

Village of Rhinebeck
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, October 13th, 2020
6:00 PM

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Present
Trustee Richard Lewit:	Present
Trustee Brant Neuneker:	Present
Trustee Vanessa Bertozzi:	Present
Trustee Lydia Slaby:	Present

Also present were: Village Clerk Martina McClinton, Treasurer Karen McLaughlin, Fire Chief Kyle Eighmy, David Chernack and Danielle Salisbury.

Mayor began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Danielle Salisbury gave Climate Smart Resiliency Presentation.

David Chernack gave Joint Environmental Committee presentation.

Police Reform

The Mayor talked about the Police Officer/Special Assistant position and explained that the state gave the county permission for this civil service recognized position. Trustee Neuneker asked when the report is due, and the Mayor explained that it would backdate to June 13 and would extend to April 30, 2021. Trustee Neuneker asked if the Village would be charged with any back pay and the Mayor said no, the hours would be allocated differently. Trustee Slaby asked if the hours were included in the budget and the Mayor confirmed they were.

The Mayor made a **motion to adopt the resolution to appoint Officer in Charge Peter Dunn to Police Officer/ Special Assistant to the Mayor.** Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye.**

Mayor spoke about Lexipol, a 3rd party agency that will keep the Village up to date on police policy and procedure. The fee is \$3656.70 annually and an additional onetime fee of \$2195.00 to update and digitize the current policy book.

Mayor made a **motion to move forward with Lexipol for a total of \$6070.70.** Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye.**

Trustee Neuneker asked who Lexipol is and if the Village only subscribes for 1 year. The Mayor explained that Lexipol is a private business and that the Village can revoke next year if they would like to utilize them again. Trustee Bertozzi asked if there were other businesses to consider and the Mayor said that there are two primary companies but other municipalities and the county use Lexipol. Trustee Slaby asked if this was within the budget and the Mayor said the goal would be to work this within the Police budget. Trustee Bertozzi asked if the Police department has used Lexipol and The Mayor said yes, Sgt Dunn has reviewed the policy with the officers and they are comfortable using it. Trustee Bertozzi asked if it had been discussed with the Police Reform workgroup and the Mayor said it had been and that they all agreed it should be used.

Department Reports

Treasurer Karen McLaughlin gave Treasurer's Report.

Trustee Neuneker made **motion to accept adjustments as presented for Water and Wastewater**. Seconded by the Trustee Lewit. **All aye**.

Trustee Lewit made **motion to accept budget amendments as presented**. Seconded by Trustee Neuneker. **All aye**.

Karen McLaughlin presented a Bond Resolution to the Board of \$450,000 for the general fund.

Mayor made a **motion to accept the Bond Resolution for \$450,000**. Seconded by Trustee Neuneker. **All aye**.

Trustee Neuneker made a **motion to approve change work order #6 for \$123,183.04**. Seconded by the Mayor. **All aye**.

Mayor gave Police Report.

Mayor gave Fire Department Report.

Chief Kyle Eighmy requested to send out bids for a new Rescue Truck purchase to replace the 1995 Rescue Truck. Chief Eighmy explained that the current truck has been with the department for 26 years and is now only worth \$3500 and only some non-mechanic parts can be salvaged. Chief informed the Board that a new truck would cost approximately \$575,000 and it is extremely important that the department to get a new truck.

The Mayor made a **motion to go out to bid for a new Rescue Truck for the Fire Department**. Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye**.

Mayor presented the Fire District Amendment which would have the Fire Department pick up the protected district from Rhinecliff. The Town wrote an amendment to the current contract to include that \$31,620 a year would be paid to the Village.

The Mayor made a **motion to adopt the amendment to the Fire District contract between the Town and Village**. Seconded by Trustee Slaby. **All aye**.

Trustee Slaby gave Building, Planning and Zoning Report and presented the Planning Application County Resolution.

Trustee Slaby made a **motion to accept the agreement between the County and the Village for the Planning Application Resolution**. Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye**.

Trustee Slaby proposed hiring Christine Eighmy as the new minutes clerk for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Slaby explained that she would be paid \$25 an hour with a maximum of 3 hours per meeting.

Trustee Slaby made a **motion to hire Christine Eighmy as the minutes clerk.** Seconded by the Mayor. **All aye.**

Trustee Slaby announced that a new task force for outdoor dining post COVID-19 has been created and Trustee Neuneker asked that planning board members be a part of the task force.

Trustee Lewit gave the Highway Report.

Trustee Neuneker gave Water & Wastewater Reports.

Trustee Neuneker presented bids to replace the blowers for the Wastewater Department and the lowest bid was from USA Bluebook for \$1589.95 per blower.

Trustee Neuneker made a **motion to approve USA Bluebook bid for 2 new blowers at \$1589.95 each.** Seconded by the Mayor. **All aye.**

Trustee Bertozzi gave the Environmental Report.

Trustee Bertozzi introduced the Procurement policy/resolution and mentioned the salt brine for the roadways during the winter season.

Committee Reports

Trustee Lewit gave Tree Commission Report and informed the Board that Fall tree planting is scheduled for Saturday November 7th, 2020 and 14 trees will be planted. The Tree Commission asked that the Planning Board consult with them.

Other Business

The Mayor announced that there would be two public forums to discuss the Court Consolidation. The first would be held on Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM and the second would be on Thursday November 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

The Mayor spoke about the 2020-2021 Community Block Development Grant. The grant would have a \$150,000 limit and the Village would need to hold a public hearing.

The Mayor made a **motion to have a public hearing via Microsoft Teams for the 2020-2021 Community Block Grant prior to the next Board meeting on November 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM.** Seconded by Trustee Slaby. **All aye.**

The Mayor made a **motion to close the Village Hall on Friday October 16, 2020 for inventory.** Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye.**

The Mayor discussed the holiday season plans which included the recommendation to cancel the Holiday parade and putting the holiday tree in the municipal parking lot.

The Mayor made a **motion to have the Village purchase a holiday tree if one is not donated.** Seconded by Trustee Slaby. **All aye.**

The Mayor also discussed lighting trees throughout the Village. Rather than hanging lights in the canopies of trees, the lights would only go around the trunk up to 15ft. Additionally, the Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce usually pays for the lights for trees lit throughout the Village but was not able to

fundraise this year and does not have the money to purchase the lights. Approximately 500 strands would be needed, so the Mayor asked if along with help from stores and/ or donations, if the Village could help with the purchase cost.

The Mayor made a **motion to have the Village contribute up to \$1000 for tree lighting if needed**. Trustee Neuneker asked that it be increased to \$2000. The Mayor **amended the amount to \$2000**. Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye**.

The Mayor announced that the Village does not have special plans to regulate trick or treating within the Village and anyone planning to trick or treat should follow NYS guidelines at that time.

Special Requests

The Mayor made a **motion to approve music at Fosters**. Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye**.

The Mayor made a **motion to approve the Turkey Trot**. Seconded by Trustee Bertozzi. **All aye**.

The Mayor introduced two Peddlers Permits from representatives of Sales Focus Inc. asking to go door to door to convert current Central Hudson customers to solar energy. The Mayor abstained from the discussion as it was a conflict of interest with his other job. Trustee Bertozzi and Trustee Lewit stated they were disinclined to allow door to door solicitation during a pandemic.

Trustee Lewit made a **motion to deny the Peddlers Permits**. Seconded by Trustee Slaby. **All aye, except for the Mayor who abstained**.

Minutes Approval

The Mayor made a **motion to accept the minutes for the Village Board/Organizational meeting on 9/21/2020**. Seconded by Trustee Bertozzi. **All aye, except Trustee Slaby who abstained**.

Personnel Anniversaries

The Mayor congratulated Highway MEO Dante Knox for 1 year and Officer Jonathan Wilson for 1 year of service to the Village of Rhinebeck.

The Mayor made a **motion to go into Executive Session**. Seconded by Trustee Neuneker. **All aye**.

The Mayor made a **motion to adjourn meeting after the Executive Session**. Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye**.

Meeting concluded at 8:39 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by Martina McClinton, Village Clerk.

