

Village of Rhinebeck
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, April 14th 2020
7:00 PM

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Present
Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit:	Present
Trustee Brant Neuneker:	(Virtually) Present
Trustee Paul Korczak:	Present
Trustee John Rossi:	Present

Also present were: Treasurer-Karen McLaughlin and Village Clerk- Martina McClinton

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor read opening statement

Mayor made the **Motion to open public hearing and comments**, seconded by Trustee Korczak- all aye

Mayor read budget statement

Karen McLaughlin gave Budget report-Budget on file in clerk's office and uploaded to cloud.)

Public comment read by Village Clerk and Mayor

Eileen Oshinsky-"Hi, I phoned about this as well. The New York Times has reported that people are concerned leaf blowers may assist in spread of the virus. No idea if it's true but it's a concern in many suburbs down there, apparently. I think leaf blowers are a horrible thing anyway--terrible pollutant (I can't go near the diesel ones without coughing), wasting fuel, and noise pollution that just ruins the peace and quiet of going for a walk etc. And what are their benefits? Why can't people just rake? Note too that they are usually used by lawn service workers, not homeowners themselves. I don't believe they really help all that much in gathering leaves; raking would do just as well. So I think they should be banned in the village--and I'm sure MANY MANY other residents agree. Thanks for considering this at your meeting and among local elected officials. "

Howard Trout-The Mayor read his email which stated his disagreement with salary increases.

Paull Higgins-"Mayor Bassett and Village Trustees,

This is no time to give yourselves a salary increase. There are over 16 million Americans out of work and millions more are hurting including many in our community. It is unconscionable, in fact amoral for you to even consider increasing your salaries. Since I can't be with you at the meeting this evening, please read my comments publicly during the public hearing on the budget. Thank you."

Mayor made **motion to close public comment**, seconded by Trustee Lewit- all aye

Mayor made **motion to accept Budget**, seconded by Trustee Lewit

Trustee Neuneker does not want to accept budget, wants raise for members of water/wastewater dept, also has concern about money for paving, street cleaning, vacuuming storm drains, and driveway aprons

Trustee Rossi also did not want to accept budget, had reservations about raises for the board. Said he was prepared to forgo salary for his holdover period.

Mayor Bassett **Motion for Budget vote**, seconded by Trustee Lewit
Trustee Neuneker and Trustee Rossi -nay
Mayor Bassett, Trustee Lewit and Trustee Korczak -aye
Budget approved by majority vote aye

Mayor Bassett **motion close public comment** seconded by Trustee Korczak- all aye

Department reports

All department reports entered into record, Treasurer and Water reports discussed

Mayor made **motion to accept Treasurers Budget amendments** seconded by Trustee Korczak- all aye

Water Treatment report submitted by Trustee Neuneker, read by Trustee Lewit
Bid proposed for Hilee Rd water tank landscape design for \$3,200

Trustee Neuneker made **motion to approve bid** for \$3,200 seconded by Trustee Lewit-all aye

Mayor **motion to accept department reports** seconded by trustee Korczak- all aye

Committee Reports

Climate Smart Committee report uploaded to cloud and on file in clerks office

Special Requests

Mayor read Farmers Market proposal which asked to close more of municipal lot to expand market and allow for proper social distancing. Also asked to open a few weeks earlier. Board discussed and Trustee Korczak was concerned about mask wearing. Agreed to close off lot and open weekend of April 26th.

Mayor made **motion to accept Farmers Market Proposal** seconded by Trustee Korczak-all aye.

Mayor read Fall Foliage Half Marathon Request. Board discussed and event needs police and DOT approval. Mayor made **motion to accept Fall Foliage Half Marathon (once restrictions are lifted)** seconded by Trustee Lewit -all aye.

Minutes approval

Mayor made **motion to approve minutes from 3-10-2020** seconded by Trustee Korczak
Trustee Rossi mentioned 2 discrepancies, 1 was a name change and the other was a recommendation he made as opposed to the Mayor. Changes noted. All aye

Personnel Anniversaries

Mayor Bassett congratulated 2 employees for their years of service to the Village of Rhinebeck- Tricia Giacalone and Darren Bondar.

Mayor made **Motion to close meeting** seconded by Trustee Korczak-all aye

Mayor Bassett concluded the board meeting at 8:02 pm.