

Village of Rhinebeck  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 2020  
7:00 PM

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

Also present were: Treasurer-Karen McLaughlin, Village Clerk- Martina McClinton, and Brandi Nelson.

Mayor began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor introduced International Overdose Awareness but Linda Vincent was not present yet to give presentation.

#### Village Parks

Trustee Lewit explained that previous work done at Crystal Lake park was not done correctly and the pathways were not made handicap accessible. Tighe & Bond got bids for the pathways to be redone. They solicited 8 firms and got a response from 1, Van Etten, whose bid was \$9,920 for remediation work. The old contractor will be contacted for recovery costs.

Trustee Korczak made **motion to accept bid with Van Etten at \$9920**. Seconded by Trustee Rossi. **All aye.**

Trustee Korczak asked Village Engineer Brandi Nelson if there was room for interpretation with ADA compliance. Ms. Nelson said there were no changes in ADA regulations and explained the noncompliance issues. The Mayor asked if Ms. Nelson would be the inspector, to make sure that the new work is complaint. Ms. Nelson said she would, and that she had spoke with John Fenton about overseeing the project. The Mayor asked for an estimate of the Tighe & Bond fee. Ms. Nelson said it would be approximately \$3500. The Mayor asked the Treasurer Karen McLaughlin if that money could come from the parks line item, and she explained how it could be charged/covered. Trustee Korczak asked if the original contractor could be asked to acknowledge the mistake so that they could make the repairs and the Village could avoid mitigation. Trustee Lewit said that the repair job should be done first and then the Village will ask for recovery costs as per the Village attorney Rich Olson.

Mayor made **motion to use capital parks funds for Crystal Lake pathway repairs**. Seconded by Trustee Korczak. **All aye.**

#### International Overdose Awareness

Linda Vincent gave presentation for International Overdose Awareness. International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized on August 31<sup>st</sup>, and she wanted to hang purple lights on the municipal

buildings for the month of August. She was given approval by Town to put purple lights on the Town Hall. She asked to put lights up and the Village Hall for the month of August and to hold a press briefing. Trustee Rossi asked if lights needed to be up everyday in August. Ms. Vincent said she wanted the whole month to spread more awareness. Trustee Korczak asked if Ms. Vincent had done this anywhere else and where the lights would go. Ms. Vincent said Rhinebeck is the first Village/Town that she had asked, and that she would provide the lights. She had a fund of \$1200. Trustee Lewit said he wanted signage as to why the lights would be up.

Mayor made **motion to accept offer to light the Village municipal building for the month of August**. Seconded by Trustee Korczak. **All aye, except for Trustee Rossi who voted Nay** because he didn't want the lights up for the entire month. Trustee Rossi said he believed that may set a precedence for other groups representing other worthwhile causes.

### Department Reports

Treasurer Karen McLaughlin gives Treasurer's report.

Trustee Neuneker made **motion to accept water adjustments**. Seconded by Trustee Rossi. **All aye**.

Trustee Rossi made **motion to accept wastewater adjustments**. Seconded by Trustee Korczak. **All aye**.

Mayor gave summary of Police report.

Trustee Korczak gave summary of Building, Planning and Zoning report and Grasmere update/comments. Trustee Korczak said the comments and a letter were sent to the Town Planning Board. The Town Board will discuss with Grasmere which could take several months. Trustee Neuneker said that the Village Planning Board should weigh in on that discussion.

Trustee Lewit gave summary of Highway Department report.

Trustee Neuneker gave Water Department report summary and explained change work order # 5 for \$40,207.

Trustee Neuneker made **motion to approve change work order #5**. Seconded by Trustee Korczak. **All aye**.

Trustee Neuneker explained Seaway Diving proposal for cleaning and inspection services. Price to inspect river intake was \$3932 and price to inspect the water tank was \$3997. The service is recommended every 3-5 years and the Village is right on schedule.

Trustee Neuneker made **motion to accept Seaway Diving proposal**, Seconded by Trustee Rossi. **All aye**. Trustee Neuneker said the Westech bid for Trident Unit clearwell was \$4354. The installation was \$4475 but the Water Department employees could do the installation themselves.

Trustee Neuneker made **motion to approve the bid of \$4354**. Seconded by Trustee Rossi. **All aye**.

Trustee Rossi gave summary of Wastewater Department report.

### Committee Reports

Mayor summarized Climate Smart Committee report. Bronze level certification plaques will be placed at the Village Hall and at the Village entrance sign.

Mayor gives Autism Awareness Supportive Committee update. Committee received all funding - \$20,000. Mayor presented new chair of committee, Joe Phalen.

Mayor made **motion to appoint Joe Phalen as chair of the Autism Supportive Committee**. Seconded by Trustee Korczak. **All aye.**

Trustee Lewit presented 3 tree pruning/removal requests that were recommended by the Tree Commission.

Trustee Lewit made **motion to accept recommendation of Tree Commission to approve tree pruning/removal requests from the Third Lutheran Church, Sarah Burke and Isabelle Scholte**. Seconded by Trustee Rossi. **All aye.**

Mayor recommended that the Board go out and look at the trees in question.

#### Other Business

Trustee Korczak talked about Village owned parcels. The Village owns 10 parcels and out of those parcels, 3 are reserved for infrastructure or are designated open spaces. The other 7 parcels are worth \$510,000 and Trustee Korczak asked if the Village wanted to consider putting those parcels up for auction. According to the Building inspector, those 7 parcels seemed to be likely candidates. Further research would need to be done into specific parcel lots, but they could be worth tax revenue. The Mayor suggested the Board pick 1 or 2 of the parcels to auction rather than 7. Trustee Rossi asked that the Board make sure residents would be kept involved.

The Mayor made a **motion to research the lots and come back with proposals for 1 or 2 parcels**. Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye.**

Trustee Korczak talked about the landscape of the South entrance into the Village. The Mayor said all 3 landscapes ( with signs) at the Village entrances should be updated and maintained. Trustee Neuneker mentioned that the East and South entrances do not have irrigation. Trustee Lewit suggested involving graduate students from the Conway School to design. The Mayor requested that the engineering firm Tighe & Bond, give a recommendation on specs.

Trustee Korczak made a **motion to pursue 1<sup>st</sup> step in exploring Village entrance landscape design**. Seconded by the Mayor. **All aye.**

#### Minutes Approval

Mayor makes **motion to approve minutes for the Village Board meeting on 6/9/2020**. Seconded by Trustee Korczak. **All aye.**

#### Personnel Anniversaries

Mayor congratulated personnel on their employment anniversaries. Officer Kyle Jennings- 5 years, Police Clerk Danielle Rector- 11 years, Officer Kenneth Landers- 18 years, Officer Kenneth Scattergood- 22 years and Officer Daniel Kaelin- 25 years.

Mayor made **motion to approve buyout of 56 hours of accumulated vacation hours for employee #16**. Seconded by Trustee Korczak. **All aye.**

### Special Requests

Mayor presented 2 event applications from the Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce. The first was for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate Phase 4. The ceremony would last 15 minutes and would need Police to close the intersection at the light for 5 minutes.

Mayor made **motion to accept the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**. Seconded by Trustee Korczak. **All aye**.

The second request was for Music on Market St. Live music would be played by a small ensemble (2-3) for strollers/passersby in the Village on Friday evenings in August. Trustee Neuneker was concerned that the applicant was requesting too many dates and for too long. Trustee Korczak was concerned that people would stand and gather to watch the musicians. The Mayor said that the Board could amend the request and say that there is a temporary allowance while there is a relaxation of the zoning code. The Mayor also pointed out that the dates provided were proposed dates, not definite.

The Mayor made a **motion to accept the Music on Market St**. Seconded by Trustee Korczak. **All aye**.

The Board discussed mask wearing compliance and how it can be encouraged but not enforced.

Mayor made **motion to adjourn meeting**. Seconded by Trustee Korczak. **All aye**.

Meeting concluded at 8:40 PM.

All reports and correspondence on file in clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted by Martina McClinton, Village Clerk.