

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

June 14, 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 Ronald Swartz
Trustee Larry Clark
Trustee George Koliwasky
Trustee Suzanne Peters
Village Manager Walt Herbst

Village Attorney John Groff
Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham
Deputy Clerk Donna Hartsock
Manager's Asst. Rachel Baer

Others Present

Elton Shaw, Liberty St.
David Padgett, W. Franklin St.
Ruth Young, Horseheads
Bonnie Chollet, Latta Brook Rd.
Barb Skorzewski, W. Franklin St.
Dot Gebhart, Biltmore Dr.

Val Rohver, Ridge Rd.
Tess Banfield, Catalpa Dr.
Mike Swasta, Watkins Rd.
Mike Skrosznik, Center St.
Jeanne Fudala, Alpine

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Peters

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meetings of May 24th and June 1st, 2012 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 Peters:	Aye

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:

	<u>Final May Bills</u>	<u>June Bills</u>
General	65,739.98	392,334.62
Water	9,251.23	93,783.41
T/A	3,547.50	819.42

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$11,550.14 be transferred from the 2011-2012 Capital Reserve Fund for the acquisition of new pool equipment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Financial Report

Manager Herbst reported that compared to last year our receipts are up \$103K, expenses down \$224K. We've done quite well. Still have some clean up bills to pay.

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded Koliwasky

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of May 22nd, 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
Trustee Peters: Aye

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Peters

BE IT RESOLVED, that the June 28th, July 26th, and August 23rd meetings of the Board of Trustees are hereby cancelled.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Clark, that the following item be added to the agenda:

- Receive Justice Reports

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Peters

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Justice Reports for May 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
Trustee Peters:	Aye

Trustee Koliwasky - Gardner Rd. Auto has old refrigerators on the lot with doors still on them - I think that is a violation. Someone needs to take care of that - among other things.

Trustee Peters - bad smell coming from in there too.

Manager Herbst reported on the following items:

- PBA negotiations are underway
- Street paving completed
- Well 5 grant application in the works
- Switched to AT&T for cell phones
- Nate reports that the pool and concession stand have passed Health Dept. inspection. Pool opens this Saturday at noon. ADA stairs are in. Lift will be here in July. Dept. of Justice has postponed effective date for that until January.
- Colon Cancer 5k on June 29th.
- Linear Park - lots of weeds - Nate is assigning certain plant beds to his staff
- Pesticide license came through yesterday.
- Police - problems with LiveScan. Broome County servers are to blame.
- Sidewalk program underway.
- Voucher program for trash in August.

Atty. Groff reported on the following items:

- Attended webinar on labor relations
- NYS passed law changing purchasing policies - "best value bidder", instead of lowest responsible bidder.

Trustee Koliwasky - what is status of Koppers Pond issue.

Atty. Groff - getting closer - first phase was EPA evaluation of extent of problem.

Trustee Clark - on Linear Park, have we ever looked into a ground cover to eliminate weeding.
Manager Herbst - we had Chris Galusha look at this. That is one idea.

Trustee Peters - possibility of hiring someone just in the spring to get it cleaned up, then let Nate's people maintain.

Manager Herbst - state originally took care of it, they turned it over to us and we looked at contracting it out. Lowest bid was \$68,000. I have been discussing with Nate on strategies.

Audience Participation:

Ruth Young, Sayre St. - distributed materials and pictures regarding silica quartz - health problems - occupational hazards. Discussed its use for hydrofracking. Exposure on cementing jobs over at the Holding Point. It is a carcinogen, incurable. Similar to problems with asbestos. Showed a picture of a worker at holding point shoveling silica - no protective gear. Included letter about the problem.

Valerie Rohver, Ridge Rd. - been working with Bob Young on sound testing at Schlumberger. Showed a photo of them filling silos with sand. They stopped, reversed vacuum, and blew it out into the air. I've talked to DEC, they said if it happens again - they will continue to monitor. When they fill the silos its incredibly noisy. And the trucks up there are using Wygant Road to get out to Westinghouse Road at night.

Bonnie Chollet, Latta Brook Rd. - I noticed them loading trucks and there was dust all around - nobody was wearing any protection. I am concerned about these residents and people who use ballfields. I talked with Health Dept., they said they would look into it. Something has to be done besides berms and trees. This is a huge concern.

Mike Swasta, Watkins Rd. - DEC has issued an air facility permit for up there. I don't know what that means, or why they aren't more actively monitoring. When trucks leave the facility you can see dust clouds spewing from those rigs. That fact alone should emphasize need for the connector road. Doesn't mitigate exposure though. Also, what is the status of rental housing law.

Atty. Groff - its being redrafted.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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