

Village of Rhinebeck  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019  
7:00 PM

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Present
Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit:	Present
Trustee Brand Neuneker:	Present
Trustee Paul Korczak:	Present
Trustee John Rossi:	Present

Also present were: Village Clerk Patricia Coon, Treasurer Karen McLaughlin, PANDA film staff, and members of the public.

County Legislator Brennan Kearney welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported the County Legislature is working on proposed legislation on the opioid crisis and fossil fuel legislation. On October 23 at 4:30 there is a drop in Narcan training at the County Stabilization Center.

Presentation- Rebuilding Together Dutchess Christina Boryk. Ms Boryk discussed the programs repairing home, revitalizing communities and rebuilding lives. RTDC is committed to providing cost free safe and healthy home repairs to ensure housing stability for income restrained homeowners and nonprofits. Originally this was founded as Christmas in April. Nonprofits volunteers can help on handyman- home safety programs. For more information, please contact [rtdutchess.org](http://rtdutchess.org), 845-454-7310.

**Public Comment-** No public Comment

**Environmental Committee**

Isabel Breslin - UN Youth Climate Summit presentation on the Citizen's Climate Lobby and the importance of climate issues and proposed a youth involvement in local government.

Laurie Husted - CCL Overview Presentation Citizen's Climate Lobby Resolution. Mayor Bassett discussed the Resolution of congress to enact laws enabling the application of policy. Mayor Bassett read the first paragraphs of the below resolution.

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Village of Rhinebeck, New York

**Resolution Urging the United States Congress to Enact Laws Enabling Application of Policy, Scientific, and Economic Means Necessary to Reverse Human-Produced Climate Change**

WHEREAS , The Village of Rhinebeck supports the fundamental right of all residents to a stable and healthy ecosystem of clean air, water, and soil, which includes the right to be free from all activities that release elements into the environment that degrade, contaminate, and otherwise compromise the earth’s ecosystem, and

WHEREAS, The United States government released its Fourth Annual Climate Assessment in November 2018, not only concurring with conclusions of the global scientific community about climate change, but also reporting that the impacts of climate change are already being felt in communities across the United States, and that more frequent and intense extreme weather and climate-related events, as well as changes in average climate conditions, are expected to continue to damage infrastructure, ecosystems, and social systems that provide essential benefits to communities; and

WHEREAS, There is furthermore consensus among the global scientific community that human-produced greenhouse gases have caused much of the observed increase in the earth’s temperatures over the past several decades, and

WHEREAS, The global scientific community has concluded that inaction to reduce human output of greenhouse gases will lead to continued increases in the earth’s temperatures such that the potential for irreversible, long-term changes in environmental conditions will occur such that all forms of life on Earth, including human life, will be negatively impacted and potentially imperiled by virtue of damage to essential elements of the earth’s ecosystem, and

WHEREAS, The scientific community has identified existing technologies, methods, and opportunities for immediate action that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions that, if initiated rapidly, could within as short a period as 12 years reduce the impact of human activities on global temperature increases to a level that would lessen the risk of catastrophic impacts on human life and the earth’s ecosystem, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rhinebeck, in recognition of scientific evidence and proven technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, is committed to implementing and supporting all initiatives aimed at making our local environment and ecosystem sustainable and livable, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rhinebeck recognizes the need for consideration of all possible policies, available sciences, and economic means in order to effectively address the issue of human-produced climate change, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rhinebeck recognizes the urgency to address human-produced climate change timely and decisively,

WHEREAS, the Village of Rhinebeck recognizes that Congress is now considering enacting the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763, and

WHEREAS, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763, proposes a

course of action that may result in positive effects in the efforts to reduce human-produced climate change, but has programmatic elements in common with efforts in the United States and elsewhere that have yet to produce desired results both in effect and in timeliness,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Rhinebeck, New York urges the United States Congress to begin immediate action to investigate, identify, and enact legislation that would implement comprehensive policy, science, infrastructure, and economic actions to set a course to mitigate in a timeline deemed necessary by the United States' Fourth Annual Climate Assessment and supported by consensus of the global scientific community to mitigate the effects of human-produced climate change, and to incorporate as deemed appropriate, complementary elements of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763, into revised legislation that defines a comprehensive long-range plan, and

RESOLVED, that the Village of Rhinebeck, New York, urges the United States Congress to enact without delay the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or Village Clerk no later than 30 days after passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each U.S. Senator and a Representative from the State of New York in the Congress of the United States.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a resolution of the Village of Rhinebeck, State of New York \_\_\_\_\_ at its regularly scheduled meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

Village of \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion on the Citizens Climate Lobby resolution followed.

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett: To approve the resolution as read

**Second:** Trustee Korczak

Mayor Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes

Trustee Korczak: Yes

Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Trustee Rossi: Yes

## Department Reports

**Treasurer's Report** – Complete report is on file in the clerk's office.

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Village of Rhinebeck  
 Meeting 10/8/2019  
 BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
 GENERAL FUND

Account Number	Description	Increase	Decrease	Reason
16402.01.0.2	Central Garage CE	\$4,000.00		over-budget - electrical work at the garage
19904.1.0.0	Contingency		\$4,000.00	over-budget - electrical work at the garage
75104.01.0.109	Historic District GRANT	\$7,875.00		to allocate Historic District GRANT - \$4725 frpm Fund Bal
75104.01.0.109	Historic District GRANT- Village share	\$9,675.00		to allocate Historic District GRANT - \$4725 frpm Fund Bal
3089.01.0.109	Revenue - Historic District GRANT		\$7,875.00	to allocate Historic District GRANT - \$4725 frpm Fund Bal
917.01	unreserved Fund Balance		\$9,675.00	to allocate Historic District GRANT - \$4725 frpm Fund Bal
85604.1.0.0	Tree trimming	\$3,000.00		over-budget - Tree removal
19904.1.0.0	Contingency		\$3,000.00	over-budget - Tree removal

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

WATER FUND

Account Number	Description	Increase	Decrease	Reason
83302.12.0.0	Water Source pump EQ	\$ 400		over-budget
83304.12.0.02	Water Source pump CE		\$ 400	remaining funds

**Motion:** Trustee Neuneker: To approve the Water Adjustments for September 2019 as they have been presented and reviewed and signed off by the water liaison.

**Second:** Deputy Mayor Lewit

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Korczak: Yes
- Trustee Neuneker: Yes
- Trustee Rossi: Yes

**Motion:** Trustee Rossi: To approve the WasteWater Adjustments for September 2019 as they have been presented and reviewed and signed off by the wastewater liaison.

**Second:** Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes  
Trustee Korczak: Yes  
Trustee Neuneker: Yes  
Trustee Rossi: Yes

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett: To accept the Budget contingency amendments as presented.

**Second:** Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes  
Trustee Korczak: Yes  
Trustee Neuneker: Yes  
Trustee Rossi: Yes

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett: To accept the General fund amendments as presented.

**Second:** Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett: Yes  
Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes  
Trustee Korczak: Yes  
Trustee Neuneker: Yes  
Trustee Rossi: Yes

**Police & Court-** Complete report is on file in the clerk's office

**Police Monthly September Summary:**

- Total # of Incidents – Town: 27
- Total # of Incidents- Village: 119
- Total # of Tickets – Town: 22
- Total # of Tickets – Village: 60
- Total # of Arrests: 7
- Total # of Accidents: 5

Notes:

- Extra coverage provided for the Food and Wine Festival and Porchfest
- Speed Trailer set up on Platt Ave on 9/4 from 12:00PM to 10:00PM  
 Total Cars: 244  
 Average Speed: 24 MPH  
 Total Vehicles above 30 MPH Speed Limit: 29  
 Majority of vehicles traveled between 21MPH – 30MPH  
 Highest Speed: 36 MPH (1 vehicle)
- Speed Trailer set up on Springbrook Ave northbound near Mulberry Street during Porchfest Event. 9AM-9PM on 9/28/19.  
 Total Cars: 1282  
 Average Speed: 36 MPH  
 Total Vehicles above 30 MPH Speed Limit: 1108  
 Majority of vehicles traveled between 31MPH – 40MPH

**Court August Monthly report-** Complete report is on file in the clerk’s office  
 Tickets that were completed both from court sessions and mailed in for the month- 152

Revenue from the state- \$4,363.00

**New Hire and employee resignation**

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett: To accept the resignation of Part Time Police Officer Mark Mauro.

**Second:** Trustee Rossi

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Korczak: Yes
- Trustee Neuneker: Yes
- Trustee Rossi: Yes

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett: To accept the recommendation form Sgt. Dunn and hire Part Time Police Officer Jonathan Wilson at the UPSEU contract starting wage of \$20 per hour.

**Second:** Trustee Rossi

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Korczak: Yes
- Trustee Neuneker: Yes
- Trustee Rossi: Yes

**Police and Court IT IMA-** Complete IMA is on file in the clerk's office

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett: to accept the agreement between the Ulster BOCES and the village of Rhinebeck court and police for technical services.

**Second:** Trustee Rossi

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Korczak:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes
Trustee Rossi:	Yes

**Court Consolidation Award**

Deputy Mayor Lewit gave a summary of the project and the Laberge Group was the most comprehensive bid received at \$39,000, with \$30,000 covered by the grant and \$4500 from reserved funds.

**Motion:** Deputy Mayor Lewit: To accept the bid from Laberge Group for a total of \$39,000 with the village's matching funds of \$4500 from unreserved funds.

**Second:** Trustee Rossi

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Korczak:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes
Trustee Rossi:	Yes

**Planning-Zoning-Building**

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett: To accept the resignation from Josh Pulver from the Zoning board of Appeals.

**Second:** Trustee Korczak

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Korczak:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes
Trustee Rossi:	Yes



## Highway Department

Deputy Mayor Lewit reported the crews are out doing brush and urged people to keep the brush to 3-4 ft. lengths. Deputy Mayor Lewit discussed the formation of the Streetscape Committee and gave a summary of the goals. The Board discussed coming up with the guidelines. Trustee Rossi reminded the Board of the discussion about the Sidewalk Bike Path committee from July. The Board discussed if the two committees would be incorporated together. Trustee Neuneker discussed the residency requirement and the number of members of the committee. The Board agrees to have this tabled until the next meeting.

### Mike Wolff

The board discussed the request from employee Mike Wolf to incorporate his sick time with his vacation time into one benefit time. The Board did not accept the request and would like to ask Mr. Wolff what his plan is.

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett: To not accept the request and would like to ask Mr. Wolff what his plan is.

**Second:** Trustee Rossi

Mayor Bassett:	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lewit:	Yes
Trustee Korczak:	Yes
Trustee Neuneker:	Yes
Trustee Rossi:	Yes

### Streetscape Committee

Deputy Mayor Lewit discussed the formation of the Streetscape Committee and gave a summary of the goals. The Board discussed coming up with guidelines. Trustee Rossi reminded the Board of the discussion about the Sidewalk Bike Path committee from the July meeting. The Board discussed if the two committees would be incorporated together. Trustee Neuneker discussed the residency requirement and the number of members of the committee. No action was taken at this time and a copy of the agreement is on file in the clerk's office.

### Streetlighting agreement

Deputy Mayor Lewit discussed the purchase and sale of the street lighting, and an agreement between Central Hudson and the Village. No action was taken at this time and a copy of the agreement is on file in the clerk's office.

### Water Department-

Trustee Neuneker gave a report of tasks being completed at the plant, and discussed options on the sludge from the lagoon and the processing. Trustee Neuneker also discussed the Grasmere project and the proposed connection with the Village's water and waste water, and suggested a feasibility study be conducted.

### Distribution bid report

Trustee Neuneker gave a synopsis of the project and gave the results of the base and alternate 1,2,3. The Board and Treasurer McLaughlin discussed the cash flow of the project. The complete bid tabulation is available at the Village Clerk's office.

Village of Rhinebeck - Water Main Replacement Phase 1 2019-10-01 - Bid Item Award Options

<b>Award Options</b>				
<b>Bid Item Description</b>	<b>Grant St.</b>	<b>Ciccone</b>	<b>Sentrale</b>	<b>Street Description</b>
<b>Base + Alts 1, 2, 3</b>	\$4,642,000.00	\$5,588,250.00	\$6,229,780.00	<b>Montgomery, Livingston, Platt, and Chestnut</b>
<b>Base + Alts 4, 5, 6</b>	\$2,394,000.00	\$3,215,250.00	\$2,774,780.00	<b>Montgomery Only</b>
<b>Base + Alts 1, 5, 6</b>	\$3,515,000.00	\$4,438,250.00	\$4,570,780.00	<b>Montgomery and Livingston</b>
<b>Base + Alts 2, 4, 6</b>	\$2,943,000.00	\$3,744,250.00	\$3,573,780.00	<b>Montgomery and Platt</b>
<b>Base + Alts 3, 4, 5</b>	\$2,972,000.00	\$3,836,250.00	\$3,634,780.00	<b>Montgomery and Chestnut</b>
<b>Base + Alts 1, 2, 6</b>	\$4,064,000.00	\$4,967,250.00	\$5,369,780.00	<b>Montgomery, Livingston, and Platt</b>
<b>Base + Alts 2, 3, 4</b>	\$3,521,000.00	\$4,365,250.00	\$4,433,780.00	<b>Montgomery, Platt, and Chestnut</b>
<b>Base + Alts 1, 3, 5</b>	\$4,093,000.00	\$5,059,250.00	\$5,430,780.00	<b>Montgomery, Livingston, and Chestnut</b>

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett- To hold a special village Board meeting on October 15, 2019 for the purpose of awarding the water distribution bid.

**Second:** Trustee Neuneker-

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Korczak: Yes
- Trustee Neuneker: Yes
- Trustee Rossi: Yes

**Wastewater Department**

Trustee Rossi discussed the tasks being completed at the waste water plant, and the need for a replacement of the roof at the lab/office building due to leaking. The department had reached out to 3 contractors, receiving bids from 2.

**Motion:** Trustee Rossi- to accept the bid from Leary construction in the amount of \$5875.00

**Second:** Trustee Neuneker-

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Korczak: Yes

Trustee Neuneker: Yes  
Trustee Rossi: Yes

## **Committee Reports**

### **Autism support Committee**

Mayor Bassett reported on the Village of Rhinebeck receiving the Hudson Valley Magazine reward as Best of the Hudson Valley.

### **Tree Committee**

Deputy Mayor Lewit discussed the annual fall tree planting will be on Nov. 2, 2019 at 9:00am meeting at 39 Lorraine Drive. Volunteers are welcome for planting 12 trees.

#### **Tree planting permit**

Deputy Mayor Lewit discussed the commissions suggestion on a tree planting permit for resident to plant a tree in their yard. The Board discussed the distances, the BROW, what it involves and decided on returning to the Tree Commission to define the process.

#### **Expansion of the committee from 5 to 7 member**

Deputy Mayor Lewit reported the intense work the members of the commission have been doing and the need to extend the commission to more members. As this would require a change in our village code and local law, he will discuss with village counsel and report back.

### **Grant Committee**

#### **CDBG**

Trustee Rossi discussed the committee is pursuing the application of two grants for the West Chestnut sidewalk project. The Community Development Block Grant for \$150,000 and the Frost Foundation for \$100,000.

### **Climate Smart Task Force**

Mayor Bassett reported the task force is working on becoming a NYSERDA climate Smart community in 2020, and the head of the task force is the Climate Smart Coordinator.

## **Special Requests**

Rhinebeck Fire Dept. Parade of lights

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett

**Second:** Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes

Trustee Korczak: Yes

Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Trustee Rossi: Yes

Ferncliff Forest Turkey Trot

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett- with approval of the police department

**Second:** Trustee Rossi

Mayor Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes

Trustee Korczak: Yes

Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Trustee Rossi: Yes

Chamber of Commerce Bar Wars

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett

**Second:** Deputy Mayor Lewit

Mayor Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes

Trustee Korczak: Yes

Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Trustee Rossi: Yes

Other Business

**Farmer's Market**

Trustee Rossi discussed the contract amendments of the following 1) amending the fee from \$2000 per year to \$1.00 per year; 2) changing the term of the contract from 5 years to 3 years, namely 2020-2022; 3) changing the operating time to in May on the weekend before Mother's Day and end in December on the last weekend of each year; 4) to allow musicians to perform in the farmer's market.

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett: To accept the amendments as presented

**Second:** Trustee Korczak

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Korczak: Yes
- Trustee Neuneker: Yes
- Trustee Rossi: Yes

**Minutes approval:** 9-10-19

**Motion:** Trustee Rossi: To accept the minutes as presented by Treasurer McLaughlin

**Second:** Trustee Korczak

- Mayor Bassett: Yes
- Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes
- Trustee Korczak: Yes
- Trustee Neuneker: Yes
- Trustee Rossi: Yes

**Correspondence:** all on file in the Clerk's office

**Motion:** Deputy Mayor Lewit:

**Second:** Trustee Rossi

Mayor Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes

Trustee Korczak: Yes

Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Trustee Rossi: Yes

**Correspondence:** all on file in the Clerk's office

**Motion:** Mayor Bassett: To adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm.

**Second:** Trustee Neuneker

Mayor Bassett: Yes

Deputy Mayor Lewit: Yes

Trustee Korczak: Yes

Trustee Neuneker: Yes

Trustee Rossi: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia D. Coon, CMC, RMC

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