

Sloatsburg Village Board

Regular Meeting – September 23, 2008

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, Steven Hoffer, Michelle Padovani, Darrell Frasier

Pledge to Flag – J. Mark Reimer

Minutes

a. Special Meeting 8/19/08

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of 8/19/08. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Regular Meeting & Public Hearing 8/26/08

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting & Public Hearing of 8/26/08. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions

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

Resolution #08-087 Transfer General Fund to T & A

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer transfer \$1266.88 from the General Fund Account A250 Taxes Receivable Current to the Trust and Agency Fund. This amount represents relieved Engineering Fees which appeared on the 2008 tax bills and have been partially paid or paid in full per the attached listing.

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

NOTE: The 2008 Engineering Relevy amounted to \$8788.75. Of this amount \$1,266.88 has been collected through the 2008 taxes leaving a balance to be collected of \$6404.99.

Resolution #08-088 Waiver of 2008 Village taxes Commuter Parking Lot

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2007, the Village acquired from J. Neumann, Inc., parcel known as the commuter parking lot, tax identification #838-44-1-10, and

WHEREAS, the assessment role used to compute the 2008 village taxes included this parcel as taxable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED, that the outstanding taxes in the amount of \$453.00 be waived and that any penalties applied be waived accordingly.

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

Resolution # 08 –089 Acceptance of Building Inspector’s Report August 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 August in the amount of \$3125.75.

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

Resolution #08-090 Budget transfer

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk & Treasurer \$1200 from A5110.4R Uniform Allowance to Street Repair and Maintenance A5110.4P. Transfer \$1500 from A5110.4Q Public Improvements to Street Repair and Maintenance A5110.4P. Transfer \$1000.00 from Equipment A5110.2 to Street Repair and Maintenance A5110.4P. Transfer \$1,298.81 from A5110.1G Hourly to Street Repair and Maintenance A5110.4P.

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

Resolution #08- 091 Transfer Various Purposes Money Market Account CHIPS Reserve

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting of June 10, 2008 declared an emergency as it related to the drainage system on Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, it was determined, based on information provided by the Superintendent of Public works, the need for this emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized the suspension of the Village’s procurement policy and to accept a proposal from J. Fletcher Cramer & Sons, Inc., to remove and replace approximately 140 feet of 18” drainage pipe along Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, funding for this improvement would be covered under the CHIPS Reserve allocation in the Various Funds Money Market.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk & Treasurer transfer \$3,203.36 from the CHIPS Reserve held at the Capital One Bank in the Various Funds Money Market to the General Fund Account, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer amend the 2008 Budget as follows: Increase the Appropriate Surplus by \$3,203.36 and the expense charged against Public Improvements A5110.4Q.

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

Resolution #08-092 Confirmation of Interest Quotation BAN Various Purposes

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees confirm the acceptance of the interest rate of 3.41% submitted by the HSBC Bank on the \$36,900 BAN Renewal Various Purposes 2008. Additional rates received at the time of this offering were M&T Bank 3.61%. No rates were received from JP Morgan Chase, Capital One Bank or Provident Bank.

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

Resolution #08-093 Budgetary Transfer – Regular Capital to Commuter Parking Checking Account

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolution #08-069 the Board of Trustees authorized the use of \$30,024.68 of its 2008/09 CHIPS Capital Apportionment to retire the Bond Anticipation Note in full for the Commuter Parking Lot acquisition, and

WHEREAS, a transfer of \$30,024.68 from the Commuter Parking Check Account was utilized to cover the outstanding balance until receipt of the payment of the 2008/09 CHIPS Capital Apportionment due on September 15th.

WHEREAS, the Village received the \$30,024.68 on September 18, 2008, by Receipt 14941.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk & Treasurer transfer \$30,024.68 from the Regular Capital Fund to the Commuter Parking Checking account.

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

Resolution #08-094 Sloatsburg Fire Department Brian Stritmater and Mark Bitterman

Trustee Reimer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Brian Stritmater's application for membership into the Sloatsburg Fire Department was accepted on June 26, 2007, and

WHEREAS, Mark Bitterman's application for membership into the Sloatsburg Fire Department was accepted on July 24, 2007, and

WHEREAS, both applicants were under the age of 18 and ineligible for membership into the service benefit award program, and

WHEREAS, Brian Stritmater reached the age of 18 on March 31, 2008, and

WHEREAS, Mark Bitterman reached the age of 18 on May 21, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees acknowledge that Brian P. Stritmater and Mark A. Bitterman have attained the eligible age for membership into the Service Benefit Award Program.

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

Resolution #08-095 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Village has applied and received a grant initially in the amount of \$5730 to address inactive records, storage and retrieval, and

WHEREAS, the Village has been advised on September 15, 2008, that the award has been reduced by \$344, and

WHEREAS, a component of the grant is the hiring of a records clerk who would work a maximum of 300 hours at a rate of \$17.50 per hour, and

WHEREAS, Irene O'Brien who previously worked in a similar capacity under a prior grant awarded the Village is recommended for appointment, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Brien would be compensated as a consultant and paid for by voucher.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Irene O'Brien be appointed as Records Clerk under the LGRMIF grant awarded to the Village of Sloatsburg, and be compensated at a rate of \$17.50 per hour for a maximum of 300 hours to be paid by voucher.

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

Resolution #08-096 Establishment position of Court Constable (pt)
(Pending Jurisdictional Classification non-competitive)

Trustee Bonkoski offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, we have received a classification from the Rockland County Department of Personal certifying the appropriate civil service title for the position of Court Constable (PT)(PJC/NC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sloatsburg establish a new position of Court Constable (PT)(PJC/NC), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk & Treasurer forward on to the Rockland County Personnel Office the necessary paperwork in regard to this position.

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Resolution #08 -097 Disposition of Bids Rock Salt in Bulk and Sand and/or Grits

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees accept the bid of \$78.19 submitted by Cargill Salt for the purchase of rock salt in bulk for the upcoming 2008/09 winter season, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requested bids for the replacement of the existing roof and ancillary work at the Sloatsburg Public Library and

WHEREAS, during the bidding process six contractors picked up bid specifications and

WHEREAS, at the bid opening on September 18, 2008 at 2:00 PM, two bids were opened. A copy of the bid results attached and the low bidder being Best Roofing of NJ, Inc. at \$39,711.00. With the following alternate bids:

- Alternate 1 \$6.00 s.f.
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- Alternate 3 160.00 per 4x8 sheet
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WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of a \$50,000.00 Member Item Initiative from Senator Thomas Morahan which would be used to cover the work undertaken.

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Appointment of Members of Community Development Committee 2008/2009

Mayor Wright read the list of members to be appointed to the 2008/2009 Community Development Committee and called for the following action:

On a motion by Trustee Nugent, seconded by Trustee Reimer to appoint the following members to the 2008/2009 Community Development Committee: Kathy Goldman, Barbara Berntsen, Michael DeMartino, Monique DeRuggiero, Thomas Scanlon, Brian Nugent, Evelyn Spina, Rhoda Naderman, Kim Kafka, Joyce Donohue, David Veraja, Bruce Palmer, Pastor Agnes Saffoury, Sandy Cisco-Genatone, Nicole Scanlon and Adrienne Fuchs, Chairperson. All in favor, motion carried.

Creation of Sloatsburg Scholarship Committee

Mayor Wright commented on the various scholarships that the Village awards. He then commented that the Village of Hillburn's Scholarship Committee raised between \$13,000 and \$15,000 which was donated to graduating seniors in

their community. He indicated that the Village of Sloatsburg would like to do the same and are seeking people to be on the committee.

Past Events

- a. Golf Outing 9/8/07 – Mayor Wright thanked Thomas Bollatto, the staff and all the participants for a successful outing at West Point to benefit the Needy Children's Program.
- b. 911 Program – Mayor Wright indicated the program was well attended.

Upcoming Events

- a. Program 50th Anniversary Train Wreck in Sterlington tentatively November 5th
- b. Annual Halloween Poster Painting October 16th
- c. Annual Halloween Parade October 25th

Saturday, September 27th, Celebration and Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the current Methodist Church Building

Other

Steven Hoffer, Treasurer of Sloatsburg Public Library, thanked the Board for passing the Resolution for the replacement of the Library roof. He also thanked them for the Resolution passed in May 2008 regarding the Grant Application and discussed the improvements to the Library. He indicated other concerns with the building that need to be addressed as well. Trustee Nugent requested that they submit their concerns to the Village Clerk so they know what is still outstanding.

John Kwasnicki spoke about the Town of Tuxedo's Board Meeting as it relates to the Tuxedo Reserve's new Special Permit amendments. He also asked why there was no General Municipal Law Review on the private road approved by the Sloatsburg Planning Board. He then asked about the most recent Zoning Board Meeting as related to Characters Restaurant. Joel Grossbarth responded accordingly. There was further discussion relative to the Rockland County Planning Department and General Municipal Law Review.

Trustee Bonkoski provided information regarding the Sloatsburg Fire Department's participation in upcoming parades and the following action took place:

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Bonkoski to allow the Sloatsburg Fire Department to attend the Orange County Convention in Harriman, New York on 9/27/08, the Middleburgh Fall Fest in Middleburgh, New York on 10/10/08 through 10/12/08 and the Rockland County Convention in Suffern, New York on 10/18/08; with Tuxedo and Hillburn Fire Departments providing coverage to the Village on these dates. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Wright called for the following action:

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to recess the Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM and open the Public Hearing on Property Maintenance All in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing Property Maintenance Timothy Schnittker

Mayor Wright verified that all the requirements have been met for the Public Hearing. Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr. confirmed that certified letters were sent to the property owner on September 4, 2008 and also by regular mail.

Mayor Wright commented that the Village is authorized to have someone cut the grass and do whatever is necessary to comply with the Property Maintenance Law. Joel Grossbarth indicated that any costs to the Village would be relieved onto the property taxes. Mayor Wright asked for any other comments, none received.

On a motion by Trustee Nugent, seconded by Trustee Reimer to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:07 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to authorize the Village Clerk to obtain estimates on having the work undertaken. All in favor, motion carried.

On a Roll Call Vote:

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| <i>Trustee Reimer,</i> | <i>Aye</i> |
| <i>Trustee Berntsen,</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 for any further comments or questions, none received.

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to adjourn to executive session at 8:10 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn

On a motion by Trustee Reimer, seconded by Trustee Nugent to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Bollatto, Jr.
Village Clerk & Treasurer

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