

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Town Hall on November 10, 2016 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor  
Neil Crouse, Timothy Egan, and Anthony Mickolajczyk, Trustees  
Absent: Thomas Flood, Trustee  
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Village Streets Superintendent

**I. Public Hearing:**

a. Dedication of Apple Hill Drive

A public hearing was held to receive public input on the Board of Trustees' intent to accept Apple Hill Drive as a municipal road. The Times Herald Record failed to publish the public notice as requested. Therefore, it is recommended by legal counsel to hold the hearing, hear any comments if there are any and then continue the hearing to the next meeting. A public notice has been sent to the Times Herald Record requesting publication.

With no further comments at this time, a motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to continue to the public hearing on November 22, 2016.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Mickolajczyk  
                     NOES    0

**II. Administrative Business:**

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Mickolajczyk, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held October 27, 2016.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Mickolajczyk  
                     NOES    0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Mickolajczyk, to approve Abstract 11 containing vouchers # 16-0975- #16-1061 and totaling \$132,875.51.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Mickolajczyk  
                     NOES    0

c. Reschedule 11/24 Meeting to 11/22:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to cancel the November 24 regular meeting due to Thanksgiving and reschedule it for 7PM on November 22, 2016.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Mickolajczyk  
                     NOES    0

**III. Old Business:**

a. Adoption of Local Law – Towing

Mayor Queenan noted that the Village Attorney advised him to table the adoption of the law tonight due to the need of further review.

**IV. New Business**

a. Authorize Mayor to Sign - NY Power Authority Agreement:

Mayor Queenan noted the Village is considering purchasing all street lights from Orange & Rockland and owning/maintaining them. The project will be done in conjunction with the New York State Power Authority and the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority. The cost to purchase

the existing light fixtures is currently being negotiated with Orange & Rockland. The cost to remove all the existing sodium vapor lights and install energy efficient LED lights is approximately \$454,000. However the annual estimated energy cost savings is approximately \$121,000 so the project will pay itself back in a little over four years.

Trustee Egan asked the Village Streets Superintendent what his view was, and Mr. Weyant stated that the bulbs are better quality and will bring lower energy costs to the village. The bulbs that are being used now have to be replaced every 1-2 years where the newer bulbs have to be replaced every 12 years.

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the New York Power Authority to authorize the bidding and labor for LED Street Lighting.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Mickolajczyk  
                     NOES    0

**V. Public Comment: N/A**

**VI. Board Member/Department Comment:**

Village Streets Superintendent, Robert Weyant stated that they processed 23 thousand pounds of electronics during their electronic pickup and by the end of the year they will be hosting a document shredding day. He stated it will be held on a Saturday for three hours and he will give a definitive date at the next meeting. Trustee Egan asked if there was a limit to how much a person could bring, and Mr. Weyant answered no.

Trustee Mickolajczyk thanked the residents of Woodbury for voting on Tuesday, and said he appreciated the confidence the residents had in him to elect him to the Village Board. He then went on to say it was an honor to run and serve with Trustee Neil Crouse, who is a consummate public servant. He then stated that he would like to live up to everything Trustee Crouse represents and has done for Woodbury.

Trustee Crouse thanked everyone who came out to vote, and then Congratulated Trustee Mickolajczyk on his victory.

Trustee Egan congratulated Trustee Mickolajczyk on his election and Trustee Crouse on his re-election, and stated they ran a great campaign.

Mayor Michael Queenan congratulated Trustee Crouse and Trustee Mickolajczyk and then stated:

“I know the election is over, but I feel I have to respond to a My View by John Fournier in the Woodbury Gazette published November 3<sup>rd</sup>. John was a candidate for Village Trustee. The My View was a political attack on the other two candidates for Village Trustee.

My experience over the years is that reputable publication would not have printed an attack letter so close to the election because it would not be fair, being that the other candidate or candidates would not have an opportunity to respond.

John Fournier made a lot of allegations in his letter. Mostly misguided propaganda lacking facts or evidence.

John ended his tirade with “As your Trustee, I will not be afraid to ask the tough Questions”. Well John did start coming to meetings for the last 2 months and sat in the back. He had every opportunity to ask the tough questions, but sat silent.

We interviewed several candidates to replace the seat vacated by David Sutz including John Fournier. Anthony Mickolajczyk was chosen because he was the best candidate, which was ratified by the people of Woodbury

John's letter alleges closed door deals, Lack of debate and transparency.

Everything discussed at our meeting is on our website including the documents. Our Board members come prepared and yes routine issues are seldom debated. New complex issues require more examination. Everything is voted on in full public view and yes the public can ask questions at public hearings or public commit. Lack of transparency is just election rhetoric.

As far as fresh clean water

Our water system is fine, some residents have experience brown water and I apologize for that. Brown water is caused by sediment in the system. There are many reasons that can cause the sediment to be disturbed and cause brown water. This is mitigated by flushing the system twice a year. We have been reluctant to flush our system because of drought conditions. We are experiencing severe drought conditions and have a 16 plus inch rain deficit over the past two years.

We are now flushing the system and during this process some people may experience some brown water. The flushing should be completed by the November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will begin flushing again in early spring in attempt to keep the system free of sediment.

I want assure everyone that our water supply is safe to drink. We test our water by an independent lab approximately 140 times a year. All results are sent to the department of health. I'm also happy to report that our new wells came on line this fall and we have secured future well sites.

Dirt

We have not allowed any contaminated dirt to come into Woodbury. In fact we implemented new guidelines to protect us from this very issue. The so called dirt from New York City that John claimed was contaminated was certified for unrestricted use (ground water) by the Office of Environmental Re-mediation and the DEC.

And simply our agendas are Woodbury.

I and every member of this board are concerned with Woodbury and the wellbeing of its residents. Our Village board members belong to several associations or clubs that serve our community. Throughout the years, I and other board members have served on municipal boards and volunteer for community organizations. Personally I find it insulting that John Fournier would question mine or any other Village Board member's commitment to Woodbury."

**VII. Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Mickolajczyk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM.

**ADOPTED**      AYES    4            Queenan, Crouse, Egan, Mickolajczyk  
                     NOES    0

Jessica McClennan, Deputy Village Clerk