look into combining services for phone and internet

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

Trustee Traudt made the motion to return to regular session. Trustee Neuneker seconded and all the board present was in favor.

Adjourn –Trustee Neuneker made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Traudt seconded and all the board present was in favor.

Submitted by,

Patricia D. Coon
Interim Village Clerk

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