

**Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 14 , 2017**  
**7:00 PM**

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Present
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Present
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Present
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Present
Trustee Gina Fox:	Present

Also present were: Village Clerk Patricia Coon, Treasurer Karen McLaughlin, County Legislator Joel Tyner, Carl Sipperley- Panda staff, Sgt. Peter Dunn, Police Officers Steven Hanaburgh, Dan Alberg and Jim Kelly, as well as members of the public.

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

Mayor Tortarella presented Village of Rhinebeck Police Officers with certificates of recognition from the New York Conference of Mayor’s for their years of service to the Village. Officer’s recognized were Steven Hanaburgh for 30+ years of service, Dan Alberg for 25 years of service and Jim Kelly for 25 years of service. Mayor Tortarella thanked the officers for their dedication to the Village of Rhinebeck Police.

Mayor Tortarella read the following:

Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village Rhinebeck Urging the United States

Coast Guard to Reject Proposed Rule USCG-2016-0132 in Relation to Hudson River

Anchorage Grounds

WHEREAS, In proposed rule USCG-2016-0132, the Coast Guard is considering establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, New York, to

Kingston, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rhinebeck operates a public water system that relies on

clean water from the Hudson River to provide safe drinking water to over 1600

individual customers and many thousands of residents of and visitors to the Village of

Rhinebeck and the Town of Rhinebeck, including the hamlet of Rhinecliff; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of these proposed anchorage sites will expose this

water system to increasing risk of contamination.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village Rhinebeck hereby confirms its opposition to this proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village Rhinebeck does hereby direct that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the members of the United States Congress representing the Village of Rhinebeck  
Dated: February 14, 2017  
MOVED: Mayor Heath Tortarella  
SECOND: Trustee Scott Cruikshank  
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

**County Legislator Joel Tyner-** Mr. Tyner thanked the Board on passing the resolution. He also reported on several issues including: licensing of electricians, plumbers, home improvement contractors and the need for a Dutchess County Consumer Protection/Affairs Agency; innovative ways to finance economic development; local impact of state budget; and County Legislator Tyner stated he is the liaison to Dutchess County Environmental Management Council; how to make Rhinebeck safer. He commended the Village Mayor and Board on adopting the previous resolution; he continues to work toward the award of the Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant for Crystal Lake.

**Treasurer's report-** Treasurer McLaughlin presented the report the following as of January 31, 2017. Vouchers: General \$115,469.89; Water \$54,997.36; Sewer- \$21,615.84; Balance: General \$1,114,576.30 ; Water \$616,833.32 ; Sewer- \$698,023.96 . Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Motion:** Trustee Bassett: To approve the Water Adjustments for January as presented and reviewed by Treasurer McLaughlin.

**Second:** Trustee Fox

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

**Motion:** Deputy Mayor Traudt: To approve the Waste Water Adjustments for January as presented and reviewed by Treasurer McLaughlin.

**Second:** Mayor Tortarella

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella: To approve the water and sewer 30-60 day notice change as noted in the report and as presented by Treasurer McLaughlin.

**Second:** Trustee Bassett

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

**Motion:** Deputy Mayor Traudt: To approve the transfer of funds,\$32,489.00 in the sewer accounts for the purchase of the Muffin Monster as noted in the report and as presented by Treasurer McLaughlin.

**Second:** Mayor Tortarella

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

Chief Eighmy gave a report on the status of the Scott Pacs for the Rhinebeck Fire Department.

**Motion:** Trustee Fox: To approve the transfer of funds \$133,657.00 in the fire department accounts for the purchase of 23 Scott Pacs as noted in the report and as presented by Treasurer McLaughlin and Chief Eighmy.

**Second:** Mayor Tortarella

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

### **Department Reports**

**Police & Court-** Mayor Tortarella reported that in the month of January 2017 Summary: Total # of Incidents – Town 30; Total # of Incidents-Village 86 ; Total # of Tickets – Town 17 ; Total # of Tickets – Village 69 ; Total # of Arrests 7;Total # of Accidents 4. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

**Fire Department-** Trustee Cruikshank reported for the month of January 2017 there were a total of 65 Alarms –including: 19 fire calls; 9 in the town, 8 in the village and 2 mutual aid calls to Red Hook. There were 43 EMS calls; 11 in the town, 20 in the village and 4 mutual aid calls to Hillside, 2 mutual aid calls to Rhinecliff, 5 mutual aid calls to Red Hook, 1 mutual aid call to West Clinton. There were also motor vehicle accidents; 3 in the town and 0 in the village. The ambulance did not respond to 3 calls, therefore the response percentage is 93%. Firefighter Erik Stroka was injured in the line of duty while operating at a truck fire. The Department reminds all

homeowner's that they must clear their fire hydrants. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Motion:** Trustee Cruikshank: To approve Sean Warman as a member of the Rhinebeck Fire Department. The Rhinebeck Fire Department Investigating Committee found the applicant favorable for consideration.

**Second:** Mayor Tortarella

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

**Building/Planning/Zoning-**

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella made a motion to remove the Short Term Rental, Farm Animal and Adult Uses portions of the proposed Zoning Code Changes.

**Second:** Trustee Cruikshank

**Discussion:** Trustee Cruikshank discussed creating committees for the Short term rental and farm animal amendments to the proposed zoning changes. Discussion commenced on having the Village Attorney working on the removal of portions and creating a new draft of the proposed Code Changes.

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

Trustee Cruikshank reported 5 CO search were done, 7 building permits, 1 fire inspections, 1 sign application fee, 1 site plan application fees, and 1 copies for the month of January 2017. The Board discussed projects before the Planning and Zoning departments. The complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Highway Department-** Mayor Tortarella discussed the snow removal and the Board discussed the timing and cost of snow removal. Deputy Mayor Traudt reported various locations of brush and leaves were removed, street signs were installed and repaired, snow removal, continued mechanical work on all equipment; Serviced all trucks for winter service, cold patch black top repairs on various locations in the village. The Village received one closed bid on February 13, 2017 for the sander and aluminum stairs and ramp from Paul Matthies for \$210.

**Motion:** Deputy Mayor Traudt: To approve the one closed bid received on February 13, 2017 for the sander and aluminum stairs and ramp from Paul Matthies for \$210.

**Second:** Mayor Tortarella

**Discussion:** Trustee Cruikshank discussed the scrap value of the aluminum and the possibility of the scrap being more of a value than the bid. Trustee Cruikshank stated before accepting the bid to check with Superintendent of Public Works John Fenton to find out the scrap value.

**Motion:** Deputy Mayor Traudt: To accept the one bid for the sander and aluminum stairs and ramp from Paul Matthies for \$210 if the scrap value is less than the \$210.

**Second:** Mayor Tortarella

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

Deputy Mayor Traudt reported Truck 11 does not have a working plow and asked of funds to be added to the 2017/18 budget for new equipment/vehicle. He also discussed and met with the Village's Engineer regarding the flooding on West Chestnut. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Water Department-**Trustee Bassett read that 12,513,000 gallons of water was treated in January 2017. Trustee Bassett discussed the 2010 Chevy Colorado on the status of replacing the engine at a cost of \$7645.00 at Triebel's Garage. Trustee Bassett discussed and thanked everyone for working the Vulnerability Assessment received by the Village which addresses the impacts to climate change on the water plant. The report discusses the risk areas of the low lift pump station, access road and the lagoon and was distributed to Trustees and Mayor. A fire hydrant on Long Dock Road was leaking and taken out of service, a service line was leaking on East Market Street and a water main was leaking on Montgomery Street both of which were repaired. Trustee Bassett discussed the request from the neighboring property owners on the request of the sale of property. The engineers on both side have shared information and the Village is waiting for our engineers to deem the property surplus. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Wastewater Department-** Deputy Mayor Traudt reported that 4.0million gallons of waste water treated; 34,900 gallons of sludge processed; 5,393 lbs. of sludge processed. Deputy Mayor Traudt reported that the department is working smoothly. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

### **Committee Reports**

**Tree Commission-** No Report filed. Trustee Fox reported all requests are tabled until Chairperson Meg Crawford returns for the tree commission to review. Trustee Fox reported on the 2017 tree planting dates of Saturday April 29, 2017 at 9:00am and Saturday November 4, 2017 at 9:00 am. All Volunteers are welcome and that these hours count towards community service. Training will be provided on site. Please bring your tools, and heavy shoes and gloves should be worn. For more information contact Meg Crawford at [megcrawford37@gmail.com](mailto:megcrawford37@gmail.com).

**Parks and Recreation Committee –** Mayor Tortarella reported no new business to report.

**Power lines committee-** Trustee Bassett reported no new business to report.

## Special Requests

### Parkinson Awareness Month

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella: To make April Parkinson's Awareness Month

#### Parkinson's Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Parkinson's Action Network, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the American Parkinson's Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson's, more work is needed for a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

WHEREAS, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson's Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson's disease.

**Second:** Trustee Cruikshank

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

### Rhinebeck Fire Dept. Coin Drop

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella : To approve the request from Rhinebeck Fire Department to hold a coin Drop on June 3 and 4, 2017 on Mill Street in front of M & T Bank and East Market Street in front of the Fire Department.

**Second:** Trustee Cruikshank

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes

Trustee Gina Fox: Yes

**Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation Taste of Rhinebeck**

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella : To approve the request the Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation to hold the annual Taste of Rhinebeck scheduled for Tuesday April 25, 2017 from 6-9:00 PM.

**Second:** Trustee Fox

Mayor Heath Tortarella: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt: Yes  
Trustee Scott Cruikshank: Yes  
Trustee Gary Bassett: Yes  
Trustee Gina Fox: Yes

**NYS Government Finance Officers Meeting**

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella : To approve the request from the New York State Government Finance Officers to use the Village Hall Building on March 14, 15, 16, 10 17 for a Breakfast Meeting.

**Second:** Trustee Bassett

Mayor Heath Tortarella: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt: Yes  
Trustee Scott Cruikshank: Yes  
Trustee Gary Bassett: Yes  
Trustee Gina Fox: Yes

**Other Business**

**Minutes Approval**

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella: To approve the 1/10/2017 Village Board minutes as presented by Clerk Coon.

**Second:** Trustee Bassett

Mayor Heath Tortarella: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt: Yes  
Trustee Scott Cruikshank: Yes  
Trustee Gary Bassett: Yes  
Trustee Gina Fox: Yes

**Correspondence-** No Correspondence received that was not already addressed

**Personnel-**

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella: To approve the request from Tom Wallbank to buy out 70 hours of vacation time. Clerk Coon reported he currently has 272.50 available.

**Second:** Trustee Bassett

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

**Public Comment-**

- Rebecca Staats from the Rhinebeck Community Nursery School addressed the board to request the parking signs be changed on South Street to allow for 15 minute parking during school hours. Mayor Tortarella suggested a meeting with Ms. Staats, Sgt. Dunn and himself.
- John Marvin Mill Street resident addressed the Board in regards to his concerns on the Amalgamated Agricultural Associates farm market proposed for the previous Hobson Building.
- Gwen Barden addressed the Board in regards to serving on the committee support of short term vacation rentals.
- Leslie Kidder addressed the Board about her concerns on the Amalgamated Agricultural Associates farm market proposed for the previous Hobson Building.
- Jon Wechsler addressed the Board about his budget concerns in regards to what is reported as expenditures to date and would like to see a review from prior years.
- Kevin Curry Thanked the Board for removing farm animals and vacation rentals form the proposed Zoning Code. He urged the Board to review the noise standard and discussed the proceeding of the zoning documents. The Board discussed the possibility of setting the next hearing date at the March 14, 2017 regular Board meeting.
- Marc Lindberg addressed the Board as to the Will Tremper Drive \$1000 tap fee and asked for leniency by the Board. Trustee Bassett will review and let Mr. Lindberg know the decision.

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella: With no further business to discuss to close the meeting

**Second:** Deputy Mayor Traudt

Mayor Heath Tortarella:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Gary Bassett:	Yes
Trustee Gina Fox:	Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia D. Coon, RMC  
Village Clerk

