

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

December 15, 2011

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
Manager's Assistant Rachel Baer
Deputy Clerk Donna Hartsock

Absent

Trustee Suzanne Peters

Others Present

Dave Padgett, W. Franklin St.
Jay Brescia, Perkins Ave.
Kevin Sullivan, E. Franklin St.
Steven Morrell, Matthew Cir.
Jeffrey Gray, Taylor Road
Mike Detota, Wygant Road

Mike Kartychak, Middle Rd.
Joshua Baker, Meadow Dr.
Earl Pratt, Watkins Rd.
Wayne Brubaker, Gardner Rd.
Dot Gebhart, Biltmore Dr.
Justin Shappee, E. Franklin 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 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 Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Clark

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

General	\$428,400.13
Water	\$72,289.33
T/A	\$1,041.67

Roll Call Vote:

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

Discussion: Koppers Pond - 10th Assessment

Manager Herbst informed the Board that we have received a request from Group for another \$30K assessment for 2012. We've advised that we'd like to hold off until June 1st for the next fiscal year. They are resistant. Total so far is \$139,000. We are supposed to be close to the end for a decision. EPA is hard to predict. Could be as simple as fencing it in - or dredging. Other issue is who is ultimately to blame for contamination. Unlikely that Village is responsible. If that is the case then our monies will be returned. On the other hand, if they feel we contributed, there will be a pro rata assessment. Cant predict until EPA has the final say.

After brief discussion it was agreed to do \$15K now and another \$15K after June 1st.

Financial Report:

Manager Herbst - This year our revenues are down slightly, approx \$100,000. Reason is last year at this time we had different grants in the works. So we are a little behind. On the other hand expenses over same time last year are down \$400,000. So we are doing well. On water fund, revenue is up \$17.5K, but expenses increased \$33K. Two major areas of difference. First - about \$21K in Well 5 costs. Unallocated insurance is another \$30K. Overall in good shape on balance over last year.

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

- Probationary Appointments to Fire Department
- D&A: Merchants Association

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 this Board hereby approves the one-year probationary appointments of:

- Patrick M. Sullivan, Meadowbrook Pkwy. East, Horseheads
- Cory J. Rightmire, Robin Road, Horseheads
- Matthew R. Emmick, S. Main Street, Horseheads

to the Village of Horseheads Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

D&A: Merchants Association:

Trustee Clark- The Manager, Trustee Koliwasky, and I met with Julie Chevalier. Good meeting. Julie had her first meeting with Merchants Association. So far we've had 11 merchants join. George and I will talk to merchants after the holidays. Merchants in the Heights is ahead of us. They have a website connected to the Elmira Heights website. Request now for us to do that. Seems reasonable.

Trustee Clark mad a Motion to honor this request, and assist the Merchants Association financially in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. This will create interest in other merchants to join. They need to take some ownership in this. Trustee Swartz seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Well #5 Update:

Manager Herbst reported that the due date for Dept. of Health is January 15. Need complete engineering analysis and recommendation. We are well assured that this deadline will be met. Met with FEMA regarding flood grant monies for this. They will accept our engineering report as to severity and need for remediation as their analysis. They will fund if we meet requirements. On plus side of those requirements, we were able to locate an identical situation where FEMA funded it 70%. State will offer another 15%. Then we come up with balance. Will apply for \$1,000,000 loan as a fail safe from Env. Dev. Corp. Interest free loan up to a \$1,000,000. Waiting for engineering report to come in. Test results have stabilized.

Manager Herbst reported on the following items:

- IT systems continuing to have difficulties. Over budget there.
- CSEA negotiations - union voted down our proposal. Barring any change of heart it will now go to the board for counter or negative vote.
- Dept. Head Mtg. today - I acknowledged all good work of staff this year.

Nate Nagle - did not receive grant for pool. Southern Tier only rec'd 49 mil. I am in process of finding out what our score was and see where we can improve on grant itself. Second round coming - will write grant for that. A lot of the grant money went to flooded areas. For round two there will be organizations that can't fulfill their part, some money will get turned back in, then create a second round. I've already talked to banks about bonding rates.

Trustee Clark - are we keeping track of demographics of who uses the pool. Have we talked to those communities about contributing to the costs.

Nate - not my position to approach them.

Firefighter Kevin Sullivan submitted and read a letter regarding fire engine 1031 and their request that it not be sold. Instead it should be returned to the FD to benefit the Village, unless the Village intends to replace it. Would be better utilized as a first responder truck. Better use than using proceeds to update fire station. Would like to set up a meeting to discuss this matter.

Ms. Gephart, Biltmore Drive - does the Board know about Bethany evacuation.

Manager Herbst - yes, what happened was that one ounce of the chemical that gives natural gas its odor spilled at the Center at Horseheads, at the Anschutz gas well. That created the problem. Was not a gas leak. It was the chemical they put in gas. Because of that and because of continuing problems of that smell, were looking into prospects of charging them for unnecessary calls.

Trustee Koliwasky moved that the Board, along with the Village Manager, go into Executive Session to discuss the status of collective bargaining negotiations. Trustee Swartz seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

At 7:47 p.m. the Board and the Village Manager went into Executive Session, the minutes of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

At 8:39 p.m. the Board reconvened back into its regular meeting of this date.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.

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Village Board of Trustees

EXECUTIVE SESSION

December 15, 2011

An Executive Session of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 7:47 p.m. in Village Hall. Present were Mayor Donald Zeigler, Trustees Ronald Swartz, George Koliwasky, and Larry Clark and Village Manager Walt Herbst, at which time they discussed the status of collective bargaining negotiations.

At 8:39 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Swartz, that the executive session be adjourned, and the Board reconvene back into its regular meeting of this date.

Roll Call Vote:

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