

Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – June 24, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:35 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
Brian Nugent

Trustee Absent - John Bonkoski

Village Stenographer - Regina Boorum - Present

Village Attorney – Joel Grossbarth – Present

Interested Citizens Attending: John Kwasnicki, Laurie Smyla, Lynn Del Duca, Joseph Hardiman, Michael Arone, Jr., Nicole Scanlon, Benny Persichetti, Richard Walls (Sloatsburg Postmaster), Clare Consiglio, John Layne (Building Inspector), Doug Jobson (County Legislator), Sue McEnery McDonough, Kitty Wilson, Mike DeMartino, Tom Ryan, Dan O’Leary, Faith Consiglio, Ken McDonough, Barbara Casino-Rex (Ramapo Italian Twinning), Rosemary Schellaci (Ramapo Italian Twinning), Jim Giannettino (Ramapo Italian Twinning)

Pledge to Flag – J. Mark Reimer

Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting 5/13/08
- b. Regular Meeting 5/27/08
- c. Regular Meeting 6/10/08

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to accept the minutes of the regular meetings of 5/13/08, 5/27/08 and 6/10/08. All in favor, motion carried.

Past Events

- a. Friday, June 13th, Flag Day at Elementary School “What the Flag Means to Me” Essay Award Winners: Hannah Consiglio, Kendall Padovani, Nuzhat Chowdhury, Lindsey Vasilik, Julia Garrigan, Kayleigh Donnellan, Diego Santory, James Wilson
- b. Eagle Scout Ceremony for John Henry Veraja, Saturday, June 14th

Upcoming Events

- a. Sloatsburg Elementary School Graduation, Wednesday June 25th, 9:30 AM
- b. Suffern Middle School Graduation, June 25th, 1:00 PM
- c. Suffern High School Graduation, June 26th, 7:00 PM at RCC
- d. Pool Dance, Friday, June 27th 7-9 PM
- e. Public Hearings: July 8th 7:45 PM
Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions – For Elderly
Partial Exemption from Taxation to Persons with Disabilities with Limited Income
- f. Family Day Sunday, July 13th
- g. Twinning Celebration Saturday, July 19th

Congratulations to all graduating Sloatsburg students

Mayor Wright extended congratulations to all the graduating students. They were recognized at a special meeting and received certificates of recognition from the Village.

Twinning Committee – Planning Celebration for Saturday, July 19th

Committee Members from the Town of Ramapo: Barbara Casino Rex, Rosemary Schellaci and Jim Giannettino

Mayor Wright invited all present to introduce themselves. Mayor Wright indicated that Faith Consiglio had gone to Italy last year as part of the Town of Ramapo Twinning Program. The Consiglio family will be hosting a student this summer and the Italian Twinning Committee and the Village of Sloatsburg will hold an event on July 19th in honor of the four students who will be here. The Mayor announced that he is hopeful that the Sons of Italy from the Town of Tuxedo will make a financial contribution as well as participate in the event on July 19th. The Italian Twinning Committee advised that these students are here for only one week and their agenda is quite full.

The Mayor then asked all present for any ideas on the activities that could be part of this program. A lengthy discussion followed relative to the number of possible attendees and the types of activities to plan. It was mutually agreed that a soccer game, swimming, food and music should all be part of the fun day. Discussion followed as to the type of food to serve and who would be able to assist in food preparation and the music portion of the program. The Town of Ramapo Twinning Committee offered to provide a financial donation of \$200.00 to assist with the expenses. It was agreed that the following itinerary would work out best for all.

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| 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Welcome ceremony and soccer game at the Sloatsburg Community Fields |
| 4:00 PM | Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Refreshments
Possible Village Residents bringing desserts |
| 5:00 PM | Swimming at the Village Pool with music provided by DJ or I Pod system. |
| 9:00 PM | Conclusion of Program |

Discussion then followed relative to the possibility of rain or inclement weather. Program could be held in the Municipal Building Fire Hall. It was then decided that the Village Committee for this event would hold another meeting on July 8th at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

Other

Mayor Wright asked for comments and questions.

Lynn DelDuca spoke about concerns with the wording on the pool pass membership as it relates to the definition of families. She requested that the description be changed and updated to reflect families in this day and age. There was discussion as to how the wording should be stated. The following action then took place:

On a motion by Trustee Berntsen, seconded by Trustee Reimer to approve the membership of Rylee DelDuca at the Sloatsburg Village Pool under the DelDuca family membership. All in favor, motion carried.

The discussion continued regarding the variables involved with amending the wording and defining family. The Board will consider and make a determination on the policy.

Mayor Wright commented on correspondence received from attorney Tom Williams regarding the paper road between the Cuesta residence and the Eibert residence on Seven Lakes Drive.

Mayor Wright then commented on correspondence received from Tom Acton, on behalf of Character's Restaurant, regarding extra parking spaces required for their restaurant expansion project. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the availability of additional parking in the Village. Trustee Berntsen recommended there be a workshop to discuss parking in the Village. It was determined that Character's Restaurant should submit a more formal request for parking so the Board can make a decision.

There was a brief discussion on Pine Grove Lake South Offer of Dedication. Board members then discussed the bond reduction request for the Stables subdivision. The following action then took place.

Resolution #08- 067 The Stables Subdivision - Bond Reduction Request

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the Village Engineer has reviewed the as-built drawings and inspected the status of the construction at The Stables subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer has submitted a Memorandum (as attached) dated June 24, 2008 providing his observations and recommending the reduction of bond security for the above referenced project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer be authorized to take the required action to reduce the bond security for The Stables subdivision to an amount of \$85,852.00.

The foregoing was seconded by Trustee Nugent. Trustee Berntsen abstained and resolution was duly adopted.

Mayor Wright commented on a memo from John Layne regarding property maintenance issues at 10 Academy Avenue and 81 Eagle Valley Road. John Layne provided comments on the condition and status of the properties.

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to approve the purchase of permanent and temporary easements over a portion of property at 92 Orange Turnpike (Tax ID 38.44-1-22) All in favor, motion carried.

Executive Session Litigation and Personnel

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:15 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:25 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Boorom
Village Steno

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