

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Town Hall on February 11, 2016 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor
Neil Crouse, Timothy Egan, Thomas Flood and Anthony Mickolajczyk
Absent: None
Also Present: Jessica McClennan, Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer; Robert Weyant, Village Streets Superintendent; Sandra Capriglione, Zoning Board; Maria Hunter, Planning Board

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Flood, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held January 28, 2016.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Mickolajczyk, to approve Abstract 17 containing vouchers 151083 - 151199 and totaling \$155,035.04.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
NOES 0

c. Appointment of Working Leader:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to promote William Woznick to the position of Working Leader effective February 8, 2016. This position is paid \$28.63/hour pursuant to the Laborers Local contract.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
NOES 0

d. Use of Building Request:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to approve the request to use the meeting room received from the Highland Mills Ladies Auxiliary on February 23, March 15 and May 17, 2016, 6:30PM - 8:30PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
NOES 0

e. Fire Department Membership:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to accept membership applications for the Highland Mills Fire Company from Briana Wallace, Scott McClennan III and Timothy Bellew (pending physical).

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
NOES 0

f. Fire Department Equipment Requisition:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Egan, to approve Fire Department Equipment Requisition 2016-01 totaling approximately \$937.50 for replacement batteries for existing radios.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
NOES 0

g. Agreement – Water/Sewer Administrator Contract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Mickolajczyk, to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Water/Sewer Administrator Michael Phillips for period of January 1, 2016 thru May 31, 2017.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
 NOES 0

II. Old Business:

a. Agreement – OCCD 2016 Grant:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Municipal Agreement with the County of Orange Community Development program for the FY2016 grant program. The Village was successfully awarded a \$25,000 grant to replace approximately twelve existing depressed curb ramps with new ADA compliant ramps along Smith Clove Road in the vicinity of Smith Clove Elementary School.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
 NOES 0

III. New Business:

a. Resolution – Tax Re-Livy for Previously Exemption Eligible Property:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to adopt the following resolution to re-levy a prorated tax amount due on property located at 19 Woodland Road, Highland Mills, (Section 211, Block 1, Lot 71) that was previously eligible for a veteran exemption:

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2015, the owner of 19 Woodland Road, Highland Mills, sold their home; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property was eligible for a veteran exemption on his property taxes and upon the sale/death this exemption must be removed; and

WHEREAS, notification was received by the Village Clerk on January 28, 2016 from the Woodbury Assessor that the prorated amount that needs to be re-levied onto the FY16/17 taxes for this property is \$10.46.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Village Board directs the Village Clerk, Village Tax Collector and any other Village official, employee or agent of the Village to take any and all necessary actions to levy and collect the amount of \$10.46 upon the affected land in the same manner as all other Village Charges and to take any necessary actions to execute and record a lien upon such land.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
 NOES 0

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to adopt the following resolution to re-levy a prorated tax amount due on property located at 3 Cliffside Court, Highland Mills, (Section 239, Block 2, Lot 2) that was previously eligible for a veteran exemption:

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2015, the owner of 3 Cliffside Court, Highland Mills, sold their home; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property was eligible for a veteran exemption on his property taxes and upon the sale/death this exemption must be removed; and

WHEREAS, notification was received by the Village Clerk on February 11, 2016 from the Woodbury Assessor that the prorated amount that needs to be re-levied onto the FY16/17 taxes for this property is \$25.20.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Village Board directs the Village Clerk, Village Tax Collector and any other Village official, employee or agent of the Village to take any and all necessary actions to levy and collect the amount of \$25.20 upon the affected land in the same manner as all other Village Charges and to take any necessary actions to execute and record a lien upon such land.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
NOES 0

b. Agreement – Firehouse Software for Fire Department:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to authorize the Mayor to sign "Agreement for Application Hosting and Technology Support Services" with Firehouse Software for the Fire Department.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
NOES 0

IV. Public Comment:

Maria Hunter noted the Planning Board has been busy with two major applications – Aeon Estrada Road Hotel and the Village of Kiryas Joel pumphouse/water treatment plant. There are some concerns the Planning Board members have with the Village Code, specifically regarding lot net area. She is asking the Village Board for help and guidance on these issues. Mayor Queenan stated the Board is aware of the lot net area and due to litigation the issue is hard to correct at this time. Mrs. Hunter also stressed concerns about the sewer/water needs of the hotel. Mayor Queenan noted that the Village Engineer is preparing an analysis.

Superintendent Weyant noted the NYSDOT will be closing the Estrada Bridge for about 30 days to do some improvements after school closes. He added that he has been notified of the Pine Hill Bridge pothole and its deteriorated state. He will make the NYSDOT aware of the issues once the weather breaks.

V. Board Member Comments:

Trustee Crouse noted he attended the recent Moodna meeting and a discussion was held about the Mountainville Wells. The position of that group is to oppose the DEC on this issue.

Trustee Flood stated he forwarded to Building Inspector Thomasberger a note received about a residents concern of an emergency access road for Woodbury Heights.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Mickolajczyk, seconded by Trustee Flood, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Flood, Mickolajczyk
NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk