

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

October 10, 2013

A regular 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 Larry Clark
Trustee Mike Skroskznik
Village Manager Walt Herbst

Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham
Village Atty. John Groff
Justice Louis Tarantelli
Justice Bill Driscoll

Others Present

Annette Whipple, Veteran Hill Rd.
Susan Wallen, Lilitz, PA
Mary, Carl Sindlinger, S. Pine St.
Don, April Newton, Catalpa Dr.
Glen Hostettler, W. Broad St.
Brad, Debi Lytle, Grand Central Ave.
Janet, Joe Ruhmel, Gardner Rd.
Wayne Brubaker, Gardner Rd.
A. Reynolds, Hibbard Ave.
David Padgett, W. Franklin St.
Barb Skorcowski, W. Franklin St.

Dot Gebhart, Biltmore Dr.
Jodi Skroskznik, Center St.
Tom Rupp, Tift Ave.
Mike Marcoccia, Berkley Lane
Lois Murray, Lee Ave.
Bill, Kathy Goodwin, Sunset Dr.
Jean Quinn, Gardner Rd.
Debbie Hicks, Gardner Rd.
Deb Lynch, Sayre St.
Dave Radin, S. Main St.
News Media

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of September 26, 2013 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 Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye

Audience Participation

Debbie Hicks - thanked the Village Police Department, and especially K9 Officer Burgess for stopping that burglary in progress.

End of audience participation.

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Swartz

BE IT RESOLVED, that the audit of bills as listed below be received and approved for payment when in funds:

General:	\$ 46,642.52
Water:	\$ 126,013.83

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Swartz	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the funds indicated on the attached sheet.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Swartz	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Swartz

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2013 the Village received a grant for the Village Justice Court in the amount of \$13,809.49, and on March 14, 2013 the Village Budget was amended to set up the revenue and expense line items to receive the grant funds, and

WHEREAS, at the end of the 2012-2013 fiscal year there remained an unexpended balance in this line item of \$8,894.49.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2013-2014 Village Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue Account - 2612 Justice Grant - \$8,894.49
Expense Account - 1112.201 Court Admin - Grant - \$8,894.49

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Swartz	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye

Financial Report

Manager Herbst - General Fund, report shows being behind by 78K. Part of that is reduction in sales tax, and some other minor shortfalls. What isn't shown is the AIM funds for the highway - they are in transit - 46K. At this time last year we had received the CHiPS money. That is 135K that is coming. Water Fund - we are down 17K over last year. We are lower in expenses by about 3K. Doing ok. Had some minor repair issues. Still under budget. In revenue we have seen a higher delinquency on water bills than in the past.

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Clark

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Justice Reports for August and September 2013 be received and placed on file in the Village Clerk's Office.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Swartz	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

BE IT RESOLVED, that a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle (VIN#....44959) is hereby declared as surplus equipment, and that the Village Manager is authorized to dispose of same by sale or as scrap, if same has no value.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Swartz	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

WHEREAS, the Monterey Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility was the first of its type in New York State, started over 20 years ago, and

WHEREAS, the concept of shock incarceration has proven to be highly successful, with recidivism rates significantly below normal rates, and

WHEREAS, the Monterey makes inmate work crews available to all local government entities within Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, and Tompkins Counties, and

WHEREAS, the Monterey work crew supplied 472,266 hours of labor during the period of 1/1/09 through 7/31/13 - 41,765 hours in Chemung County alone, and

WHEREAS, the monetary value of such work crew hours calculated at minimum wage represents a savings to taxpayers, in excess of \$3.4 million of which \$1.97 million benefits New York State agencies including Elmira Southport Correctional Facilities, Elmira Psychiatric Center, Willard DTC, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Conservation, State Parks and the State Fire Academy, and

WHEREAS, Chemung County communities and organizations including the Village of Horseheads have utilized the Monterey work crews to the benefit of taxpayers in Chemung County, and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Monterey work crew hours for Chemung County municipalities totaled 10,740 hours which represents a savings to Chemung County taxpayers of \$186,876.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees urges the Governor and Department of Correctional Services Acting Commissioner not to close the Monterey Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Hon. Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, Hon. Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, and NYS Department of Correctional Services Acting Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci.

Trustee Koliwasky - I have worked at this facility and I appreciate the work they have done for our community.

Trustee Skroskznik - This is a great program. It saves money for our taxpayers.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Swartz	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye

Trustee Skroskznik - Fire Dept. open house is tomorrow. I appreciate all the work they do.

Trustee Swartz - congratulated Firefighter Dan Coon for receiving Firefighter of the Year from the Kiwanis Club.

Village Manager - approached by Fingerlakes.org, a travel and community magazine and website. Asked if we wanted to be listed in their magazine. It is the number one travel magazine for the Finger Lakes. It would cost \$350.00 for an initial ad, plus a page on their website.

After brief discussion the Board agreed to placing the subscription with fingerlakes.org. They also agreed to share the cost among the board members.

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads has been offered the opportunity to participate in the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance publication *Fingerlakes.org* for the 2014 calendar year, and

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of offers of contributions that would cover the costs of publication and participation in the amount of \$350.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Manager Walt Herbst is authorized and directed to commit our participation with the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance for the 2014 calendar year as provided above.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Swartz	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye

Village Manager Herbst reported on the following items:

- At last meeting was talked about our success in getting bond rating of .83% which is indicative of good health the Village is in. Draft audit shows we are at 1.5 million in the bank. That is up from \$235,000 in 2005. We've done exceptionally well. To continue

with 5 yr. plan, fixed retirement costs are going up. Health Insurance is next largest increased cost. We've recently been told we can no longer participate in Chemung Co. plan. Due to regulations of new Affordable Care Act. Doing a lot of research on finding a new provider. We have hired a broker. Trustee Clark and I met with our broker with Brown and Brown to explore the various plans. We don't know what to expect with change to community rated plans.

- Union contract - have had meetings with both unions - CSEA and PBA. In our opening meetings back in 2011 we set forth our wishes for each union. That strategy was that we need to do something about health insurance or we can't go forward. We have had meetings since then. Regarding CSEA, they have determined not to change health insurance and instead has rolled each contract over with no increases. In PBA, the scenario is different. They can go to a third party arbitrator. We have met and discussed at length health insurance and what might be done. The issue is that the difference between the Indemnity Plan and the PPO Plan is over 4K in premiums. The difference in benefit is a max cost to employee of \$1,000. We offered to pay that in order to get them to change. We got to a point in August where Excellus, PBA and our representative were going to discuss the benefits provided under health insurance. Problem was Excellus could no longer offer us the county custom plan. It had to be dropped. That is where we left off. Our negotiations have continued to talk and that is where we are. I offered to meet with PBA late August and I am still waiting for a response.

Atty. Groff - will be attending a seminar in Rochester for local government attorneys.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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<u>TRANSFER LIST - 10/10/13</u>					
<u>GENERAL</u>					
<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>		<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
\$13,000.00	1110.109		1110.106	Court Clerk	
\$214.50	1110.109		1110.145	Court Clerk-PT	
\$13,000.00	1111.109		1111.106	Court Clerk	
\$214.50	1111.109		1111.145	Court Clerk-PT	
\$21,000.00	1619.151		1619.143	Com.Serv.Officer	
\$6,000.00	1990.477		1620.443	Village Hall Repairs	
\$513.72	1620.440		1620.444	General Code Updates	
\$550.00	1620.465		1623.461	Court Parking Program	
\$11,000.00	1990.477		1910.472	Liability Insurance	
\$187.61	1990.477		1989.475	Refund Real Estate Tax	
\$500.00	3410.410		3410.411	FD Supplies	
\$2,296.78	5142.410		5142.443	Snow	

				Equip.Repairs	
\$15,600.00	5110.115		5110.107	DPW Laborer PT	
\$700.00	7141.100		7141.410	Concession Stand Sup.	
\$319.94	7310.410		7310.413	Pool Clothing	
\$407.20	7310.410		7310.443	Pool Repairs	
<u>\$1,500.00</u>	8810.160		8810.100	Cemetery Laborers	
\$87,004.25					
WATER					
\$751.25	1620.440		1623.467	Network Admin.	
<u>\$2,975.00</u>	1990.477		1910.472	Well #5 Liability Ins.	
\$3,726.25					