

Village of Rhinebeck  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
Tuesday, November 24<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, Treasurer Karen McLaughlin, and various Village residents.

Mayor began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Court Consolidation

The Mayor introduced a Resolution for Reconsideration. The Mayor proposed that a Village/Town Judicial Taskforce be proposed to review the pros and cons of court consolidation and hold a series of public forums to engage the public. The Board agreed to postpone the decision to abolish the Village justice and slow the process of consolidation. The Board suggested waiting until after the Holiday season to schedule meetings for the workgroup. Josh Pulver, a resident, mentioned that the County should be involved to some degree. Trustee Lewit said that they would be contacted but not included for any future vote.

The Mayor read the Resolution for Reconsideration of Abolishing the Office of Village Justice and made a **motion to accept the Resolution**, Seconded by Trustee Lewit.

Roll call vote:

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

The Board was all in favor.

Salt Brine Update

Trustee Bertozzi gave an update on salt brine application.

Susannah, a resident asked how the salt brine benefits the Village. Trustee Bertozzi explained that the brine used is 25% of the amount of the salt that would be used. Additionally, it is better for the environment and overtime helps to decrease water decontamination.

The Mayor made a **motion to move forward in working with Dave's Tree Service to apply salt brine**. Seconded by Trustee Neuneker.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Board was all in favor.

Leaf Truck Contracting

The Mayor explained that the leaf truck for the Village of Red Hook is broken and repairs would cost \$20,000 and take at least a month. The Village of Red Hook asked if they could use our truck and a driver for a week to pick up leaves. The Mayor said the Village of Red Hook would be charged \$110.20 an hour to contract the truck and a driver for one (1) week. Village Attorney Rich Olson is working on the contract to insure the Village.

The Mayor made a **motion to approve charging the Village of Red Hook \$110.20 an hour for one (1) week for the use of the leaf truck and a driver.** Seconded by Trustee Lewit.

Trustee Lewit asked when The Village of Red Hook would use the truck. The Mayor explained that once the Village of Rhinebeck is caught up on leaf pick up, then the truck would be contracted out. Trustee Bertozzi asked what would happen if the leaf truck is damaged while it is contracted out. The Mayor confirmed that the Village of Red Hook would be responsible to cover the cost of any repairs and that would be stated in the contract.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Board was all in favor.

Community Development Block Grant

Trustee Bertozzi explained that the proposed sidewalk project would cost \$325,000 and the grant cap is \$150,000. The Village is unable to get a matching grant and should therefore withdraw the application.

Trustee Bertozzi made a **motion to withdraw the application for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant.** Seconded by The Mayor.

Roll call Vote:

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

The Board was all in favor.

Other Business

The Mayor brought up an issue with COVID-19 testing for employees, explaining that the out of pocket cost for a COVID-19 test is between \$160-200 and if an employee uses their insurance to cover the cost, it goes against their deductible.

Trustee Lewit made a **motion to reimburse the cost of COVID-19 testing for employees who are required to be tested**. Seconded by Trustee Neuneker.

Roll Call vote:

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

The Board was all in favor.

The Mayor made a **motion to allow employee # 12 to buyout vacation hours**. Seconded by Trustee Lewit.

Roll call vote:

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

The Board was all in favor.

Trustee Neuneker informed the Board of a bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Filter Project. Trustee Neuneker made a **motion to accept a bid from the Rough Brothers for \$99,950**. Seconded by Trustee Slaby.

Treasurer Karen McLaughlin said the engineers, Tighe & Bond, need to provide a cost for the project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Board was all in favor.

Trustee Bertozzi said there would be a final presentation by the Joint Environment Committee intern David Chernack on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Public Comment

Pat Evans let the Board know that the link for the meeting sent out by email and posted to the Village website, did not work.

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

Meeting concluded at 7:20 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by Martina McClinton, Village Clerk.