

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

August 13, 2009

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 Ronald Swartz
Trustee Walter Herbst
Trustee George Koliwasky
Trustee Suzanne Peters

DPW Chris Lawrick
Recreation Dir. Nate Nagle
Village Clerk Sharron Cunningham
Deputy Clerk Donna Hartsock

Others:

Howard Miller, Sunset Dr.
David Padgett, W. Franklin St.
Barb Skorczewski, Franklin St.
Tess Banfield, Catalpa Dr.
Ray & Lorie Cass, Redwing Lane
George Miner, STEG

Mike Swasta, Watkins Rd.
Walter McNeil, S. Main St.
Millard Little, Fairfax St.
Gary Butler, Ridge Road
Stu Rankin, Pleasant St.
Sherman Moreland, Tifft Ave.

Resolution by Trustee Herbst, seconded by Trustee Swartz

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of July 30th, 2009 be dispensed with and the same stand approved as entered by the Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Herbst, seconded by Trustee Peters

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

General -	\$654,985.43
Water -	\$140,491.77
Trust & Agency -	\$ 1,057.43

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of July 28th, 2009 be received and placed on file in the Village Clerk's Office.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Herbst, seconded Peters

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk-Treasurer and Village Manager's Assistant are hereby authorized to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School, September 21-24, 2009 in Albany, 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 Herbst: Aye
Trustee Koliwasky: Aye
Trustee Peters: Aye

At this time Mayor Zeigler opened a Public Hearing regarding expansion of the CDBG Target Area to include the entire Village for residences or businesses. STEG is handling administration of the commercial loans and Community Progress Inc. is handling residential loans.

As nobody came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Resolution by Trustee Herbst, seconded by Trustee Peters

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads is the recipient of a Community Development Block Grant for FFY90, said grant being comprehensive in nature, and

WHEREAS, the grant target area was established as the general Hanover Square area, and

WHEREAS, the target area has been expanded by this Board from time to time, and

WHEREAS, the funds awarded under this grant program have failed to be fully expended and utilized to the maximum benefit apparently due in part to the limited target area, and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended to this Board that expansion of the target area would augment the use of the program and expand its benefits, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on this date regarding the proposed expansion of the target area for the program at which time the views of the public and other interested parties were entertained regarding same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board does hereby approve the expansion of the target area of the CDBG Grant FFY 90 for all program purposes including but not limited to economic development, apartment creation/rehabilitation and slum and blight elimination from the original target area, as amended from time to time, to encompass the entire Village of Horseheads.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Herbst

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application from Marta Krajnik, owner of Sullivan's Diner located at 59 Old Ithaca Road, for a Special Sign Permit is hereby received, and same is to be forwarded to the Village, Town and County Planning Boards for their review and comment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Herbst

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Donald Zeigler is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Affidavit of Support affirming community and municipal support for Appleridge Retirement Community, Inc. when same is in a form approved by the Village Attorney.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Herbst, seconded by Trustee Swartz

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Schlumberger Project SEQR and Site Plan Review.

Mayor Zeigler noted that at some point after this public hearing there will be a joint workshop for the Board of Trustees and Planning Board.

Discussion ensued about having the joint workshop before this second public hearing.

Trustee Swartz noted that we should change location for this public hearing to accommodate more people.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Trustee Peters - good that we have received so many letters regarding Schlumberger. Its easier to respond to everyone's questions when they are in writing.

Trustee Herbst - acknowledgment letters should go back to the people who have sent letters on Schlumberger.

Trustee Swartz - spoke with Chris Lawrick, Hanover Square parking spaces will be striped soon, and new crosswalks in the Village.

Trustee Koliwasky - how far are we in new sidewalk program.

Chris Lawrick - John Groff still working on new language for this.

After brief discussion, the Board agreed to have a workshop to discuss general Village issues on Wednesday, August 20th at 3:00 p.m. Topics to include sidewalk program, comprehensive plan, etc.

Trustee Herbst - TVGA Grant Company working with us for possible grants. We sent them a lot of information which they are still reviewing. He added that we had another demo for code enforcement software. Will be having another one.

Trustee Herbst suggested suspending development approvals for the holding point area so that we can take a closer look at what is going in up there. There are ways to have some kind of review of site plans. I think all this Schlumberger information has shown us how careful we should be in protecting our aquifer. Some companies just lease a building up there and we have no idea what they are doing. We should think about how to get better control over this area. Brief discussion ensued on having a moratorium. Should be added to agenda for upcoming workshop.

Recreation Dir. Nate Nagle - last concert in Teal Park next week. Last day for the pool will be August 29th.

DPW Chris Lawrick - received draft of Highway Shared Services Study. Yesterday I received initial recommendations on the study. I've distributed copies. They've made some interesting recommendations.

Stu Rankin, Pleasant St. - anything going to be done about potholes on Pleasant St.

Chris Lawrick - going to be patching potholes in the next couple of weeks.

Tess Banfield, Catalpa Dr. - asked status of Mike Barton.
Mayor Zeigler - haven't heard anything yet.

Tess Banfield - traffic on Grand Central is bad with new Rite Aid plaza.

Mike Swasta, Watkins Rd. - wants to know if we will have dog swim on last day of the pool.
Nate Nagle - yes probably on a week night.

Mike Swasta - will code enf. software include NYS building code and will it interface with the Village Code. Village Code and zoning ordinance seems to be out of date.

Trustee Herbst - yes our local zoning will be imported into any software we decide to purchase. State codes will also be included.

Mike Swasta - SEQR document for Schlumberger, has any of their forms been updated. Trustee Herbst - is in the process.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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