

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

January 12, 2012

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 Larry Clark
Village Manager Walt Herbst

Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham
Recreation Dir. Nate Nagle
DPW Dir. Matt Mustico
Code Enf. Officer Bob Young
Fire Chief Arthur Sullivan
Manager's Assistant Rachel Baer
Deputy Clerk Michelle Accavallo

Absent

Trustee Suzanne Peters

Others Present

Dave Padgett, W. Franklin St.
Wayne Brubaker, Gardner Rd.
Rich Armbruster, Willow St.
Tammy Grow, Willow St.
Cory Grow, Willow St.
Dot Gebhart, Biltmore Dr.
Barb Skorzewski, W. Franklin St.

Valerie Rohver, Ridge Road
Louise McIntosh, Renwick Lane
Mike Swasta, Watkins Rd.
Jean Quinn, Gardner Rd.
Claudia Radin, S. Main St.
Stacey White, W. Broad St.
Sue and Ed Ungvarsky, Hatfield St.

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Clark

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees' Organizational Meeting of December 5th, 2011, and the regular meeting of December 15th, 2011 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

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Koliwasky

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

General -	\$196,882.16
Water-	43,493.11
T/A-	937.14

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Swartz

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads and other potentially responsible parties entered into an Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC), which provided in part for a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of an area generally known as Koppers Pond, southerly of Blostein Blvd., and

WHEREAS, in accordance with and to comply with the AOC, the potentially responsible parties entered into an agreement with Leo Brausch as Environmental Consultant to facilitate the goals and objectives of the RI/FS, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Village of Horseheads and others will be called upon from time to time to fund the RI/FS and to enter into various agreements for the implementation of the RI/FS, and

WHEREAS, this Board has approved nine past assessments as the Village's share of a Group fund for administration of the project.

February 8, 2007 -	\$11,000
September 13, 2007 -	\$11,000
February 14, 2008	\$11,000
July 10, 2008	\$22,000
August 28, 2008	\$22,000
February 12, 2009	\$22,000
January 28, 2010	\$20,000
July 14, 2011	\$10,000
September 8, 2011	\$10,000

AND WHEREAS, those funds together with funds of other members of the Group have been largely expended on project administration, and

WHEREAS, members of the Group did recently approve the projected assessment for 2012 to be **\$30,000** for each member, to be used for project costs and administration, and

WHEREAS, the **Village will divide its assessment into two equal payments of \$15,000**, one

payable now, and one after the new fiscal year begins on June 1st, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board does hereby approve a ***tenth* assessment of \$15,000** to be contributed to the Koppers Pond Potentially Responsible Parties operating account when such funds are in hand.

Manager Herbst noted that the consultants present reports to the EPA - and it goes back and forth. EPA has not agreed that testing is complete. Once they do, then they decide what the remediation will be. If we are found not responsible, then what we've put in will come back.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Swartz

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Village Traffic Commission Meeting of January 4, 2012 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

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Swartz

WHEREAS, the Village received reports of a reputed parking problem in the vicinity of 523 Hatfield Street, causing traffic and safety concerns, and

WHEREAS, Village Manager Walter Herbst directed an investigation thereof, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads Traffic Commission reviewed a report of the facts and circumstances of the alleged traffic concerns and determined that there was a need for traffic control, and recommended establishment of a No Parking or Standing zone on the north side of Hatfield Street, and

WHEREAS, Local Law #3 of 2003 (Chapter 235 of the Village Code) provides in pertinent part in Article I that regulations and schedules adopted pursuant to this law may be amended or changed by resolution, and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that the health safety and welfare of the residents of the Village warrants the amendment of said local law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 235-75, Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times is amended to add thereto the following:

Hatfield Street, north side, from the intersection with Eisenhart Place westerly for a distance of 136 ft., at all times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 235-77, Schedule XVII: No Standing is amended to add thereto the following:

Hatfield Street, north side, from the intersection with Eisenhart Place westerly for a distance of 136 ft., at all times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon the posting of signage in accordance with Village laws, rules and regulations, and the Village Manager is authorized to cause the installation of appropriate signage as soon as practical.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Swartz

WHEREAS, the Village Fire Department has submitted a Festival and Parade Permit Application for two events:

- Saturday, March 10th, 2012 - Noon to 3pm: Chalk drawings of shamrocks in Hanover Square
- Sunday, March 11th, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.: St. Patrick's Day Parade

AND WHEREAS, said application for street closures for said events has been reviewed by the Village Traffic Commission, having recommended approval of same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of the Fire Department for a Festival and Parade Permit for March 10th and 11th, 2012 is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized and directed to close the following streets for said events as follows:

Saturday, March 10th - Chalk Drawings

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.: W. Franklin St. from its intersection with Grand Central Ave. easterly to its intersection with Main St.

Sunday, March 11th - St. Patricks Parade

1:30 p.m. until the parade and clean up is over: S. Main St. at Franklin St. south to Sayre St.

Franklin St. from Hanover Square west to Grand
Central Ave.
Sayre St. from the school parking lot east to S. Main
Street

STREETS TO REMAIN OPEN TO TRAFFIC

N. Main, southbound, turning east on Ithaca Road
Ithaca Road, westbound, turning north on N. Main St.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Peddler's Permit - Discussion:

Trustee Clark made a motion to table this review until our Village Attorney is present. Trustee Swartz seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Trustee Swartz - would like the Traffic Commission to discuss signage on Thorne and Franklin area. Manager Herbst said we will add to next meeting

Trustee Swartz - had our first meeting of the military pack horse project. Project will be funded by donations.

After brief discussion, the Board agreed to schedule the following workshops:

Thorne St. Pool - January 19th, 8:00 a.m.
Firetruck Disposition - January 19th, 4:00 p.m.
Employee Health Benefits Review - January 25th, 4:00 p.m.

Manager Herbst reported on the following items:

- Sikorsky announced layoffs - 20% of staff - 155 employees
- Budget prep starting
- Newsletter deadline by 2/15 for a March 1 edition

- Well 5 - engineering recommendation for a sand filtration system. \$3,000,000. If we qualify for FEMA grant we will only have to come up with about 5%. Plan B would be to redig the well, but even that is very expensive.
- Met with Center at Horseheads people - out of receivership, new investors, etc. Will clean up sand problems we've been having.
- Spoke with Verizon for a potential cell tower in the village. They have to look at public property first.
- Foil requests - rec'd 56 in one day from one person- discussion with Dept. Of State
- Grant requests - recruiting and retaining firefighters; water quality and community access; digital sign for the village
- TVGA - landfill useage - everything looks good - its up to DEC. Need to get clearance from Haz Waste Division. Then we just clear with EPA because of Koppers Pond.

Trustee Clark - complaints about lighting on Schlumberger towers - projecting onto Ridge Road. Plus noise during the night.

Bob Young - talked to Bergmann about that - they will look at correcting lighting. As far as noise, they've been trying to do another noise study.

Audience Participation

Claudia Radin, S. Main St. - Pigeons still dirtying sidewalk near old Planned Parenthood building. Where are you on that.

Trustee Koliwasky - using live traps. Getting some everyday.

Claudia - very bothersome to me, but its disgusting on the sidewalk.

Valerie Rohver, Ridge road - noise at Schlumberger is extremely loud. Can still hear it with windows closed. Bounces off buildings over there. Also Gasfield Specialists starting moving pipe at 5am.

Dorothy Gephart, Biltmore Dr. - on Schlumberger, isn't the goal of the companies to load trucks to hit road first thing in morning.

Bob Young - they do run 24/7. Normally noise ordinance is 10pm to 7am. Will look further into it.

Mayor Zeigler - need to have a meeting with those people about this.

Cory Grow, Willow St. - our street was recently paved. Milled, then oil and graveled, then a top coat. Its not a good sub for blacktop. Big gaps on the side where it doesn't match up to the driveways.. Also someone dug up for a watermain, left a ditch.

Rich Armbruster, Willow St. - what is lifespan of that surface.

Matt Mustico - 15K cheaper - should last about the same as blacktop. I will look at this situation tomorrow.

Ed Ungvarsky, Hatfield St. - Regarding this new no parking zone. Don't have problem, but if you look at whole street it is a blind corner. People speed around that corner. People come up Eisenhart with the right of way. When I back out of my driveway, in the summer, cars come screaming around there. To make it more safe, you should look at a stop sign at the corner. Also, there are guardrails on the south side, but not on the north. Should have guard rails up there too - it's a 20 ft. ravine.

Mike Swasta, Watkins Rd. - Schlumberger noise, glad your doing something about it. I've been commenting on this for months, and have submitted letters.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was closed at 7:54 p.m.

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