

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Town Hall on November 9, 2017 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor
Neil Crouse, Timothy Egan, Thomas Flood and Anthony Mickolajczyk, Trustees
Absent: None
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Village Streets Superintendent; Joseph Gianzero, Parks Director

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Egan, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held October 26, 2017.

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

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Mickolajczyk, to approve Abstract 11 containing vouchers 170949 - 171045 and totaling \$387,248.59.

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

c. Fire Department Membership:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to accept the application received from Ivan Pierre as a member of the Highland Mills Fire Company.

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

d. Fire Department Equipment Requests:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to approve Fire Equipment Request 2017-19 totaling approximately \$2262.43 to purchase various equipment for new Truck 521; 2017-20 totaling approximately \$1198.39 to purchase mounting equipment for new Truck 521; 2017-21 totaling approximately \$2993.21 to purchase storage equipment for new Truck 521.

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

e. Acceptance of Resignation – Fire Chief:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Flood, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of John Jones from the position of Fire Chief effective December 1, 2017.

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

II. Old Business: *There was no old business to discuss.*

III. New Business:

a. Resolution – Relevy Exempt Property:

Motion was offered by Trustee Crouse, seconded by Trustee Mickolajczyk, to adopt the following resolution to re-levy a prorated tax amount due on property(ies) located at various locations that was/were previously eligible for a veteran exemption:

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

WHEREAS, notification was received by the Village Clerk on November 6, 2017 from the Woodbury Assessor that prorated amount(s) need to be re-levied onto the FY18/19 taxes for this/these property(ies).

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 following amounts on the following affected land(s) in the same manner as all other Village Charges and to take any necessary actions to execute and record a lien upon such land:

221-2-4	11 Adrienne Drive	\$40.52
223-1-24.1	202 Roselawn Road	\$25.77
245-1-127	13 Barnard Court	\$63.99
237-5-5	20 Jackson Street	\$39.46

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

IV. Public Comment:

Lisa Melendez stated she attended the ZBA meeting this week and asked how often the Board is monitoring the growth or projected growth of the Town. She knows there are avenues for residents to pursue and make comments on future building projects and asked how heavily they are taken into consideration. She would also like to know how many applications are currently before the Village. Mayor Queenan stated he does not know how many applications are before the Planning Board at this time. He noted that if the lot meets the requirements in the Village Code the application does not need to appear before the Planning Board and can obtain a permit from the Building Department. If an applicant is doing a subdivision or development they then do have to go before Planning Board and each application will have a public hearing. With regards to the growth of the Village, the Comprehensive Plan and our Village Zoning Code is used and shows our prediction for the growth of our community. Mrs. Melendez asked if there is a place or a point in the process when the fabric and protection of our community is discussed. Mayor Queenan stated the time to do so is during the public hearing process before the Planning Board. Trustee Egan noted if you are unable to attend the meeting comments could be submitted in writing prior to the hearing being closed. Mayor Queenan added there is a SEQRA process which addresses all the environmental concerns. Mrs. Melendez asked the Board if they feel the community is informed. Trustee Crouse noted Village Board meetings usually have very little attendance so he urged all to attend meetings to be educated on procedures and policies. Trustee Mickolajczyk also encouraged residents to attend meetings or watch them online. He added all public hearing notices are published (or mailed when required by law) and all documents are available on our website for the public to review to be informed. Mayor Queenan also stated that all Board members are available to meet the public during the day and in the evening as well.

Ann Calamari stated she also attended the ZBA meeting last night to listen about an application to build a home on her street (Campbell Avenue - a private street). The proposal is for a 4000sqft home. The residents of this street were only notified about this meeting the Thursday before it was held. The applicant has never approached the residents either. She asked what recourse do the owners on the road have about this proposed home, adding their application shows a "paper road" called Edison which runs behind the property owners. Mayor Queenan stated he is not familiar with the application and will have to look into it but asked how it was handled by the Zoning Board. Mrs. Calamari stated no one was able to answer the questions raised and they said they would need to get more information from

the Building Inspector. She is also concerned about the septic and the wells on this street and flooding which occurs. Trustee Mickolajczyk asked if the hearing was remained open and Mrs. Calamari stated it was continued to December 13. Superintendent Weyant noted Campbell Avenue is a very low impact road that is approximately 15 feet wide. He does not believe it will be able to handle the truck traffic. Trustee Egan noted the members of the ZBA are appointed by the Village Board and that they are an independent board that the Village Board cannot influence. He suggested those with concerns about this application appear before the ZBA during their public hearing and stress those concerns. After the ZBA makes their decision, if you do not like it you then have the right to file an Article 78. Mrs. Calamari stated she does not believe this will go before the Planning Board and she does not understand why. Trustee Egan stated a one home application usually does not go before the Planning Board if they are only seeking a variance. Mrs. Calamari stated the residents of Campbell Avenue have a road maintenance agreement but it is unknown who owns the road. Mayor Queenan stated he will do some research to see if he can find out.

Robin Crouse stated she was also at the ZBA meeting and the application was for a variance to address the road frontage. There was a lot of discussion about whether it should have gone before the Planning Board so the hearing was continued so the ZBA attorney could obtain more information.

Milton Guerrero stated recently property on his street (Hazzard Lane) was being auctioned by the County and he asked if the Village Board had any information on it. Mayor Queenan noted the Village informed the County that we were interested in purchasing the property but the County stated the owner settled their outstanding taxes. Mr. Guerrero stated he would like to keep the area as is.

V. Board Member/Department Comment:

Trustee Mickolajczyk congratulated Mayor Queenan, Trustee Egan and Trustee Flood on their re-election. He also wished all a Happy Veterans Day and acknowledged Len Salvatore who took part in the Hudson Valley Honor Flight.

Trustee Crouse thanked the residents that came to the meeting this evening and urged all to continue to participate. He then recognized Chief Jones for his commitment to Woodbury, as a paid Highway employee and as a volunteer fireman. He also congratulated Mayor Queenan, Trustee Egan and Trustee Flood on their re-election.

Trustee Flood thanked all that attended tonight and urged them to have faith. He also thanked those that came out to vote. He noted campaigning is difficult but also fun - a lot is learned from speaking with the members of the community. One issue that he was told about frequently was concerns about speeding. Every meeting the Mayor asks all to drive carefully. He urged all to drive carefully and be mindful of the speed limit. He hoped the individuals that attended the meeting this evening learned of the resources that are available for the public to be informed.

Trustee Egan stated he truly enjoyed the campaigning that he did – noting he visited over 1000 properties. Walking door to door is hard for him but feels good information/input is received from the residents. He thanked all that came out to vote. He urged all to vote to show County and the State that Woodbury matters and votes. He wished Chief Jones and his wife the best of luck in their next phase of life. The Fire Council will appoint a temporary Chief to serve until their April election.

Mayor Queenan congratulated all those that ran for office regardless if you won or lost - he believes they each deserve credit for their dedication. He thanked all Veterans for serving the

community. He feels the election had a fairly good turnout but stressed everyone needs to vote. People need to be involved by attending meetings and not just what they are reading on social media.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments to receive, a motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Crouse, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM.

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

Desiree Potvin, Town Clerk