

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held on July 11, 2019 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor
Thomas Flood, Andrew Giacomazza and Jesus Gomez, Trustees
Absent: Timothy Egan, Trustee
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Village Streets Superintendent; Michael Phillips, Water/Wastewater Administrator; Sandra Capriglione, Planning Board; John Smith, Parks Commissioner

I. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held June 27, 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Flood, to approve Abstract 3 containing vouchers 190219 – 190265 and totaling \$113,231.61.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
NOES 0

c. Approval of Budget Modifications:

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to approve a modification the budget of the 2018/2019 General Fund as follows:

Increase	A3089	State Aid – CHIPS	\$25,402
	A3005	Mortgage Tax	\$19,500
	A2610	Forfeitures of Deposits	\$16,100
	A2555	Building Permits	\$144,500
Increase	A1010.100	VB - Personal Services	\$76
	A1410.100	VC - Personal Services	\$866
	A1440.402	Engineer - Planning Board	\$759
	A1440.403	Consultant - VH Expansion	\$92,455
	A1440.412	Planner - Planning Board	\$1769
	A1610.403	Gen - Payroll Prep	\$4
	A1610.404	Gen - Real Estate Taxes	\$12,625
	A1670.402	Central Postage	\$347
	A3410.444	FD - Schools/Dues/Subsc.	\$38
	A3410.452	FD - Gasoline	\$1201
	A3410.461	FD - Ladder Testing	\$10
	A3620.100	BD - Personal Services	\$5450
	A3620.101	BD - Compensated Absences	\$11
	A3620.200	BD - Equipment	\$1221
	A3620.411	BD - Office Supplies	\$176
	A3620.412	BD - Copier Maintenance	\$625
	A3620.452	BD - Gasoline	\$250
	A4020.100	Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$1680
	A5010.401	HD - Telephone	\$653

A5010.402	HD - Electricity	\$159
A5010.403	HD - Heating Oil/Gas	\$610
A5010.411	HD - Office Supplies	\$4
A5010.438	HD - Maintenance of Build	\$2937
A5010.448	HD - Gasoline Used	\$411
A5010.449	HD - Diesel Used	\$5932
A5110.101	HD - Personal Services	\$10,155
A5110.407	HD - Traffic Control	\$1929
A5110.451	HD - Tools	\$2974
A5110.452	HD - Sand & Gravel	\$615
A5110.465	HD - Blacktop	\$20,776
A5130.200	HD - Machinery Equipment	\$11,512
A5130.417	HD - Flares/Oxygen	\$245
A5130.447	HD - Truck Parts/Repairs	\$100
A5130.448	Gas Received	\$14,343
A5130.454	HD - Oil/Lubrication	\$1400
A5130.468	HD - Sweeper Repairs	\$749
A5140.425	HD - Grounds/Weeds Control	\$1789
A5182.401	Street Lighting	\$6719
A8010.454	ZB - Advertising	\$6
A9030.800	FICA/Social Security	\$1921

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

Motion was then offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Flood, to approve a modification the budget of the 2018/2019 Water/Sewer funds as follows:

Consolidated Water – Totaling \$5499

Increase	FC1980.400	MTA Payroll Tax	\$26
	FC8310.201	Equipment – Pumps	\$701
	FC8310.406	Building Main/Supplies	\$1111
	FC8310.412	Postage	\$367
	FC8310.445	New Meters	\$3294
Decrease	FC8310.402	Electricity	\$5499

Amdur Park Water – Totaling \$385

Increase	FA8310.100	Personal Service	\$385
Decrease	FA8310.402	Electricity	\$385

Consolidated Sewer – Totaling \$62,013

Increase	GC1930.400	Judgments/Claims	\$3970
	GC1980.400	MTA Payroll Tax	\$125
	GC8110.437	Special Projects	\$34,289
	GC8110.438	Operations/Maintenance	\$23,550
	GC8110.454	Advertising	\$79
Decrease	GC8110.439	OC Sewer District	\$62,013

Valley Forge Sewer – Totaling \$3850

Increase	GV8110.100	Personal Service	\$1846
	GV8110.402	Electricity	\$438
	GV8110.404	Water Bills	\$216
	GV8110.438	Operations/Maintenance	\$1249

			GV9030.800	Social Security/FICA	\$101
	Decrease		GV8110.466	Generator Service	\$500
			GV8110.464	Generator Fuel	\$300
			GV8110.442	Lab Testing	\$250
			GV8110.441	Sludge Removal	\$650
			GV8110.426	Chemicals/Supplies	\$450
			GV8110.422	Blacktop	\$1000
			GV8110.416	Engineer	\$300
	Increase		A2401	Interest and Earnings	\$400
ADOPTED	AYES	4	Queenan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez		
	NOES	0			

d. Fire Department Equipment Request:

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to approve Fire Department Equipment Request 2019-07 totaling approximately \$93.50 for the purchase of a Fire Police badge and case.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

e. Acceptance of Resignation – Scott Canfield:

Motion was offered by Trustee Gomez, seconded by Trustee Flood, to accept, with regrets, the resignation, due to retirement, of Scott Canfield from the position of MEO effective August 9, 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

Mayor Queenan acknowledged Mr. Canfield for his 31 years of service to the residents of Woodbury.

f. Appointment of Temporary, Seasonal Laborer:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to approve the appointment of Connor Heppes to the position of temporary, seasonal laborer with the Water/Sewer Department beginning July 15, 2019 and ending August 30, 2019. This position is paid \$15 per hour.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

II. Old Business

a. Change Order #1 – Hydrant Replacement Project:

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 for the Hydrant Replacement project totaling \$1857.08. This modification is needed due to unforeseen existing conditions alternate hydrants other than those listed in the contract documents were replaced (this is for a riser for one of the alternate hydrants).

ADOPTED AYES 4 Queenan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
 NOES 0

III. New Business: *There was no new business to discuss.*

IV. Public Comments: *There was no public comment received.*

V. Board Member/Department Comments

Superintendent Weyant thanked and recognized Scott Canfield for his years of service and dedication to Woodbury and on behalf of his department he was wished the best in his retirement.

Trustee Giacomazza noted at this time both the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps are severely suffering due to a lack of volunteerism. The Fire Department is almost at the point where the Village will need to seriously consider creating a paid department. He urged the public to consider volunteering for either or both of these entities.

Mayor Queenan stated there has been a lot of talk lately going back and forth about the VLT's proposed at the old Nepera property. At the July 3 Town Board meeting Supervisor Palermo stated he would respond to comments made at the June 27 Village Board meeting with facts of what transpired but he misrepresented some of the facts. Early in that meeting Supervisor Palermo stated he did not know where people got the idea that contaminated soil would be relocated to other parts of the Nepera property, adding that this was never stated by anyone. However, in an article that was printed on the recordonline.com website, Harriman Mayor Steven Welle was quoted as saying "a DEC official previously involved with Nepera oversight had told him remediation could take about a year to complete and would involve removing some contaminated soil and shifting other loads to spots on the site that would then remain undisturbed". Supervisor Palermo also stated he informed his board that something was going on with the Nepera property in executive session, but never stated which section of the executive session law this discussion would fall under and Mayor Queenan stated he would like to know. Supervisor Palermo also said that on April 18 he met with Senator Skoufis and Mayor Welle. He also said that Senator Skoufis stated that if any municipality was against the VLT coming to Woodbury he would not move forward with it. Mayor Queenan stated this was a meeting he was not aware of or invited to attend. Since he was not invited to attend, he was unable to give his opinion that the VLT in Woodbury was a terrible idea. He further stated he has never received any communication or information from Senator Skoufis concerning the VLT's coming to Woodbury. At the July 3 Town Board meeting Supervisor Palermo tried to discredit Mayor Queenan by saying that somehow he was doing a disservice to the residents because he did not participate in a conference call. Mayor Queenan stated Supervisor Palermo is doing a disservice to the residents by suing the residents of Woodbury. Mayor Queenan then stated he only became aware of the probability of VLT's in Woodbury around June 7, but at that time it appeared doubtful that it would get passed before the end of the legislative session. On June 20 he was informed by Trustee Egan there was going to be another conference call that day at 4PM and stated he could participate if he wanted. Mayor Queenan stressed this was the first time he was invited to participate and he chose to decline because he was against the VLT's coming to Woodbury. Later that day there was an article on the recordonline.com stating the State Legislature and the Governor have reached a deal to allow Empire Resorts to open a \$100 million electronic gaming parlor on the former Nepera chemical plant complex in the Town of Woodbury and the Village of Harriman. Mayor Queenan noted he is completely in favor of the property being remediated and put to good use and would like to know why it wasn't done several years ago. Another concern he has is regarding the impact fees that were agreed to which will not cover the potential impact costs. In addition, there is wording in the legislation that states "no impact aid until VLT has twelve consecutive months of revenue" and he would like to see that defined and explained. On midhudsonnews.com Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, Forestburg) stated she wanted a deal that was beneficial to the racetrack, horsemen, Empire Resorts, and Orange and Sullivan counties. She, with Senator Jennifer Metzger (D, Rosendale), who both represent parts of Sullivan County, said the legislation commits Resorts World Catskills, also owned by Empire Resorts, to preserve at least 1,473 full-time jobs at the casino and also will require a full restoration of impact aid to the county, Town of Thompson, and Village

of Monticello that was lost with the closure of the Monticello racino. That amounted to more than \$1.2 million annually, they said. They both also called the deal the “best possible outcome for the people of Sullivan County.” Mayor Queenan stated he likes the people of Sullivan County but he is concerned about the residents of Woodbury. He hopes the remediation is done right and everything is taken into consideration. He feels there needs to be a lot of oversight with the cleanup and no soil being moved from one section to another. He stressed again he was not aware of this project or invited to a meeting until June. He acknowledged there was an article in the newspaper in April but he was not aware of it when it was printed and when reading it now, it appeared to be a longshot at that time. The legislation has been approved and now it appears Woodbury will need to make the best of it. He urged the public to attend all the Planning Board meetings when they are held to be sure everything is done right.

VI. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM.

ADOPTED	AYES	4	Queenan, Flood, Giacomazza, Gomez
	NOES	0	

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk