

Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
7:00 PM

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Present
Deputy Mayor Ric Lewit:	Present
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Present
Trustee Howard Traudt:	Present

Also present: Village Clerk Patricia Coon, Treasurer Karen McLaughlin, and Danielle Maloney from Panda and numerous members of the public.

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

Swearing In of Newly Elected / Appointed Officials:

Mayor Bassett introduced and swore in Judge William Sanchez as Village Justice. Judge William Sanchez then performed the ceremonial swearing in of newly elected Village Trustee Howard Traudt, Trustee Richard Lewit, Mayor Gary Bassett, and newly appointed Acting Village Justice John Kane.

Motion: Mayor Bassett: To approve the organizational list as read and listed below

Second: Trustee Cruikshank

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Howard Traudt:	Yes

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	2nd Tuesday of Month at 7:00
NEXT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING	April 3, 2018 at 7:00pm (No meeting April 10, 2018)
MEETING PLACE	Village Hall, 76 East Market St., Rhinebeck, NY 12572
OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY	M & T Bank
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS	Poughkeepsie Journal
MAYOR	Gary Bassett
DEPUTY MAYOR	Trustee Ric Lewit
CLERK	Patricia Coon
DEPUTY CLERK	Christina Denu
TREASURER	Karen McLaughlin
ATTORNEY	McCabe & Mack
ASSESSORS	Town of Rhinebeck Assessors
BUILDING DEPARTMENT LIAISON	Howard Traudt

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR	John Fenton
COMMUNICATIONS(WEBSITE, PANDA, IT) LIAISON	Gary Bassett
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COODINATOR	Henry Campbell
ENGINEER	Crawford and Associates
FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON	Scott Cruikshank
FIRE CHIEF	Kyle Eighmy
HIGHWAY DEPARMENT LIAISON	Ric Lewit
HIGHWAY DEPARMENT FOREMAN	Michael Wolff
HISTORIAN	Rhinebeck Historical Society
JUSTICE COURT LIAISON	Gary Bassett
JUSTICE- ELECTED	William Sanchez
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE	John Kane
COURT CLERK	Patricia Giacalone
PANDA BOARD MEMBER	David Miller
PARKS- VILLAGE AND THOMPSON MAZZARELLA PARK	Howard Traudt
PLANNING BOARD LIAISON	Scott Cruikshank
PLANNING BOARD CHAIR	David Miller
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER (5 year term)	Michael Ghee
PLANNING / ZONING / BUILDING CLERK	Karen Macfarlane
POLICE DEPARTMENT LIAISON (CHIEF OF POLICE)	Gary Bassett
POLICE OFFICER IN CHARGE	Sergeant Peter Dunn
POLICE DEPARTMENT CLERK	Danielle Rector
POWER LINE COMMITTEE LIAISON	Gary Bassett
POWER LINE COMMITTEE CHAIR	Gentry Rouse
REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS	Town Clerk Jon Gautier
DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS	Deputy Town Clerk Joan Winne
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CODES ENFORCEMENT	John Fenton
TAX COLLECTOR	Patricia D. Coon
ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTORS	Christina Denu and Karen McLaughlin
TREE COMMITTEE LIAISON	Ric Lewit
TREE COMMITTEE CHAIR	Meg Crawford
VILLAGE HALL LIAISON	Gary Bassett
WASTE WATER DEPT. LIAISON	Howard Traudt
CHIEF WASTE WATER PLANT OPERATOR	Peter Rathjen
WATER DEPT. LIAISON	Gary Bassett, Acting
CHIEF WATER PLANT OPERATOR	Tom Wallbank
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LIAISON	Scott Cruikshank
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIR	Colton Johnson
ZONING BOARD MEMBER (5 year term)	Ward Stanley
MILEAGE ALLOWANCE (Est. by the IRS and adjusted annually on Jan. 1st)	\$0.535
AUTHORIZED PAYMENT OF CLAIMS	Public Utility Services and Postage

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lewit: To approve the following policies: Drug Free Workplace; Harassment and Discrimination Policy; Workplace Violence Program; Vehicle Use Policy; Conference- Seminar Attendance Approval Form; Procurement Policy; Ethics Code; Time Reporting Policy; Time off request form; Annual Mileage Resolution; Vouchers and Billing Adjustment Policies and Procedures; Meeting Policies and Procedures; Advance Approval of Claims.

Second: Trustee Traudt

Mayor Gary Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Ric Lewit: Yes

Trustee Scott Cruikshank: Yes

Trustee Howard Traudt: Yes

Copies of policies and forms are on file in the Village Clerk's office.

County Legislator Joel Tyner reported on various topics that he is involved with at the county legislature including a local "I Love EPA" celebration on April 21, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Rhinebeck town Hall; he is working on protecting area residents on various environmental issues; Banning Pay to Play; and enforcing his concern over the working class. Mr. Tyner may be reached at his home 876-2488 or the Dutchess County Legislature.

Treasurer's report- Treasurer McLaughlin reported the following: Vouchers: General \$38,569.35; Water \$26,192.66; Sewer- \$18,382.54; Capital Projects-\$17,092.97. Balances: Tax and General Fund-\$933,017.81; Water-\$651,914.25; Sewer-\$755,590.47. Complete report is on file in the Village Clerk's office.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lewit: To approve the treasurers report

Second: Trustee Cruikshank

Mayor Gary Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit: Yes

Trustee Scott Cruikshank: Yes

Trustee Howard Traudt: Yes

Tree Committee- Tree Committee Chairperson Meg Crawford gave a report on how we are a Tree City for 7 years and the conference she attended. Meg discussed the diseases affecting the Ash, Maple and now the Oak trees. Meg advised that pruning of any Oak trees should be done from October –February to prevent the disease from spreading as the trees are not in sap production. The Tree Commission will be planting trees in the Southern Quadrant on April 29th at 9:00AM, meeting at the previous Hobson Appliance.

Mayor Bassett read the following Arbor Day Proclamation:



Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, And

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, Gary Bassett, Mayor of the Village of Rhinebeck, do hereby proclaim

April 28, 2017

Arbor Day

In the Village of Rhinebeck, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2017

Signed _____ Mayor Gary Bassett _____

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lewit to approve to approve the above Proclamation

Second: Trustee Traudt

Mayor Gary Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit: Yes

Trustee Scott Cruikshank: Yes

Trustee Howard Traudt: Yes

Motion: Mayor Bassett to approve to have John Fenton Superintendent of Public Works reach out to the property owners of 46 Livingston Street, 32 Chestnut Street, 36 Mulberry Street and 47 Mulberry Street and notify them that these trees need to be removed for safety reasons and this needs to be scheduled within 30 days from the time notified.

Second: Trustee Cruikshank

Mayor Gary Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit: Yes

Trustee Scott Cruikshank: Yes

Trustee Howard Traudt: Yes

Special Requests

Lifetime achievement award was given by the Village of Rhinebeck to the Williams Family stating “In recognition of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from Family Services at their 2017 Family of the Year Awards Dinner. Your commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life in our community are truly appreciated. Together we strive to make the Hudson Valley the finest place to live, work and raise a family.”

Rhinebeck Fire Department Liquor License

Motion: Deputy Mayor Lewit: To approve the request from the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Rhinebeck Fire Department, and J & S Concessions Inc. to sell beer and wine at the following events: August 22 thru August 27, 2017 during the Dutchess County Fair.

Second: Trustee Cruikshank

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Howard Traudt:	Abstain

Motion: Trustee Cruikshank: To approve the request from Culture connect, Inc Spring 5K Lemur Run to be held on May 27, 2017

Second: Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Howard Traudt:	Yes

Minutes Approval

Motion: Trustee Cruikshank: To approve the minutes of March 23, 2017 as presented by Clerk Pat Coon

Second: Trustee Traudt

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit:	Abstain
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Howard Traudt:	Yes

Public Comment

Jon Wechsler- requested budgets that have real spending for each year listed, including what was budgeted and spent for 2015-2016, 2016-2017.

Joanne Gelb- requested the Village look into having a crosswalk placed at Platt or Chestnut Street. Deputy Mayor Lewit stated the Village would have to go to the New York State Dept. of Transportation to look into it.

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

Second: Trustee Cruikshank

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Scott Cruikshank:	Yes
Trustee Howard Traudt:	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Coon, RMC
Village Clerk

