

## Minutes

### Village Board of Trustees

March 27, 2014

A regular meeting of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 8:30 A.M. Present were:

#### Village Board and Staff

Mayor Donald Zeigler  
Trustee George Koliwasky  
Trustee Mike Skroskznik  
Trustee Caitlin McGurgan  
Village Manager Walt Herbst

Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham  
Village Atty. John Groff  
Manager's Asst. Rachel Baer  
DPW Matt Mustico  
Parks & Rec Dir. Nate Nagle  
Don Gaylord, Water Dept.

#### Absent

Trustee Ron Swartz

#### Others Present

Wayne Brubaker, Gardner Rd.  
Tom Rupp, Tiff Ave.  
Brad Lytle, Grand Central Ave.

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Koliwasky

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of February 27, 2014 be dispensed with and the same stand approved as entered by the Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee McGurgan	Abstain

D&A: Extension of Contract - Roemer Wallens - *TABLED FROM 2/13/14*

Trustee Koliwasky - I did some homework and found that Jim is a valuable resource. He does a lot of ancillary things, well worth the money.

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

WHEREAS, in April 2011 the Village entered into an agreement with the law firm of Roemer Wallens Gold and Mineaux LLP of Albany, NY for comprehensive negotiation services (collective bargaining) and other employer/employee relations matters at a monthly charge of \$1,300.00, and for a term of 3 years,

and

WHEREAS, Village Manager Walt Herbst has recommended, in light of pending labor contract negotiations with CSEA and the Horseheads PBA, that the Village renew its agreement with Roemer Wallens to assist it in collective bargaining and other employee/employer relations matters for a term of three years, and at a new monthly charge of \$1,750 effective 4/1/14, \$1,800 effective 4/1/15, and \$1,850 effective 4/1/16, and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that adoption of the Manager’s recommendation would be in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of the Village of Horseheads.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Manager Herbst is authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Roemer firm renewing said agreement as outlined above. Said agreement to be effective immediately, and a copy of same to be placed on file with the Village Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee McGurgan	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Koliwasky

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby receives the Proposed 2014-2015 Village Budget from Budget Officer and Village Manager Walt Herbst, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing regarding the proposed budget is hereby scheduled for Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee McGurgan	Aye

Item #5 - Establishment of Reserve Funds - Atty. Groff stated that we have learned recently that this method may need to be modified and we would do installment purchase payments instead of lease pmts. It won't affect bottom line of the budget. We will offer another resolution in the future for purchase payments. I recommend we table this item.

Motion to table Item #5 made by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Koliwasky

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee McGurgan	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Koliwasky

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village hereby declares as surplus its 50% ownership of a street sweeper jointly owned by the Village and the Town of Horseheads, per agreement dated December 15, 2004, and that the Village Manager is authorized to transfer, assign or sell said interest per the terms of said agreement.

Manager Herbst - the Town surplused their portion also yesterday. We are going to do an online auction. If that doesn't yield then Matt will put in municipal auction in May.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee McGurgan	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

WHEREAS, the budget for the Village of Horseheads Water Department has improved but continues to reflect an eroding income base and material increases in expenses, and

WHEREAS, this Board has received projections which indicate that the Water Department will continue to sustain moderate increases in the cost of departmental operations in the future, and

WHEREAS, Village Manager Walt Herbst and Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham have recommended to this Board that water rates for the sale and consumption of water, both inside and outside of the Village of Horseheads, be increased as reflected on the attached spread sheet so as to generate sufficient income to sustain the costs and expense of departmental operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees, acting as Water Commissioners of the Village of Horseheads Water Department, hereby modifies the water rates for all customers both inside and outside of the Village on 1) the sale of water; 2) fire charges; and 3) hydrant charges, per the attached schedule; said new water rates to be effective May 15, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee McGurgan	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee McGurgan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Justice Reports for February 2014 be received and placed on file in the Village Clerk's Office.

## Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee McGurgan	Aye

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

- Appointment of Dave Helsing - Planning Board Member

## Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee McGurgan	Aye

## Communication from Mayor Zeigler:

Sue Warner has submitted her resignation as a member of the Horseheads Planning Board effective immediately.

I therefore appoint, **Dave Helsing**, Planning Board Alternate, as **Planning Board Member**, to fill the unexpired term of Sue Warner. Said appointment to expire the first Monday in December, 2014.

Everyone welcomed Caitlin McGurgan to the board.

Nate Nagle - attended conference recently. The Village is in the middle as far as other departments and what they are doing. Some are decreasing their staff. They had also had decreases in revenues, etc. I have also been named Treasurer for Parks and Rec Society. This summer will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniv. Of the Thorne St. pool.

Don Gaylord - Blostein Blvd. composting location will be levelled out. Its finally coming together.

Trustee Skroskznik - St. Pats parade was great turnout. Hhds. high school boys lacrosse won at Ithaca, first time in 15 yrs.

Trustee Koliwasky - Question on wells. The dike on east side of Newtown creek, is in the town. In the past it has been breached, flooded severely. With the work we've done on our wells, I don't want to see that compromised by the lack of concern by the Town for the dike. Anything moving on this.

Manager Herbst - responsibility for that is with stormwater coalition. I will follow up with them.

Manager Herbst reported on the following items:

- Congrats to all of staff for outstanding job in controlling budget. Our expenditures in proposed budget are \$141,000 less. That is no easy task. Moreover budget going forward will only yield a 1.5 % tax increase. This is a tribute to the staff given all of the increased costs and the fact we lost 8.5 million in assessed valuation. Hats off to all staff and department heads.
- Earlier this week we met with CSEA for their preliminary proposal. We have yet to do ours. We're always optimistic.
- PBA - we will be going to mediation April 7<sup>th</sup>. Our last offer as you know requested or looked for a % contribution for health ins. PBA flat out refused and instead invoked mediation.
- Well 5 - going along very well. We should be finishing by mid-April and starting testing all components. Security cameras will be in shortly.
- Police arrested an employee of Bethany for causing fire up there, likely will have additional charges filed.
- Attended tax cap mtg. sponsored by RAMS. NYCOM was the presenter. All of this consternation about tax cap has led to a new consortium of Town supervisors, city and village associations and school district associations coming together as one to form municipal innovation exchange. Purpose is that these initiatives by the Governor have profound impacts. We need to collaborate to come up with acceptable alternatives.
- We rec'd one bid for energy performance contract - from Wendell. We will be reviewing it.

Atty. Groff reported on the following items:

- Walt and I attended a conference on human resources. Informative and rewarding.
- Koppers pond, ongoing environmental remediation project. The resolution of cleanup is still pending by positions being taken by EPA and DEC. I will try to meet with John Mustico, Town Atty. and County Atty. on where the project stands. Will report back.

Mayor Zeigler indicated that he would like to schedule another workshop on the tentative budget. After brief discussion, the Board agreed to have one on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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		<b>VILLAGE OF HORSEHEADS WATER DEPARTMENT</b>				
		<b>SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES-FIRE CHARGES AND HYDRANT CHARGES</b>				
<b>EFFECTIVE WATER BILLS MAILED 5/15/14 AND DUE 6/16/14</b>						
<b>INSIDE VILLAGE BOUNDARIES</b>						
<b>WATER RATES ****</b>	0 TO 6,000	GALLONS	FLAT RATE-MINIMUM BILL		\$	20.82
NEXT	4,000	GALLONS @	\$ 3.79	/1000 GAL=	\$	15.16
NEXT	10,000	GALLONS @	\$ 2.85	/1000 GAL=	\$	28.50
NEXT	30,000	GALLONS @	\$ 2.24	/1000 GAL=	\$	67.20
NEXT	150,000	GALLONS @	\$ 1.85	/1000 GAL=	\$	277.50
<b>OUTSIDE VILLAGE BOUNDARIES</b>						
	0 TO 6,000	GALLONS	FLAT RATE- MINIMUM BILL		\$	31.19
NEXT	4,000	GALLONS @	\$ 5.47	/1000 GAL=	\$	21.88
NEXT	10,000	GALLONS @	\$ 4.11	/1000 GAL=	\$	41.10
NEXT	30,000	GALLONS @	\$ 3.21	/1000 GAL=	\$	96.30
NEXT	150,000	GALLONS @	\$ 2.63	/1000 GAL=	\$	394.50
<b>***Meters read in increments of 1,000 gallons</b>						
		<b>INSIDE VILLAGE FC</b>			<b>OUTSIDE VILLAGE FC</b>	
<b>FIRE CHARGES (FC)</b>	SIZE OF SERVICE	QTRLY CHG	ANNUAL CHG	SIZE OF SERVICE	QTRLY CHG	ANNUAL CHG
	3"	\$ 30.60	\$ 122.40	3"	\$ 45.90	\$ 183.60
	4"	\$ 61.20	\$ 244.80	4"	\$ 91.80	\$ 367.20

	6"	\$ 71.40	\$ 285.60	6"	\$ 107.10	\$ 428.40
	8"	\$ 81.60	\$ 326.40	8"	\$ 122.40	\$ 489.60
	10"	\$ 102.00	\$ 408.00	10"	\$ 153.00	\$ 612.00
	<b>INSIDE VILLAGE HC</b>			<b>OUTSIDE VILLAGE HC</b>		
<b>HYDRANT CHARGES</b>	SIZE OF SERVICE	QTRLY CHG	ANNUAL CHG	SIZE OF SERVICE	QTRLY CHG	ANNUAL CHG
<b>(HC)</b>	6"	\$ 51.77	\$ 207.08	6"	\$ 77.78	\$ 311.12