

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

January 22, 2009

A meeting of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m.

Present were:

Village Board and Staff:

Mayor Donald Zeigler	Police Chief Mike Barton
Deputy Mayor Ronald Swartz	Fire Chief Arthur Sullivan
Trustee Walter Herbst	DPW Chris Lawrick
Trustee George Koliwasky	Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham
Trustee Suzanne Peters	Parks Dir. Nate Nagle
Village Manager Marc Whitney	CSO Bob Young
Village Attorney John Groff	Deputy Clerk Donna Hartsock
	Manager's Asst. Rachel Baer

Others:

Ron Gray, USA Sign

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Herbst

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of January 8, 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 Koliwasky

BE IT RESOLVED, that minutes of the Traffic Commission Meeting of January 7, 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

Discussion: Appointment to Horseheads Historical Society

Atty. Groff - there is a question on whether there was a requirement for a member of this Board to be on the Board of the Historical Society. The Manager investigated it and confirmed that there is a provision in the bylaws of the Hist. Society that a member of Village Board of Trustees, appointed by us, be on their board. That is first time I've learned of this requirement. That may be something in their bylaws, question is whether you want someone on that board, and how that serves the Village. You would be blending government with a not-for-profit entity. How does this serve Village interests. Would bring up the question as to why there isn't a representative on every board. It may serve their interests in helping them to have support. Difference here is that for years members of our Board of Trustees have been on that board, but in a private capacity as a resident, not as a representative for the village. There is a difference. It raises potential concerns on how you can act independently when you are called upon to act. From my perspective as Village Attorney, I don't see how the Village gains, don't see governmental need or municipal benefit.

Mayor Zeigler - Only thing I remember is because that organization holds historic items for us - Franklin Fisher items, paintings, etc. Those items are on loan. If someone wants to be on the Hist. Soc. board, that is fine, but we shouldn't pass a resolution making it a requirement.

After brief discussion, the Board agreed that the Manager should notify the Historical Society that we will not be appointing an official representative to their Board.

At this time, Atty. Groff declared open a Public Hearing regarding the application of Orchard Family Healthcare for a Special Sign Permit at 2977 Westinghouse Road.

Ron Gray, USA Sign. I'm here representing the applicant. I'm in favor of proposal. Been to all the planning meetings. Town did not have quorum so their meeting was cancelled.

Atty. Groff noted that the Town has 30 days to act on referral. They did not. We are now free to act.

As nobody else came forward, Atty. Groff declared public hearing closed.

The Board then completed Part 2 of the SEQR Form finding there to be no significant environmental impacts, and authorizing a Negative Declaration.

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Swartz

WHEREAS, Joyce Wasserman, owner of Horseheads Medical Center, 2977 Westinghouse Road, has made application for a Special Sign Permit for two signs of the same size to be placed at said facility - one on Westinghouse Road, and one on Watkins Road, and

WHEREAS, the property is zoned P-1 Planned Unit Development, and

WHEREAS, said application requests approval for two double-sided, internally illuminated signs approximately 7' in height and 7.8' in width, and

WHEREAS, this application was referred to the Village, Town and County Planning Boards for their review and comment, and

WHEREAS, the Village and County Planning Boards have reviewed same and recommended approval of the application, and the Town Planning Board has not responded to the referral within the 30-day period, and

WHEREAS, the application is subject to SEQR, being an Unlisted Action under SEQR regulations, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted a Short Environmental Assessment Form, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees is informed and believes that the Village is the only involved agency with respect to the SEQR review of this action, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees has conducted a thorough review of the application, the Short Environmental Assessment Form, and all of the environmental consequences of same as more specifically delineated on that portion of the Form to be completed by the Board as Lead Agency, and finds that the Action will not have a significant environmental impact, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on this date regarding the application for the Special Sign Permit at which time all interested or affected parties were afforded an opportunity to present their views regarding the application, and

WHEREAS, this application has been thoroughly reviewed and given thoughtful consideration by this Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Joyce Wasserman, of Horseheads Medical Center, 2977 Westinghouse Road (a/k/a Orchard Family Healthcare) for a Special Sign Permit for two signs at said location is hereby approved as submitted, and a Special Sign Permit shall be issued in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Village Manager - we will be meeting with the developer for that large project in holding point.

Trustee Koliwasky asked about the status of the following items:

- Ordering new Village flags. Rachel Baer noted that they will be ordered and in place before the Sister City visit.
- LRC property. Village Manager Whitney noted that it will be back on the market, but we have to discuss how much we need to list it for.
- Street lights that need repair. Chief Barton reported that they recently send NYSEG a long list of lights that need repair. They usually fix them pretty quick, depends on how busy they are. Trustee Swartz said that a few in the Square are out. Chris

Lawrick said those are Village responsibility, we have to maintain those.

- Sherman property on Broad Street. Village Manager Whitney stated that we are moving forward with burning it down for Fire Department training.
- Christmas lights are still in the trees in Hanover Square, but aren't on. Trees are outgrowing size of the lights. Chris Lawrick said all those trees were trimmed last March. After lengthy discussion on this matter, Trustee Peters suggested leaving the lights on all winter, and turn off when the leaves come out.

Chris Lawrick reported that at the request of Trustee Swartz we installed motion sensor light switches for rooms in Village Hall. They were installed in report rooms, restrooms, kitchen.

Sharron Cunningham stated that the February edition of the newsletter will be mailed out tomorrow.

Nate Nagle noted that the second session of Super Saturday is this week. Bus trip to Philadelphia Flower Show coming March 4th.

As there was nothing further to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38p.m.

Workshop to Follow Agenda.

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