

Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – March 24, 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: John Kwasnicki, Tom Dodrill, Joseph Adams, Ken McDonagh, Sue McDonagh, Legislator Doug Jobson, Officer Andre Sanchez

Pledge to Flag – J. Mark Reimer

Resolutions

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

Resolution #09-034 IRS – Required Section 415 Amendment Defined Benefit Retirement Plan

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the Village has received notification from Danzinger and Markoff regarding an IRS required section 415 amendment as it relates to the Defined Benefit Pension Plan; and

WHEREAS the amendment does not make any fundamental changes to the Plan's operation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board affirm authorization for the Mayor to execute the amendment for final Section 415 regulations (2008).

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

Resolution #09-035 Intermunicipal Agreement – Town of Ramapo and the Village of Sloatsburg

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS it has been recommended by Ted Dzurinko, Director of Public Works for the Town of Ramapo to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg for admissions testing and safety inspections together with an administrative fee for the year 2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees enter into this Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Ramapo covering the above services.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village of Sloatsburg and the Town of Ramapo.

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

NOTE: Attached herewith and made a part of this resolution is the resolution adopted by the Town of Ramapo.

Resolution #09-036 Establishment of Business Account – COSTCO Wholesale

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS from time to time it becomes necessary to purchase supplies for various functions carried out by the Village of Sloatsburg; and

WHEREAS in the past we have utilized the services provided by COSTCO Wholesale; and

WHEREAS the Village can establish with COSTCO Wholesale a business account which will allow the Village to purchase less any sales tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorize the establishment of a business account with COSTCO Wholesale.

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

Resolution #09-037 Recreation Fees

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Local Law #6 of 1989 is a Local Law which established a consolidated schedule of fees for the Village of Sloatsburg and

WHEREAS, the Local Law under section 5 provides that the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and empowered to amend this consolidated schedule of fee by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloatsburg is desirous of changing the recreation facilities fees accordingly:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that commencing with the 2009 season, the basketball courts are to be included as a billable facility based upon the current fee schedule of \$35.00 per three hour block of time, lighting \$30.00 per three hour block of time.

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

Resolution #09-038 Budgetary Transfer – General Fund Checking to General Fund Money Market

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer transfer \$170,000.00 from the General Fund checking account held at the M & T Bank to the General Fund money market account held at the Capital One Bank. Interest to be paid at a rate of .75%.

Total funds on deposit being \$600,007.53.

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

Resolution #09-039 Engineering Proposal – Culvert Pipe Replacement – Brook Street Playground

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept the engineering services in relation to the above project as follows:

Preliminary design provided by Brooker Engineering	\$3,002.93
Engineering services provided by RL Engineering Svc. Inc. to include field survey	\$21,760.00

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

Resolution #09-043 Refund Overpayment 2009 Village Tax 14 Cedar Terrace

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the Village is in receipt of a duplicate first half tax payment from Countrywide Tax Services Corporation for parcel 30-79-1-16, 14 Cedar Terrace (Raymond and Mary Sullivan) ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk Treasurer refund \$92.97 to Countrywide Tax Services Corporation.

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

Resolution – General Release Highland Homes vs. Village of Sloatsburg

Resolution #09-040 General Releases – Highland Homes LLC and George Wald v Village of Sloatsburg

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS a Notice of Claim was filed on behalf of Highland Homes LLC on December 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS Highland Homes LLC has sought to retrieve from the Village of Sloatsburg \$16,250.00 for site plan application and \$25,000.00 for money in lieu of land; and

WHEREAS it has been determined that a credit of \$16,250.00 had been given to Baker Company as provided for in the Stipulation of Settlement; and

WHEREAS General Releases submitted on behalf of George Wald and Highland Homes LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00 relieve the Village of any further financial obligation; and

WHEREAS the \$25,000.00 was placed on deposit for money in lieu of land by George Wald as per the Stipulation of Settlement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board acknowledge and accept the General Releases submitted on behalf of George Wald and Highland Homes LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer remit to George Wald \$25,000.00 representing money in lieu of land.

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

Past Events

- a. 3/14/09 Suffern Touchdown Club Annual Wrestling Event
- b. 3/22/09 Annual Blue and Gold Dinner

Upcoming Events

- a. Current, 3/24/09 Library Vote
- b. 3/26/09 Thursday, DARE Graduation Program
- c. 3/29/09 Fundraiser for Ramapo Police Officer Christopher Hudak 4 PM to 8 PM – Holiday Inn Suffern
- d. 4/7/09 Sloatsburg Fire Department's Annual Election of Officers
- e. 4/11/09 Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- f. 5/3/09 Walkathon for Wilson Family
- g. 5/12/09 Annual Recognition of Graduating Seniors
- h. 5/25/09 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 AM
- i. 5/26/09 Suffern High School Night of Excellence

Proposed New Radio for County

Mayor Wright indicated the above action would be tabled for now, due to the cost involved.

Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association Parade Tentatively set for September 2014 for Sloatsburg, New York

Mayor Wright provided comments relative to the parade and indicated that the Fire Department has five years to work on it and raise the funds.

Other

Mayor Wright commented that the Downtown Revitalization Committee will hold a meeting on April 6th at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall.

John Kwasnicki asked about the General Releases – Highland Homes LLC and George Wald v Village of Sloatsburg. Mayor Wright then read Resolution #09-040. John Kwasnicki also asked about item received from Tuxedo Reserve on 3/16/09. Mayor Wright indicated that a memo was sent to the Village Board regarding the submission of documents and the availability for review.

Legislator Doug Jobson reported on the \$576,000 stimulus money for the County and will provide further information as he hears from the Community Development Office.

Petition Gateway Restoration Inc.

Joseph Adams discussed the parking at 84 Orange Turnpike and commented that the Zoning Board will determine the amount of spaces. Joel Grossbarth commented that the fee for the spaces will have to be determined by the Board and

the parking fee schedule was discussed. Joseph Adams requested the resident fee be charged. Trustee Nugent commented on the Right of First Refusal.

Resolutions – Disposition

Resolution #09-041 Sexual Harassment Policy & Other Forms of Harassment

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

WHEREAS a Policy Against Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Harassment has been developed for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy & Other Forms of Harassment which governs the employees of the Village of Sloatsburg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy be distributed to all employees of the Village of Sloatsburg, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees can revise and/or amend this policy by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

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

Resolution #09-042 Violence in the Workplace Policy

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS a Violence in the Workplace Policy has been developed for consideration by the Board of Trustees,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adopt the Violence In Workplace Policy which governs the employees of the Village of Sloatsburg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy be distributed to all employees of the Village of Sloatsburg, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees can revise and/or amend this policy by resolution of Board of Trustees.

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

Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to adjourn to executive session at 8:05 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to come out of executive session at 8:20 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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