

Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees
Meeting
Thursday March 24, 2016
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Gary Bassett, Trustee Sean Kemp and Village Clerk Patricia Coon, Treasurer Karen McLaughlin and Town residents Frank Santamorena and Enrique Garrido.

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tortarella asked Trustee Gary Bassett for an update on the status of the reservoir. Mayor Tortarella asked the public for comments in regards to the Village of Rhinebeck Water Treatment reservoir located on Hilee Road and the vegetation control to be used and the use of goats to control vegetation. The Board recognized Hilee Road resident Frank Santamorena who read from his prepared written comments. Mr. Santamorena discussed the use of goats and exceeded his allocated 3 minutes of comment time, and was asked three times by Mayor Tortarella to relinquish the floor and failing to do so, was escorted out by Officer Palen. Prior to leaving, Mr. Santamorena provided the clerk with his written comments. The board recognized Hilee Road resident Enrique Garrido who discussed the boundaries of the water reservoir and the vegetation control. Mayor Tortarella stated that the community has up to the April 5, 2016 Board meeting to submit comments in writing to the Village Clerk in regards to the brush control at the Water Reservoir.

Mayor Tortarella discussed a request from Gentry Rouse as the Chairman of the Power Lines Committee to place a banner in support of the ND Solar Program on the Village Hall. The Board during discussion asked the clerk to request additional information as to the size of the banner and the dates in which the committee would like to set up at the farmer's market. The Board will make a decision after receiving requested information.

Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve the request received from the DCAS asking permission to have about 12 race cars on trailers enter the fairgrounds through the Parsonage Street gate on Saturday May 7, 2016 due to the difficulty of entering from Route 9. Motion was second by Trustee Cruikshank and Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Traudt- Yes, Trustee Cruikshank- Yes, and Trustee Bassett- Yes. Motion passed.

The Board continued the meeting downstairs as the remainder of the special meeting was a budget workshop. Trustee Bassett asked the board to make a decision on the use of the goats at the April 5, 2016 Board meeting. The Board discussed the type of equipment needed to control growth at the reservoir. Trustee Bassett discussed the possible purchase of a brush trimmer and this would be shared with other departments.

Mayor Tortarella discussed the proposed Meeting Policies and Procedures and made a motion to adopt them. A copy of these procedures is on file in the clerk's office. Motion was second by Trustee Cruikshank and Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Traudt- Yes, Trustee Cruikshank- Yes, and Trustee Bassett- Yes. Motion passed. Clerk Pat Coon left at 8:29pm and Treasurer Karen McLaughlin took the minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Executive session- Motion to go into executive session made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Cruikshank and Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Traudt- Yes, Trustee Cruikshank- Yes, and Trustee Bassett- Yes. Motion passed. Motion to close Executive Session and return to regular session at 9:30 made by Mayor Tortarella second by Trustee Bassett and Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Traudt- Yes, Trustee Cruikshank- Yes, and Trustee Bassett- Yes. Motion passed. Mayor Tortarella made a motion to approve the UPSEU Memorandum of Agreement. Motion was second by Deputy Mayor Traudt. Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Traudt- Yes, Trustee Cruikshank- Yes, and Trustee Bassett- Yes. Motion passed

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Respectfully submitted.

Patricia D. Coon
Clerk