

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

April 8, 2010

A meeting of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Present were:

Village Board and Staff:

Mayor Donald Zeigler
Trustee Ron Swartz
Trustee George Koliwasky
Trustee Suzanne Peters
Trustee Larry Clark
Village Manager Walt Herbst
Village Attorney John Groff

Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham
Police Chief Mike Barton
Recreation Director Nate Nagle
Manager's Asst. Rachel Baer
Planning Bd. Member Mike Stenpeck

Others:

Barb Skorzewski, W. Franklin St.
Dave Padgett, W. Franklin St.
Mike Swasta, Watkins Rd.
Pat Gross, W. Broad St.

Tess Banfield, Catalpa Dr.
Jean Quinn, Gardner Rd.
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Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Swartz

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of March 25, 2010 be dispensed with and the same stand approved as entered by the Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler: Aye
Trustee Swartz: Aye
Trustee Koliwasky: Aye
Trustee Peters: Aye
Trustee Clark: Aye

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Clark

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees is hereby scheduled for Thursday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler: Aye
Trustee Swartz: Aye
Trustee Koliwasky: Aye
Trustee Peters: Aye
Trustee Clark: Aye

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Peters

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tentative 2010-2011 Village Budget is hereby received by the Board, and a public hearing regarding same is scheduled for Thursday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Village Manager Herbst noted that the reason the public hearing is at 7:30 is that we will do a PowerPoint presentation on the budget before the hearing. The meeting starts at 7pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler: Aye
Trustee Swartz: Aye
Trustee Koliwasky: Aye
Trustee Peters: Aye
Trustee Clark: Aye

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Peters

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting of Thursday, April 22nd is rescheduled to Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler: Aye
Trustee Swartz: Aye
Trustee Koliwasky: Aye
Trustee Peters: Aye
Trustee Clark: Aye

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Clark

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following vehicle is hereby declared as surplus, and the Village Manager is authorized to dispose of same either by sale, or as scrap if same has no value.

– Police Vehicle - 1997 Ford Taurus (VIN#.....80111)

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler: Aye
Trustee Swartz: Aye

Trustee Koliwasky: Aye
Trustee Peters: Aye
Trustee Clark: Aye

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Swartz

BE IT RESOLVED, that Trustees Clark and Peters, and Village Manager Herbst are authorized to attend NYCOM's Economic Development Workshop, April 21st in Watkins Glen, NY with all expenses paid as are allowed under Section 77B of the General Municipal Law.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler: Aye
Trustee Swartz: Aye
Trustee Koliwasky: Aye
Trustee Peters: Aye
Trustee Clark: Aye

Village Manager Herbst noted that the Gardner Road townhouses resolutions need to be tabled again. The developer is still working on the SWPPP. We will be ready for the April 20th meeting.

Motion by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Peters, that items #7 and #8 be tabled until the April 20th Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler: Aye
Trustee Swartz: Aye
Trustee Koliwasky: Aye
Trustee Peters: Aye
Trustee Clark: Aye

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Swartz, that the following items be added to the agenda:

- CSEA Contract Amendment
- Farmers Market Grant

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler: Aye
Trustee Swartz: Aye
Trustee Koliwasky: Aye
Trustee Peters: Aye
Trustee Clark: Aye

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Peters

WHEREAS, negotiators for the Village of Horseheads and the Horseheads Civil Service Employees Association Unit #6359 ("CSEA") have engaged in collective bargaining relative to a successor contract to the collective bargaining agreement which expires May 31, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining negotiations resulted in a Settlement Offer dated 4/1/10 to amend the current contract extending it for one year to and including May 31, 2011, wage schedule changes, boot allowance increase, signed herbicide memorandum of understanding, and other housekeeping matters, and

WHEREAS, the CSEA negotiators presented the Settlement Offer to its bargaining unit for ratification, and on information and belief said Offer was ratified by the CSEA, and

WHEREAS, the negotiators for the Village presented the Settlement Offer to the Village Board of Trustees for ratification, dialogued the elements of same with the Board and recommended the adoption and ratification of same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees does hereby accept, approve and ratify the terms and conditions of the above-noted Settlement Offer dated April 1, 2010, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Village Manager Walt Herbst is authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Offer on behalf of the Village.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky:	Aye
Trustee Peters:	Aye
Trustee Clark:	Aye

Farmers Market Grant - Village Manager Herbst said that TVGA has presented a grant proposal for our farmers market. It is a federal grant from Agriculture Marketing Service of USDA. The purpose of grant is to improve farmers markets. Grant will fund the research, analysis, marketing, and make recommendations as to how to improve our farmers market. TVGA will write the grant for free, and if we get the grant then they will do research work, etc.

Atty. Groff offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads established a relationship with TVGA as a grant consultant, and

WHEREAS, TVGA introduced to us an opportunity to apply for a grant involving farmers market promotion, and

WHEREAS, TVGA has agreed to waive its normal grant application fee in connection with this grant, and

WHEREAS, Village Manager Walt Herbst has recommended to the Board of Trustees that it

explore this opportunity to enhance the existing farmers market program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads engage TVGA to assist it in the application for a grant for farmers market promotion and programs, and authorizes the Village Manager to execute any and all agreements to accomplish this goal.

Motion was made by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Peters

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler:	Aye
Trustee Swartz:	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky:	Aye
Trustee Peters:	Aye
Trustee Clark:	Aye

The Trustees thanked the Department Heads for their work on the budget.

Trustee Koliwasky - I talked to Police Chief and Village Manager about this past weekend's incidents at local establishments. Scares me of what might be moving up into this area. Don't know if Chief has looked at numbers yet. Something we should watch and be concerned about. Other departments had to be called in to assist.

Chief Barton - Had five DWI's and 13 arrests - very unusual. We are setting initiatives to curb open container enforcement, also extra patrols for DWI. We expect on every major holiday when colleges are out, people come back home to visit, etc.

Village Manager Herbst reported on the following items:

- also working on study of landfill - develop future use plans, what kind of commercial development could go at landfill, with goals and objectives - TVGA doing this grant for free as well.
- Sharron did super job on budget
- hiring part time CSO's
- good staff meeting this morning. And DPW staff meeting.
- first Manager Roundtable was last week. Went very well
- Center at Horseheads dust issues, train traffic, etc.
- Comprehensive Plan will be adopted on 4/20.

Atty. Groff - sent you a memo on anti-retaliation policy, will be addressing later on. Please review.

Mayor Zeigler complimented Board and staff on the budget. Very innovative ideas in there. Preparing for next year too.

Audience Participation:

Pat Gross, W. Broad St. - what was pay increase for CSEA workers.

Village Manager Herbst - 60 cents/hr across the board - worked out to 3.2% to 2.31% - it was cents per hour as opposed to percentage

Tess Banfield, Catalpa Dr. - what is date for budget public hearing. April 15th, 7:30. She also commented how the Village agendas don't list old business/new business.

Mike Swasta, Watkins Rd. - MRB Assoc. was asked to develop a report on Cold Spring Gravel Mine last year. I have learned DEC has granted permit. If MRB did write a report, its not general knowledge.

Village Manager Herbst - they did write the report about harmful effects of mine. It was sent to DEC. DEC says that they considered it and found that there were no harmful effects to the granting of the permit.

Mike Swasta - anything to report on Schlumberger stormwater management system.
Village Manager Herbst - under development, very complicated area.

Mike Swasta - when will they drill monitoring wells for Schlumberger.
Village Manager - is on schedule but not sure of the date. One of the very first things they do.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was closed at 7:38 p.m.

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