

Minutes
Village Board of Trustees
June 25th, 2020

A meeting of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall.

Present were:

<u>Village Board and Staff</u>	
Mayor Rob Maloney Trustee Pat Gross Trustee Bill Goodwin Trustee Mike Skroskznik Trustee Mark Cronin	Village Manager Nate Nagle Manager's Asst. Rachel Baer Attorney John Groff
<u>Others Present</u>	
Cherie Brown, Brooks St. Melanie Smith, South Ave.	Mr. and Mrs. Sedlak, N. Carroll St.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

Manager Nagle updated the Board on the status of the coronavirus measures.

- Entering phase 4 tomorrow
- Low risk art and entertainment - indoor outdoor - museums, gardens, etc.
- Churches increased to 33%
- Social gatherings 25-50 people
- Low risk sports - that began last week. Scrimmages and games starting July 6
- Tournaments - section in guidelines that reads competition tournament that require travel, and we are having hard time to define travel.
- Travel ban in several states
- Gyms, amusement parks, theaters and malls still closed.
- Will there be phases 5, 6, 7. No answer to that yet.

Resolution by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Goodwin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of June 11th, 2020 be dispensed with and the same stand approved as entered by the Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Maloney Aye
 Trustee Gross Aye
 Trustee Goodwin Aye
 Trustee Skroskznik Aye
 Trustee Cronin Aye

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Cronin

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads advertised on May 16th, 2020 for the submission of bids for the Supply and Laying of Bituminous Asphalt Products in the Village of Horseheads for the year 2020, and

WHEREAS, bids were opened and examined on June 12th, 2020, and the following bids were received:

(All Prices Per Ton - Laid In Place)

	TYPE 6 TOP COURSE
Elmira Road Materials LLC (Bothar Constr.) 170 East Service Road Binghamton, NY 13901	65.70
Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co., Inc. 2105 S. Broadway Pine City, NY 14871	70.85

WHEREAS, said bids have been examined and determined to be in order, the lowest responsible bidder being Elmira Road Materials LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director Matt Mustico and Village Manager Nate Nagle have submitted their recommendations regarding the bids and the award of a contract, the same recommending award to Elmira Road Materials,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees does hereby accept the bid of Elmira Road Materials, and that Village Manager Nate Nagle is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with said company to effectuate this resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Maloney Aye
 Trustee Gross Aye
 Trustee Goodwin Aye
 Trustee Skroskznik Aye
 Trustee Cronin Aye

Trustee Cronin - will we be able to add more streets to the program.

Village Manager Nagle - not this year because of reduction in state funding.

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Goodwin

BE IT RESOLVED, that Clerk-Treasurer Donna Dawson is authorized to transfer the funds indicated on the attached sheet.

Manager Nagle - these are the last transfers to close out the fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Maloney	Aye
Trustee Gross	Aye
Trustee Goodwin	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee Cronin	Aye

Disc: Health Insurance for Board Members (cont'd discussion)

Village Manager Nagle reviewed the information requested by the Board regarding providing health insurance for the Trustees.

- Discussion at the last meeting was coverage only while in office, and no buyout offered
- Need to consider whether there will be a salary reduction in exchange for health coverage
- Need to consider how much the employee contribution will be
- Current Village plan is a high-deductible plan, but the Village pays the entire deductible

Trustee Skroskznik: After hearing these numbers this is very inexpensive, especially if Village pays for deductible. I don't know anyone who has this good of an insurance plan.

Trustee Gross: But how much will we have to raise taxes to pay for this. What is the cost to the residents.

Manager Nagle - Family Plan premium for all Trustees is \$57,000. Plus \$65,000 for the deductibles = \$120,000. It would have to come out of contingency this year. Then it would be in the normal budget in the next budget year.

Trustee Goodwin - I'm not looking for a free ride. I can pay it right now cash, check, visa. My boss pays 20k a year for my family's insurance. I don't want to get tied up in how to pay for it. What we have to decide is how we want to do this.

Trustee Gross - how can we do this for us, but say no to the Judges. Need to spend more time discussing who will get it.

Trustee Goodwin - judges make a lot more money than the Trustees. I work hard too.

Trustee Gross - I'd like to see how much insurance costs have risen over the last few years. Need that info.

Village Manager Nagle - hard to say because we have changed plans recently - first to the Consortium, then from the Silver to the Bronze plan. But I'll ask Donna to do some research on this. That is why we joined consortium because they have kept their increases to less than 5% each year.

Trustee Cronin: Since I've been here we've eliminated one position, consolidated another. The Manager and Donna have put together our budgets, we've really gotten rid of a lot. You guys have done a great job with fluff in the budget.

Trustee Gross - we just said we can't add more roads for paving, and here are talking about this. I have a hard time doing this just for Board Members. I think all employees work very hard.

Trustee Skroskznik - why not do the buyout. From a business standpoint, with a good program like this, this is cream of the crop.

Village Manager Nagle - we do have a 25% buyout for the full-time staff, but the Board decided at the last meeting not to do that for themselves.

Trustee Skroskznik - I think we should entertain this.

Village Manager Nagle - some of the conversation was that even the current buyout rate of 25% for full time employees may be too low. But at the end of it, regarding this piece for the BOT it was discussed not to have buyout as part of the scenario. Currently we don't have anyone doing buyout right now, maybe 2 in the past. People aren't taking buyout because it might be too low. This needs further discussion. Our employee manual says 25%.

Trustee Skroskznik - I agree with Trustee Gross, if are going to do this we should include the Judges.

Tabled to the next meeting for more info on the average increases over the years.

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Goodwin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meetings of July 23rd, and August 27th, 2020 are hereby cancelled.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Maloney	Aye
Trustee Gross	Aye
Trustee Goodwin	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee Cronin	Aye

Intersection of Sayre St. and S. Main St. - (cont'd discussion)

Village Manager Nagle - this is a continued discussion from the last meeting. I talked to Matt Mustico and the cost for putting up a Yield sign at this intersection would be about \$150, with no bollards. All agreed to put the sign up. Atty. Groff offered a resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Manager Nathan Nagle is authorized and directed to acquire the materials for the installation of a Yield sign at the intersection of Sayre St. and S. Main Street, for eastbound traffic to yield to traffic on S. Main St., and be it further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate scheduled of the Traffic Control chapter of the Village Code be revised accordingly, and that the installation of the signage occur as practical.

Motion made by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Gross

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Maloney	Aye
Trustee Gross	Aye
Trustee Goodwin	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee Cronin	Aye

Audience Participation

Cherie Brown, Brooks St. - thank you for your assistance down at the Red Carpet Inn. It has gotten better.

Linda Sedlak, N. Carroll St. - We purchased the house on the corner of Orchard St. and Grand Central Ave. At the closing we found out there is no parking for this house, which has two apartments. We were sharing a gravel driveway with the house next door on Orchard St., but that house has recently been sold and the new owner found out their property goes right up to our house. New owner's lawyer said they could sell us a portion or charge our tenants to park there. there is not enough room on any side of our house to add a driveway or parking, etc. The owner of the other house wanted a privacy fence installed, which we paid for. At the most we will have parking for one apartment out back. Still have an issue for Grand Central side apartment. What can we do. Our idea is to dig out a portion of the Orchard St. side. Or have parking in the front. We need help.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Sedlak said their attorney informed them of the problem before they closed on the house, and we still bought it.

Atty. Groff noted that this matter came before our Traffic Comm. We looked at putting parking on Grand Central Av. Side, which is not a viable option due to trees and a utility pole. You also have in your regulations prohibitions in establishing parking in yards. The Traffic Commission did not arrive at a viable solution. The Code Officer recommended to the applicant that they try to explore a resolution with the neighbor. Which they've tried to do. They may rent it, purchase it, or whatever. Its an issue between two land owners. It was suggested by Traffic Comm. to be pursued with neighbor because we don't have a solution that doesn't violate the current policies that you've already established.

Mr. Sedlak - Orchard St. side has a slope down to the sidewalk. What if we took the sidewalk out and lowered it about a foot and create a ramp.

Manager Nagle - I looked at this property. There is a good 18" drop between sidewalk and the road.

Mr. Sedlak - I would like a variance to have parking in the yards.

Atty. Groff - A variance could be requested. Essentially this is a self-created hardship. That is one of the standards that is looked at in variances. At one time these two properties were owned by the same party. The parking issue was not an issue for that owner because it was same owner. When the properties were sold off, for whatever reason, this issue wasn't addressed, etc., this should never have happened. It was avoidable at one time. Also you have a policy that says we don't want parking in yards, only in driveways. What they are proposing is not parking in the driveway, its taking a yard and

converting to a driveway. They could also turn this house into a single-family dwelling.

Mrs. Sedlak - no we don't want to do that.

After further discussion, it was recommended that the Sedlaks discuss this situation with the Village Manager to see if perhaps a solution can be reached.

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Gross

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby approves the one-year probationary appointment of Christopher Berry, of Barrington Road North, Horseheads, to the Village of Horseheads Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Maloney	Aye
Trustee Gross	Aye
Trustee Goodwin	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee Cronin	Aye

Manager's Report

- Staff issues:
 - interview process for Mgrs. Assistant. Narrowed to 3
 - interview process for two Police Officers - one vacant now, one for a retirement in November. With the Covid situation, police academies are delayed on when they will be held.
- Trustee Skroskznik - the So. Tier Law Enforcement Academy is taking place right now.
- Cemetery fence near completion.
- Another drive thru graduation ceremony.
- Summer cohesion has been cancelled.
- We did start testing of filter plant.
- Refund for tax assessment challenge came in
- Will be cancelling family day - fireworks is main concern.
- Notification from Governor's Office on Police Reform. The County will be having a meeting with reps from all police agencies to discuss.

BOT, Department Head Updates

Atty. Groff -

- We received a Foil request for police disciplinary records going back to 1970. Public interest law firm contacting all police agencies throughout the state. We responded to it. Challenging task. We'll find the info and move fwd. State has a records retention schedule. We're allowed to dispose of records on a schedule.
- On the County engaging in compliance with governors order on police reform, if the board wants to follow Manager's recommendation we'll do a resolution to authorize that action at a future meeting.

Manager Nagle - I'm recommending we follow the County's lead that they head up this program and all agencies would be under the same program.

Atty. Groff - all agencies have to do the same thing, develop a plan, etc. by April 1, 2021. Either develop agency by agency level, or at the county level with all agencies participating.

All agreed to move forward with having the county take the lead on this.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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TRANSFER LIST
6/25/20

G/L Date	G/L Acct #	Acct Descrip	Incr Amt	Decr Amt
05/31/2020	01.3120.5443	REPAIRS – POLICE VEHICLE	5251.00	.00
05/31/2020	01.3120.5100.04	OT PAY, REIMBURSABLE	.00	5251.00
05/31/2020	01.3410.5483	MISC. EXPENSES – FIRE DEPT., CUT DOWN TREE	92.00	.00
05/31/2020	01.3410.5100.01	REGULAR PAY	.00	92.00
05/31/2020	01.8810.5440	CONTRACTED SVCES, CEMETERY TREE REMOVAL	1000.00	.00
05/31/2020	01.8810.5100.01	REGULAR PAY	.00	1000.00
			6343.00	6343.00