

Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – January 13, 2009

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
Brian Nugent

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

Village Attorney – Joel Grossbarth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: Thomas Dodrill, Joseph Adams, Attorney, Michael DeMartino, Superintendent DPW, Ken McDonagh, Sue McDonagh, Nicole Scanlon, Adrienne Fuchs, Rhoda Naderman, Bruce Palmer, Jayne Barber

Pledge to Flag – J. Mark Reimer

Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting 12/9/08

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 12/9/08. All in favor, motion carried.

Appointment Sloatsburg Library Board of Trustees

Resolution #09-001 Appointment Sloatsburg Library Board of Trustees

Trustee Berntsen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village has been notified that the term of the following Library Board of Trustee member has expired: Jane Thompson.

AND WHEREAS, she would like to continue to serve an additional five year term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor reappoint Jane Thompson to an additional 5 year term on the Sloatsburg Library Board of Trustees: Term of office 1-13-09 to 1-31-2014.

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

Fire Protection District Contract 2009

- a. Ramapo Fire Protection District No. 2 Agreement

Resolution #-09-003 Ramapo Fire Protection District No. 2 Agreement - 2009

Trustee Berntsen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloatsburg is desirous of renewing a contract the Ramapo Fire Protection District No. 2 with the Town of Ramapo for the calendar year 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo conducted a Public Hearing on December 10, 2008 with regard to the proposed agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo agrees to enter into an agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg for fire protection services for the Ramapo Fire Protection District No. 2 for the year 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor is authorized to execute said agreement,

WHEREAS, the sum to be paid to the Village for said services for the calendar year 2009 is \$241,533.00 to be paid on or before February 28, 2009;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Sloatsburg enter into said agreement with the Town of Ramapo to provide fire protection services for the Ramapo Fire Protection District No. 2 for the year 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be given authorization to execute said agreement on behalf of the Village of Sloatsburg, and

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

b. Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District Agreement 2009

Resolution #-09-002 Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District Agreement - 2009

Trustee Berntsen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village of Sloatsburg is desirous of renewing a contract for the Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District with the Town of Ramapo for the calendar year 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo conducted a Public Hearing on December 10, 2008 with regard to the proposed agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ramapo agrees to enter into an agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg for fire protection services for the Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District for the year 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor is authorized to execute said agreement,

WHEREAS, the sum to be paid to the Village for said services for the calendar year 2009 is \$8,000.00 to be paid on or before February 28, 2009;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Sloatsburg enter into said agreement with the Town of Ramapo to provide fire protection services for the Johnsontown Road Fire Protection District for the year 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be given authorization to execute said agreement on behalf of the Village of Sloatsburg, and

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

Dog Control Contract 2009

- a. 2009 Dog Control Services between Town of Ramapo and Village of Sloatsburg

Resolution #09-004 2009 Dog Control Services between Town of Ramapo and Village of Sloatsburg

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village is desirous of contracting with the Town of Ramapo for dog control services, and

WHEREAS, the Town has provided an agreement covering the services of the Dog Control Officer, and

WHEREAS, said Agreement is due to expire on December 31, 2009 with either side having the ability to extend the agreement beyond 2008 and should either party opt not to renew, notification must be made not later than October 14, 2009.

WHEREAS, the rate to be paid for dog control services will be at a rate of \$31.50 per hour plus actual cost of any overtime or call out.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Dog Control Contract between the Town of Ramapo and the Village of Sloatsburg, effective April 25, 2009.

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

Resolution - Refund Tuxedo Park Association – Park Avenue

Resolution #09- 005 Refund Tuxedo Park Association

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Tuxedo Park Association entered into an Agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg to reconstruct and pave the T turnaround at the end of Park Avenue, and

WHEREAS, because of weather conditions, the final wearing surface was withheld and a \$3500 cash deposit (Received 10/31/07 by receipt #14260) was placed with the Village to cover said wearing surface, and

WHEREAS, United Water NY replaced water lines in and around Park Avenue, and

WHEREAS, United Water NY resurfaced the T turnaround at the end of Park Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has determined that the work undertaken was satisfactory and met the criteria required.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Sloatsburg return to Tuxedo Park Association the \$3500 deposit covering the final wearing surface on the Park Avenue T turn around.

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

Resolution – Statement of Authority – Participating Rockland County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Resolution #09-006 Participation in Rockland County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village received a letter from the County Executive indicating that the County had received grant funding from FEMA to provide a natural hazard mitigation plan, and

WHEREAS, the County has elected to use this grand funding to lead the effort for preparing what is called a Multi-Jurisdictional Plan and inviting the Village to participate with the County in this endeavor, and

WHEREAS, municipalities are not required to participate, but there are a number of advantages to participate in the multi-jurisdictional process, and

WHEREAS, a meeting was held on November 20, 2008 at the Rockland County Fire Training Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Sloatsburg opt to participate in the development of the Rockland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are to serve as local persons on the Multi-Jurisdictional Core Planning Group: Dennis M. Letson, Village Engineer and Michael L. DeMartino, Superintendent of Public Works, and

BE IT FURTHER that the Mayor be given authorization to execute the Statement of Authority – Participating.

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

Resolution – Performance Security United Water New York

Resolution #09-007 - Performance Security – United Water NY

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2008, United Water New York placed on deposit \$12,622, and

WHEREAS, said amount represented performance security for the water main replacement project being carried out on Sterling Avenue, Brook Street, Harriman Avenue, Park Avenue, Bush Lane, Allen Place, Maple Place, Aspen Road and Laurel Road, and

WHEREAS, we have received notification from United Water New York that there water main replacement project on the above streets have been satisfactorily completed and are now requesting a return of the performance security in the amount of \$12,622.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloatsburg authorize the return of the performance security to United Water New York in the amount of \$12, 622.

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

Resolutions

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

Resolution #08-008 Transfer General Fund Money Market to General Fund Checking Account

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$57,062.50 from the General Fund Money Market Account held at the M&T Bank to the General Fund Checking Account. Transfer to cover general fund expenses and interest on the Public Improvement Serial Bond.

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

Resolution #09-009- Transfer from General Fund Checking to Trust & Agency Account - Needy Children's Fund

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$153.35 from the General Fund to the Trust & Agency Account (Needy Children's Program). Money inadvertently deposited into General Fund Checking Account.

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

Resolution #09-010- Transfer General Fund Money Market to General Fund Checking Account

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund Money Market Account held at the M&T Bank to the General Fund Checking Account. Transfer to cover general fund expenses.

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

Resolution #09-011 Transfer General Fund Money Market to General Fund Checking Account

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk/Treasurer transfer \$45,000 from the General Fund Money Market Account held at the M&T Bank to the General Fund Checking Account. Transfer to cover general fund expenses.

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

Resolution # 09-012 - Acceptance of Building Inspector's Report
December 2008

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the Building Inspector's report for the month of December in the amount of \$1,413.75.

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

Resolution #09-013- Fire Inspector's Report December 2008

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the Fire Inspector's Report for December 2008 in the amount of \$50.00.

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

Operation of new traffic signal at the intersection of Route 17 and Eagle
Valley Road on Monday, 12/22/08

Mayor Wright reported that the new traffic signal is now operational.

Sewer Pre-construction Meeting, Monday, January 5

Mayor Wright reported that he attended the meeting at the Orangeburg plant and that work should commence within the next two months. They are supposed to provide a schedule and a calendar of the work to be performed. Michael DeMartino also provided comments on the meeting.

Recognition of Paul Fuchs in his appearance in the film, "The Wrestler"

Mayor Wright commented that Paul Fuchs III made cameo appearances as a professional wrestler in several scenes in the above film.

Past Events

- a. Second Graders Caroling, Monday, December 22, 2008

Mayor Wright indicated that he contacted Senator Morahan's office. In regards to the Service Benefit Award Program, the preliminary review by the Village Attorney is not completed; the report will be available at the next meeting. He commented that the Sloatsburg Fire Department's rescue vehicle from 1987 will be twenty-two years old. The Fire Department feels they are in need of a new truck. Mayor Wright briefly commented on the current economy and indicated that they will have to decide on the course of action to take. Trustee Bonkoski provided his comments and estimated the cost of a new truck would be \$600,000.

7:45 PM Public Hearing 2009 – Community Development Block Grant
Program

At this time Mayor Wright welcomed the members of the Community Development Committee and called for the following action:

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to recess the regular meeting at 7:50 PM and call the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program 2009 to order. All in favor, motion carried.

The Village Clerk confirmed that all the requirements for advertising the Public Hearing had been met.

Mayor Wright commended the members of the committee for their dedication. He then called on the Chairperson, Adrienne Fuchs.

Adrienne Fuchs and the members of the Community Development Block Grant Committee recommend the following projects be considered and submitted for 2009:

1. The Flood Prevention Project – They recommend that a request for \$300,000 be submitted to alleviate the flooding which occurs from a point at Brook Street Northeast to a point at Colonial Avenue by replacing the Sterling Avenue bridge culvert and fortifying the banks of the Nakoma Brook from the Sterling Avenue bridge to the Colonial Avenue bridge. This project would include the replacement of the Sterling Avenue bridge, new head walls, bank stabilization on both sides of the Nakoma, sediment removal and related costs.
2. The continuation of the emergency and public service funds – They recommend \$15,000 be requested to continue to provide grants to Sloatsburg residents whose income falls within the Rockland County Guidelines. These funds would be used for emergency repairs to homes or for residents who need assistance paying utility or mortgage bills and for medical. Out of 1,000 households in Sloatsburg, it is estimated that 35% fall into the HUD Guideline. Since this project began in 2004, they have provided twelve grants totaling \$65,810.
3. The continuation of the request for the sewer funds for the sewer project – In 2003, they received a grant for \$350,000 to provide loans for grants to Sloatsburg residents whose income fall within the Rockland County HUD Income Guidelines. This amount was determined and based on 1,000 households, 35% which fall below the low to mid income category. This grant has been set aside, \$125,000 was actually allocated to the Village. As a formality and according to procedure, they recommend that they continue to request the full amount of \$350,000 to be phased in over a period of two to three years depending on how long it takes to complete the project.

Mayor Wright thanked the committee and asked for any comments or questions, none received.

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:55 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Berntsen asked if they had done an analysis on what the whole project would cost for the flood prevention. Adrienne Fuchs replied it was approximately \$300,000 and a brief discussion followed. Mayor Wright asked for any further comments or questions, none received.

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to accept the recommendations of the Community Development Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

On a Roll Call Vote:

<i>Trustee Berntsen</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Reimer</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Nugent</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Bonkoski</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mayor Wright</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Other

Mayor Wright asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Trustee Berntsen excused herself from the Board at this time. Attorney, Joseph Adams then presented several variables to the Board relative to parking issues at 84 Orange Turnpike.

Mayor Wright indicated that the Village Clerk and the Superintendent of Public Works have addressed the parking matter since the last meeting. Michael DeMartino commented on his findings after calculating and measuring the parking lot and spaces. Mayor Wright indicated there are five spots available and relevant discussion followed.

Mayor Wright asked for any further comments or questions. Joseph Adams asked if Gateway Restoration will have rights to the five available parking spaces. The Village Attorney will draft a letter to the New York State Department of Transportation to inquire as to whether the small lot could be used to give credit to a building at 84 Orange Turnpike to meet parking requirements.

Remembering

Kitty Granholm -Wilson
Frieda Gannon- Bishop

Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel at 8:50 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Trustee Berntsen, seconded by Trustee Reimer to come out of executive session and adjourn the regular meeting at 10:00 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.
Village Clerk Treasurer

TFB:ds

