

**Sloatsburg Village Board**

**Regular Meeting – March 8, 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 Attorney – Joel Grossbarth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Dan O’Leary, Dave Veraja, Kevin Hartnett, Matt Stritmater, Ellen DiVietro, Jonathan DiVietro, Kristen Manning, Mike DeMartino, Ramapo Police Officer

Pledge to Flag

Minutes

a. Special Meeting 1/24/11

*On a motion by Trustee Akey, seconded by Trustee Berntsen to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Trustee Bonkoski abstained.*

b. Regular Meeting 2/8/11

*On a motion by Trustee Bonkoski, seconded by Trustee Akey to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/8/11. All in favor, motion carried. Trustee Reimer and Trustee Berntsen abstained.*

Resolution #11-025 Small Claims Settlement

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the following Small Claims Assessment changes for the 2011 tax year, predicated on the 2010 assessment roll:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Lot Number</b>	<b>Old Assessment</b>	<b>New Assessment</b>	<b>Tax Refund</b>
Martin & Elaine Hirsch	39.23-1-9	\$106,500	\$97,400	\$308.95
Raymond & Deborah Goetz	39.38-1-2	\$71,100	\$60,400	\$181.64*
David & Isabel Hibert	39.31-1-3	\$61,500	\$55,900	\$95.06*

\*Represents partial refund – taxes not fully paid

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk & Treasurer transfer \$585.65 from the Various Funds Money Market Tax Certiorari Reserve held at the Capital One Bank to the General Fund Checking Account held at the M&T Bank.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Akey.

On a Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Berntsen	Aye
Trustee Akey	Aye
Trustee Bonkoski	Aye
Mayor Wright	Aye

Resolution #11-026 Junior Member Sloatsburg Fire Department

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept Alexander J. Murray of 8 Hamilton Avenue, Sloatsburg, New York as a Junior member in the Sloatsburg Fire Department.

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

Resolution #11-027 Resignation of Christian McKay Zoning Board of Appeals Member

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Christian McKay as a member of the Sloatsburg Zoning Board of Appeals effective March 1, 2011

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

Resolution #11-028 Resignation of Daniel O'Leary from the Planning Board

Trustee Berntsen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Daniel O'Leary as a member of the Sloatsburg Planning Board effective March 7, 2011.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Daniel O'Leary be appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Christian McKay. Term of office 3/8/11 – 12/2/12.

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

Resolution #11-029 Resignation of Laura Kelly Zoning Board of Appeals Member

Trustee Akey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Laura Kelly as a member of the Sloatsburg Zoning Board of Appeals effective March 8, 2011.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Laura Kelly be appointed as a member of the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Dan O'Leary. Term of office will run from 3/8/11 to 12/1/14.

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

Resolution #11-030 Appointment Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals Member-Kevin Hartnett

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the appointment of Kevin Hartnett as an alternate member of the Sloatsburg Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Laura Kelly. Term of office 3/8/11 to 12/5/11.

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

Resolution #11- 031 Purchase of Van from Pearl River Fire District

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Sloatsburg Fire Department is requesting the Village purchase a 1992 Ford Econoline Van E450 from the Pearl River Fire District for use by the Department.

WHEREAS, the fee for said vehicle is \$2,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board grant the request and purchase the 1994 Ford Econoline Van E450 from the Pearl River Fire District for the sum of \$2,000.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Akey.

On a Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Akey	Aye
Trustee Berntsen	Aye
Trustee Bonkoski	Aye
Mayor Wright	Aye

At this time, the Mayor introduced Jonathan DiVietro who then made a presentation to the Board on behalf of the Suffern Marching Band. The Suffern Marching Band is requesting donations to help sponsor their trip to Disney World.

Resolutions in Mass

Resolution #11-032 Refund of penalty

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2011 the Village received a check in the amount of \$752.17 in payment of the 2011 village taxes for 17 Grant Street from Bank of Blue Valley. The check was inadvertently returned to Bank of Blue Valley with a request for payment of a penalty in the amount of \$35.82. (note: the returned check included the penalty of \$35.82) and

WHEREAS, the Village on February 18, 2011 received a check from Bank of Blue Valley in the amount of \$787.99 which includes an additional \$35.82 penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer refund \$35.82 to the Bank of Blue Valley.

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

Resolution #11-033 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 \$173,796.88 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 principal and interest payment due on the Public Improvement Serial Bond due March 1, 2011.

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

Resolution #11-034 Acceptance of Building Inspector's Report February 2011

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Building Inspector's report for the month of February in the amount of \$3443.75.

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

Request for Vending Permit by Scotts Lawn Service

There was discussion regarding the request for a vending permit and the Village policy on solicitation. No action was taken at this time.

Request from Village Justice for placement of sign locating Justice Court

The Board discussed funding for the sign, location and type of sign. Trustee Bonkoski recommended Island Sign Company.

Fire Department's and Public Works response to recent flooding

Mayor Wright thanked the Fire Department and the Public Works Department for their tremendous response during the recent rain storm. Trustee Berntsen commended them for helping her. Trustee Akey indicated that the Sloatsburg Dive Team made two rescues by Jessie's Bagels.

Congratulations to 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Aaron Jed on winning the Sloatsburg Elementary School Geographic Bee Contest, winners have opportunity to compete for \$25,000 Scholarship in State and National events

Past Events

- a. Report on Scholarship Committee Meeting, Monday, February, 28  
Trustee Akey reported that the Committee is comprised of local residents. They met to discuss how they will collect funds. They are in the process of setting up the structure of the committee; President, Secretary, Treasurer etc.
- b. DARE Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 5  
Mayor Wright reported that the DARE Dinner was a tremendous success, serving over 300 dinners. He thanked all the volunteers.

Upcoming Events

- a. DARE Graduation, Thursday, March 24
- b. First Annual Jason Hruscik Memorial Basketball Tournament, Saturday, April 2, Torne Valley
- c. Sloatsburg Fire Department's Annual Meeting, Tuesday, April 5
- d. Sloatsburg Fire Department's Dinner Dance honoring Chief Kevin Hartnett, Saturday, April 30

Remembering former Ramapo Superintendent of Highways and Town Supervisor George Conklin, devoted Public Servant

Mayor Wright provided comments and remembered George Conklin as a dedicated public servant.

Remembering Sloatsburg Residents

Helen McDonald  
Brian Halpin  
John Rostawanik, Sr.  
Robert Manning

Mayor Wright expressed his sympathy and commented on the recent passing of Sloatsburg residents.

Other

Mayor Wright asked for any comments or questions. Trustee Berntsen inquired about Trustee Akey's memo of January 4<sup>th</sup> regarding Village vehicle identification. Trustee Reimer responded accordingly and discussion followed.

Trustee Berntsen then asked about the Scholarship Committee meeting. Trustee Akey responded and will ensure she gets proper notice in the future.

Executive Session

*On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Berntsen to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:10 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Other

*On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Akey to come out of Executive Session and adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 PM. All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Boorom  
Clerk Stenographer

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