

Village of Rhinebeck  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 and Treasurer Karen McLaughlin

Mayor began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

The Mayor introduced the new call in option for public comment. A resident Susannah called in and asked about the status of the leaf blower. Trustee Lewit responded and informed her that the leaf truck had picked up debris and was damaged. The truck was out of commission while being repaired. Trustee Lewit explained that the leaf truck was designed to only pick up leaves and encouraged residents to make sure only leaves should be in leaf piles for pick up. The Mayor read in an email from Roger Quon about court consolidation. Roger's email said:

The Mayor responded and said that this had been explained in previous discussions, but that the recommendation was to have 2 full time clerks who would be selected by the judges and would keep the same pay and benefits that they currently have. The third person would be offered another position within the Town with corresponding hours.

Community Development Block Grant

The Board held a public hearing at 5:00 pm on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant application selection and decided to move forward with the application for funds for the West Chestnut sidewalk project.

Trustee Neuneker made a **motion to approve the letter of intent for the application for the 2021 Community Development Block grant**. Seconded by Trustee Slaby. **All aye.**

The Mayor made a **motion to accept the resolution for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant**. Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye.**

Special Election Date Selection

The Board discussed possible dates to hold the special election for the permissive referendum on Abolishing the Office of Village Justice. The Board confirmed that this election would be for Village voters only, would include the option for absentee voting and the polling place would be the Firehouse. The Mayor made a motion to select Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 12:00pm to 9:00 pm for the Special Election. Seconded by Trustee Lewit. All aye.

Trustee Slaby mentioned there would be more public forums and Q & A's for residents. Trustee Neuneker asked who would prepare the ballot and Trustee Slaby said that the Board would. Trustee Lewit recommend that an informational letter be sent to all Village voters. Trustee Bertozzi recommended that a date be set for the next public forum.

The Mayor made a **motion to select Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 pm for a public forum on court consolidation.** Seconded by Trustee Slaby. **All aye.**

### Village Election

The Village Clerk gave the offices and terms up for election on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mayor (2 year), Trustee (2 year) Trustee (2 year) and Judge (4 year).

### Solar Repair IMA

The Mayor explained the joint intermunicipal agreement for solar repair.

The Mayor made a **motion to accept the Town/Village Resolution for maintenance on solar systems.** Seconded by Trustee Bertozzi. **All aye.**

### Police Reform

The Mayor gave an update on Police Reform.

### Department Reports

Treasurer Karen McLaughlin gave Treasurer's Report.

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

The Mayor made **motion to accept budget amendments as presented.** Seconded by Trustee Slaby. **All aye.**

The Mayor gave the Police Report.

Trustee Slaby gave the Building, Planning and Zoning Report. Jeff Christensen was selected as the new Planning Board member and Tim Decker was selected as the new alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals. The barriers used for outdoor dining would be picked up on December 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 2020. The Mayor asked if extensions were allowed for restaurants to use space on the sidewalks after the barriers come down. Trustee Slaby responded by saying some two-top tables could be placed outside certain restaurants if there was enough sidewalk space to walk. Trustee Neuneker asked is heaters could ne used on sidewalks. Trustee Slaby said she would meet with Code Enforcement Officer John Fenton to get more guidelines. Trustee Slaby also gave an update on the Historic District Expansion. The application has gone through the State and is in the final draft stages. The objection period is open until the federal process is complete. Currently, it is a federal expansion asked for by the Village, out of fear of losing important structures. It does not automatically expand the historic district and the Board will have to decide. Trustee Slaby mentioned that there are tax credits for those in the district who do renovations.

Trustee Lewit gave the Highway Report.

Trustee Neuneker gave Water & Wastewater Reports.

Trustee Neuneker made a **motion to approve purchase of a letter folder for \$993**. Seconded by the Mayor. **All aye.**

Trustee Bertozzi gave the Environmental Report.

Trustee Bertozzi gave an update on the Procurement policy, mentioned having a public information session with the intern David Chernack, and gave a salt brine application update. Trustee Bertozzi announced that there would be a public information session on energy navigators that would take place on Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

#### Committee Reports

Trustee Lewit gave the Tree Commission Report and informed the Board that 14 trees were planted on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The Mayor gave the Autism Supportive Committee Report.

#### Other Business

Trustee Bertozzi mentioned her work on creating a prototype for a new Village website using Squarespace.

The Mayor made a **motion to pay \$18/month for Squarespace to develop a new website**. Seconded by Trustee Slaby. **All aye.**

#### Special Requests

The Mayor introduced a Peddler's Permit application that asked to leave water sample kits at residents' doors. The Mayor made a **motion to deny the Peddler's Permit for water sampling**. Seconded by Trustee Neuneker. **All aye.**

#### Minutes Approval

The Mayor made a **motion to accept the minutes for the Village Board meeting on 10/13/2020 and the public forums held on 10/21/2020 and 11/5/2020**. Seconded by Trustee Bertozzi. **All aye.**

#### Personnel Anniversaries

The Mayor made a **motion to allow employee #11 to buy out vacation hours**. Seconded by Trustee Lewit. **All aye.**

The Mayor congratulated Wastewater Treatment Plant Trainee David Secor for 2 years and maintenance manager John Raimondo for 20 years of service to the Village of Rhinebeck.

The Mayor made a **motion to adjourn meeting**. Seconded by Trustee Slaby. **All aye.**

Meeting concluded at 8:11 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by Martina McClinton, Village Clerk.