

**Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 23, 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, as well as members of the public.

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

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella: To approve Dylan Joslin-Peter as a part time police officer. The Rhinebeck Police Department investigated and interviewed him and found the applicant favorable for consideration.

**Second:** Trustee

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

**County Legislator Joel Tyner-** Mr. Tyner thanked Mayor Tortarella for all he did and his hard work during his term in office. He also reported on the following items: volunteer fireman receive two years fee tuition at a NYS college; his 14<sup>th</sup> annual essay contest deadline of 6/15/2017 for graduating Rhinebeck High School seniors of a \$100 savings bond; the possibility of 16-17 year olds voting; the possibility of a Dutchess County student leadership summit at the Dutchess County legislature chambers or office; the ongoing support building of ban pay-to-pay; How Dutchess County unemployment is 20% higher than Seattle and the struggle Dutchess County households to make ends meet.

Trustee Gary Bassett recognized and thanked Mayor Tortarella for the stewardship of the Village during his time in office.

**Riverkeeper-** Dan Shapley, Water Quality Program Director, gave a presentation on the work he is doing on creating a scorecard project to protect drinking water at its source. Mr. Shapley is seeking an agreement and cooperation from municipalities to support his endeavor. Trustee Bassett sated the Village of Rhinebeck will support the endeavor to help protect water supplies.

**Amalgamated Agricultural Associates-** Trustee Cruikshank gave a brief history of the Amalgamated Agricultural Associates formally the Hobson property. Trustee Cruikshank stated

the Village has the opportunity to offer comments to Dutchess County before a determination on the Agricultural status is approved.

Mayor Tortarella opened the floor to Victoria Pollidoro, Esq., attorney for Amalgamated Agricultural Associates which is the Bender Family. Ms. Pollidoro gave her presentation of the proposed project including mapping of the project. Trustee Cruikshank on behalf of the Village, is going to ask for an extension from Agriculture and Markets. The board asked questions regarding the proposed farm market requested for the site.

Mayor Tortarella opened the floor to John Marvin, of Mill Street, a neighbor of the Amalgamated Agricultural Associates site. Mr. Marvin gave his presentation on the farm market use, and questioned regarding the process as this is a residential area.

Mayor Tortarella stated the Village will take the comments from the Planning and Zoning Departments along with the Village Board to the NYS Agriculture and Markets.

**Treasurer's report-** Treasurer McLaughlin presented the report the following as of February 28, 2017. Vouchers: General \$66,254.19; Water \$19,989.52; Sewer- \$25,533.93; Balance: General \$1,032,345.51; Water \$629,031.52; Sewer- \$697,753.46. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Motion:** Trustee Bassett: To approve the Water Adjustments for February 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 February as presented and reviewed 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

Village Clerk Pat Coon formally presented the 2017-2018 Village Budget to Mayor Tortarella and the Village Board. Mayor Tortarella noted that once again it is under the tax cap.

### **Department Reports**

**Police & Court-** Mayor Tortarella reported that in the month of February 2017 Summary: Total # of Incidents – 28 Town ; Total # of Incidents-96 Village; Total # of Tickets – 26 Town; Total # of Tickets – 85 Village; 5 Total # of Arrests ; 13 Total # of Accidents . Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Fire Department-** Trustee Cruikshank reported for the month of February 2017 there were a total of 87 Alarms –including: 20 fire calls; 12 in the town, 6 in the village and 2 mutual aid calls to Red Hook. There were 62 EMS calls; 20 in the town, 33 in the village and 5 mutual aid calls to Hillside, 1 mutual aid calls to Rhinecliff, 3 mutual aid calls to Red Hook. There were also 5 motor vehicle accidents; 3 in the town and 2 in the village. The ambulance did not respond to 10 calls, therefore the response percentage is 85%. The new Scott Air packs were ordered and when delivered the MES will conduct in service training for all members. The New computers have been ordered and installed in 59-32 and the chief’s car. 5 line officers and 2 civil officers will be attending the Pinsky Law Groups annual conference at the end of March. 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 as Lizajayne Powers, Nicholas Washburn and John Boland as members 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-** Trustee Cruikshank reported 5 CO search were done, 3 building permits, 3 fire inspections, 1 sign application fee, 2 site plan application fees for the month of February 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-** Deputy Mayor Traudt thanked all in the department for the snow removal job done last week. reported snow plowing / streets, snow removal on abandoned property and violations, snow removal in entire business district on 2-14-17, road repairs/cold patch pot holes and apron damage, catch basin repairs / cleaning, brush removal form storms, and started stump grinding. The department is seeking bids to replace the 4 overhead doors at the highway garage and will be available next month.

Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk’s office.

**Water Department-**Trustee Bassett read that 11,034,000 gallons of water was treated in January 2017. Vulnerability assessment has been sent to DEC for review. The proposed lot line change at the water plant has been reviewed by both engineering firms and will not have a negative impact on the village water plant. This request has been sent to village council to provide process for determining property surplus, with any expenses to be billed to the property owner who 9 new radio meters have been installed. Trustee Bassett congratulated Tony Fata on receiving his Grade D distribution operator’s certificate. The Water Department is obtaining quotes for the repair to the fence due to a fallen tree. Trustee Bassett discussed the water improvements and hopefully the village will go to bid in April and award the project in May. Stantec reviewed the request

from NYSDOT and found no basis for cost savings as suggested. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

**Motion:** Trustee Bassett: To approve as surplus property the portion of property owned by the Village of Rhinebeck requested by the property owners of 3 Slate Dock Road, tax parcel 6070-04-506216.

**Second:** Mayor Tortarella

Mayor Heath Tortarella: Yes

Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt: Yes

Trustee Scott Cruikshank: Yes

Trustee Gary Bassett: Yes

Trustee Gina Fox: Yes

**Wastewater Department-** Mayor Tortarella announced that Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Peter Rathjen was awarded the New York State Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator of the Year award for 2017 by New York Rural Water, and offered his congratulations to Peter. Deputy Mayor Traudt reported that for the month of February 3.74 million gallons of waste water treated; 33,700 gallons of sludge processed; 5,401 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-** Trustee Fox reported the committee had received letters of interest from Town of Rhinebeck resident Constance Lown and Natalka Chas to apply for positions on the Tree Commission.

**Motion:** Trustee Fox : To approve Constance Lown and Natalka Chas on the Tree Commission.

**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

**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**

**Rhinebeck Animal Hospital Customer Appreciation Day-** Mayor Tortarella stated the Animal Hospital has no need to come before the Village for this Appreciation Day Activity.

**Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc. –**

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella: To approve the closure of Mulberry Street north from Platt Avenue for the following dates: May 4-9, June 8-13, and August 15-29 2017.

**Second:** Trustee Cruikshank

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

**Memorial Day Parade**

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella: To approve the request from Montgomery Post #439 for the annual Memorial Day Parade.

**Second:** Trustee Cruikshank

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

**Sinterklaas Building Use and Event Application-** the Board tabled the requests until after the meeting with Dutchess County Emergency Services.

**Mr. Ding-A-Ling Ice Cream Truck**

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella: To approve the request from Mr. Ding- A-Ling / Brian Collis with the requirements that one of the applicants’ needs to be in the truck at all times, and that the bell/music is turned off while the truck is stationary.

**Second:** Trustee Fox

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

**Other Business**

**Greenway Resolution-** tabled until comments received from Village Attorney

**Minutes Approval**

**Motion:** Mayor Tortarella: To approve the 2/14/2017 Village Board minutes as presented by Clerk Coon.

**Second:** Trustee Fox

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

**Correspondence-**

**Valerie & Dennis Bakoledis-** Thanked the Board for taking their concern seriously regarding the placement of inappropriate road signs on North Parsonage Street by NYS DOT.

**William Clutz-** Thank you for the thoughtful help of the water department staff, specifically Tony Fata and Brian Alix in regards to his homes recent water leak problem.

**Roula Foutsitzis-** Owner of Pete’s Famous on Est Market Street in regards to the snow removal timing.

**Public Comment- Each member of the public was allowed 5 minutes for public comment**

**Ani Marvin-** Resident of Mill Street and opposed to the Amalgamated Agricultural Associates proposed project at the previous site of Hobson Appliance. Mrs. Marvin discussed the labels of Farm Market versus restaurant and the definition of a farm.

**Valerie LaRose-** Mill Road resident addressed the Board in her opposition to the Farm Market and wanted the Board to take into consideration all the factors involved.

**Kevin Ferry-** Tivoli, NY resident and employee of Amalgamated Agricultural Associates addressed the Board with the farmers input.

**Christine Pizzuti-** Tivoli, NY resident and employee of Amalgamated Agricultural Associates addressed the Board with the farmers input.

**Cecily Frazier-** Sunset Rd. resident addressed the Board Thanking Mayor Tortarella and Trustee Fox for their work on the Board and wished everyone luck. Mrs. Frazier also addressed the board as the proposed Amalgamated Agricultural Associates project will have a dramatic change to the area and neighborhood if this business was allowed to go in, and asked the board to consider what a farmers market is.

**Brian Lavender-** Somers Dr. and Mill St. business owner addressed the board on what he had to do to put in his business on Mill Street and discussed his operation.

**Deputy Mayor Traudt-** Thanked Mayor Tortarella for his time on the Village Board and all he did for the Village.

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

**Second:** Trustee Cruikshank

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

