

## Sloatsburg Village Board

### Regular Meeting – June 14, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Honorable Carl S. Wright, Mayor in the Conference Room of the Sloatsburg Municipal Building, 96 Orange Turnpike, Sloatsburg, New York.

Trustees Present - J. Mark Reimer  
Barbara Berntsen  
John Bonkoski  
Peter Akey

Village Clerk & Treasurer – Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr. – Present

Village Attorney – Joel Grossbarth – Absent

Interested Citizens Attending: Lynn Del Duca, Mrs. Dube, Thomas Lorentz III, Ramapo Police Officer Minervini

Pledge to Flag – J. Mark Reimer

Mayor Wright opened the meeting and introduced Thomas Lorentz. Thomas Lorentz addressed the Board regarding his Eagle Scout project. He would like to complete the upper floor of the Sloatsburg Ambulance Corp. building and is seeking to have the building permit fee waived.

Trustee Bonkoski indicated the Ambulance Corps. building is not owned by the Village so any proposed work has to be approved by the Planning Board. Any work done has to be according to Village Code. They should get a building permit and request a refund of the fee from the Village.

Trustee Akey suggested they have Matt Gannon come in and fill out the Building Permit application on behalf of the Ambulance Corps. Then have the Building Inspector review the plans and obtain a building permit and the Village would refund the fee. He also commented that the Village has control over the Senior Citizen center if they ever decide to do a project there.

Trustee Berntsen asked who drew up the plans. There are no changes to the structure so there are no plans; he just wants to finish what was previously started. Mayor Wright congratulated Thomas Lorentz on his project and commented on other Eagle Scout projects.

Mrs. Dube addressed the Board and asked if they would consider putting in speed bumps by the lake in Pine Grove and by the bus stop at the top of Laurel Road by Aspen. She commented that Suffern installed temporary speed bumps which are removed in the winter.

Mayor Wright indicated that Pine Grove and other parts of the Village had speed bumps in the past but they were removed because people did not want to drive over them every day. Trustee Bonkoski commented on the speed bumps in Suffern. Mayor Wright also noted that most of the people who are speeding are the Pine Grove residents. The Village has sent letters over the years and put up signs. Officer Minervini commented on the installation of STOP signs and the discussion continued.

Trustee Akey suggested the Pine Grove Lakes Association could send a newsletter to residents regarding speeding and also have one of their representatives meet with Mike DeMartino, the Superintendent of Public Works.

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Reimer to allow the Sloatsburg Fire Department to participate in the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention in Lake George, New York on Thursday, June 16 through Sunday, June 19, 2011 and to allow them to use the two Chief's vehicles and the Fire Department van. All in favor, motion carried.*

Minutes

a. Regular Meeting 5/24/11

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Reimer to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 5/24/11. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolutions

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Reimer to adopt resolutions in mass. All in favor, motion carried.*

Resolution #011 -052 Authorization to Execute Agreement – Supersaver Bus Tickets

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village of Sloatsburg approve the agreement with the County of Rockland, Department of Public Transportation to allow for the sale of Supersaver Bus Tickets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to execute the 2011 Agreement between the County of Rockland on behalf of its Department of Public Transportation and the Village of Sloatsburg (Supersaver Bus Ticket Sales Cooperative Agreement).

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Reimer .

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| On a Roll Call Vote: | Trustee Akey     | Aye |
|                      | Trustee Berntsen | Aye |
|                      | Trustee Bonkoski | Aye |
|                      | Trustee Reimer   | Aye |
|                      | Mayor Wright     | Aye |

Resolution #11-053 Close General Fund Money Market Account – Capital One Bank

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer close the General Fund Money Market Account held at the Capital One Bank and transfer the balance of \$519.10 to the General Fund Checking held at the M&T Bank.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Reimer and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #11- 054 Refund – Village Taxes – Overpayment

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt taxes in the amount of \$46,983.16 received from BAC Tax Service covering the second installment of the 2011 taxes, and

WHEREAS, included in said amount a total of \$1884.22 was received representing a duplicate payment on 71 Eagle Valley Road, Sloatsburg, New York, Barbara Berntsen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer refund \$1844.22 to BAC Tax Services Corporation.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Reimer and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #11-055 Transfer T& A to General Fund Checking

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk & Treasurer transfer \$50.00 from the Trust & Agency Account T-85 to the General Fund Account Street Opening A2590.2 Transfer represents payment of a Street Opening Fee included in a check covering engineering fees. Per the attached.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Reimer and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #11-056 Transfer General Fund Money Market to General Fund Checking Account

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$193,906.25 from the General Fund Money Market Account held at the Greater Hudson Bank to the General Fund Checking Account held at M&T Bank. This transfer to cover the principle and interest payment due on the Public Improvement Serial Bond 1998.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Reimer and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #11 – 057 Permit – Ice Cream Vendor

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Siham R. Daoud / Festival Ice Cream has applied for a renewal license to vend ice cream products within the Village of Sloatsburg and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Board of Trustees issue a vending permit to Siham Daoud, doing business as Sina's Ice Cream, within the Village of Sloatsburg for a period of one year from the 1st of June, 2011, pending receipt of all necessary insurance and upon payment of the fee of \$25.00.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Reimer and was duly adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution #11- 058 Order & Judgment Reducing Assessment Everest Realty Company Inc., Nazwin Associates

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk & Treasurer transfer \$3,181.60 from the Various Funds Money Market Account (Tax Certiorari Reserve) held at the Capital One Bank to the General Fund Checking Account held at the M&T Bank. Said

funds in settlement of Order & Judgment reducing the various assessments of Everest Realty and Nazwin Associates per the following:

| Name              | Tax Year | Original Assessment | Revised Assessment | Reduction   | Tax Rate | Refund     |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| Everest Realty    | 2004     | \$257,000.00        | \$230,000.00       | \$27,000.00 | \$21.32  | \$757.64   |
| Nazwin Associates | 2005     | \$257,000.00        | \$210,000.00       | \$47,000.00 | \$23.50  | \$1104.50  |
| Nazwin Associates | 2007     | \$193,000.00        | \$175,000.00       | \$18,000.00 | \$28.20  | \$507.60   |
| Nazwin Associates | 2008     | \$193,000.00        | \$170,775.00       | \$22,225.00 | \$27.70  | \$615.63   |
| Nazwin Associates | 2009     | \$190,000.00        | \$177,795.00       | \$12,205.00 | \$30.99  | \$378.23   |
|                   |          |                     |                    |             | Total    | \$3,181.60 |

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Reimer and was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mayor Wright asked Trustee Bonkoski, to read off the list of firemen who completed the Rockland County Fire and Emergency training courses for the record. Trustee Bonkoski read those names as follows: Brandon Bates, Thomas Lindemann, Alex Murray, Robert Stein, Douglas Volpicella, Douglas Volpicella, Sr. and Patrick Yorke. The Mayor thanked the Fire Department for their service. He also noted that Brandon Bates won several awards at Suffern High School in his Senior year.

#### Past Events

- a. Opening of Sloatsburg Pool, Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>
- b. Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
- c. Sloatsburg Elementary School, Olympic Day, Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- d. Suffern High School's Night of Excellence, Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Joseph S. Vega, Sr. Scholarship – Nawshin Chowdhury  
Chief Joseph Miele Scholarship – Brandon Kyle Bates  
NYS Trooper Robert V. Conklin Scholarship – Morgan Hall  
Constitutional Law Scholarship – Anna Milovich, Daniel Small  
The Brian Nugent Constitutional Law Scholarship – Jana Soares
- e. Suffern High School Alumni Dinner Dance, Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Harrison Bush named Suffern High School's 2011 Alumnus of the Year
- f. Flag Day Ceremony, Sloatsburg Elementary School, Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Upcoming Events

- a. Sloatsburg Elementary Promotion Program, Thursday, June 23, 9:30 AM, Suffern Middle School, 1:00 PM, Suffern High School Graduation, 7:00 PM, RCC Fieldhouse
- b. Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jason Hruscik Softball Tournament
- c. Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Annual Family Day
- d. September 11, 2011, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 9/11 Ceremony commencing at 7:00 PM
- e. Annual Golf Tournament, Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>
- f. Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Recognition of Hero Airman James Moran, Jr.

Congratulations to Susan Reif on the writing and publishing of her book, For Family and Friends...39 Things to Make a Cancer Patient Smile

Reports and Concerns of Trustees

Trustee Akey commented on possibly amending the local law and the Zoning Code as it pertains to seasonal temporary pools that are taken down at the end of the season. It would require a GML review by the County Planning Board. Mayor Wright suggested a Public Hearing be set for August 9<sup>th</sup> regarding the matter.

Trustee Akey also commented on amending the Village Code as it pertains to laundromat services in the Village after a request was made by a resident.

Trustee Berntsen commented that bids for the anticipation of work being done on Harmony Hall's roof, veranda and front door are extended to June 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Wright indicated that Harmony Hall is owned by the Town of Ramapo.

Other

Mayor Wright asked for comments or questions, none received.

Adjourn

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Reimer to move to executive session at 8:10 PM to discuss legal matters. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to come out of executive session at 8:15 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

*On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.  
Village Clerk and Treasurer

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