

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

May 28, 2015

A meeting 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 Ron Swartz
Trustee George Koliwasky
Trustee Brad Lytle
Village Manager Walt Herbst
Village Attorney John Groff

Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham
Code Enf. Bob Young
Parks Dir. Nate Nagle
Don Gaylord, Water Dept.
Managers Asst. Rachel Baer

Absent

Trustee Mike Skroskznik

Others

Bob Holden, Wygant Rd.
Dave Raymond, Matthews Cir.
Louise McIntosh, Renwick Lane
Pat Gross, W. Broad St.
Debi Lytle, Grand Central Ave.
Pat Wall, Fletcher St.

Wayne Brubaker, Gardner Rd.
Daniel Bury, Westlake St.
Eileen Patocka, Watkins Rd.
Dave Padgett, W. Franklin St.
Barb Skorczewski, W. Franklin St.
Joshua Bekin, Steuben St.

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Swartz

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of May 14, 2015 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 Lytle	Aye

Audience Participation

Dan Bury, Westlake St. - Safety issue at the end of Grand Central Ave. turning left onto Franklin St. Visibility is very bad, cars parked in front of Jakes, past the no parking area. Can something be done.

Mayor Zeigler said that we will put this before our Traffic Commission.

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Koliwasky

BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, 2015 at 7:10 p.m. regarding a Proposed Local Law Rescinding Local Law #1 of 2015 - Tax Cap Override.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Swartz	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Lytle	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Koliwasky

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Donald Zeigler is authorized and directed to execute a Tax Warrant directing the Clerk-Treasurer to receive and collect taxes in the amount of \$1,824,808 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Swartz	Aye
Trustee Koliwasky	Aye
Trustee Lytle	Abstain

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Swartz

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Justice Reports for April 2015 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 Lytle	Aye

Trustee Lytle mentioned that Trustee Skroskznik can't make morning meetings, absent here again. He added that he would like us to post the audio recordings of the Board Meetings onto the website.

Manager Herbst pointed out that our web host, "web.com", can't handle large files. It's basically impossible. We have looked at different web providers, but they are pricy. We can ask our IT person to look at a possible upgrade.

Manager Herbst reported on the following items:

- We received a commendation for our fluoridated water
- The energy performance contracts are underway
- House on Chemung St. and Lackawanna has been declared unsafe, blocked off.
- Jogging for Japan event is this weekend at Thorne St. Park. Fundraiser for students to travel to Japan.
- Code - working on filling those positions. Good candidate for Community Service Officer. For Code Enf. Officer we interviewed someone yesterday, hopefully we can close on that too. We have some difficulties due to civil service, qualifications are hard. Many existing code officers are nearing retirement. Also working on possible shared services if we need to. Bob will help out during transition.
- This is Bob's last meeting. Started out as dispatcher, then community svce officer, then code enf. I often hear very good comments about him from business people.
- Working on Dept. of Corrections farmland over on E. Franklin St. We did get a letter from Office of General Svces. Stating that we can purchase the land for \$1 provided that its used for parks and recreation.

Nate Nagle distributed fact sheet on the farmland acquisition. He said that soon we will be losing Maple Grove Lane as a soccer field. Also Broad St. school. Heard about this farmland being available. State is interested in doing land transfer. Going to walk property, with the Board, to discuss some of the possibilities, then make recommendation to proceed further with acquiring that property. It's about 56 acres. Would have to do a survey, etc. At this time I'd like to move forward with the process.

Trustee Koliwasky - this keeps that land as green space, etc. Hate to see it get developed into houses, etc. Gives access for fishing too. I think this is a great idea, keeps it open land. Nate has a lot of good ideas for this.

Trustee Lytle - re: code enf., why do we need to move so quickly if we can look at shared service arrangement. The Village Manager went ahead and interviewed code enf officers.

Manager Herbst - that is based on the current code enf situation at the Town and at the city of Elmira. I have talked to Mike Edwards about this. They are already working with the City of Elmira, for shared services.

Trustee Lytle - disappointed that we aren't doing shared service.

Disc ensued.

Atty. Groff reported on the following items:

- The farmland on Franklin St., it cannot be used for anything other than parks, etc. If you violate those use parameters the property reverts back to the state.
- Chief of Police agmt - still working on one final issue. Draft agmt has been made

available to BOT. Last issue has to do with 207c benefits. We are still researching this issue with our insurance carrier to provide that coverage. When we have this answer we will know what direction we are going for that issue. Should have an answer very soon, by the end of this week.

Bob Young thanked the Village for 8 years and the opportunities I've been given. Regarding the code enforcement officer situation, before I took over when the Town was still doing it we found that we didn't get 100% of what should be served. I do 150-170 permits a year, and inspections, and a CSO officer for property maintenance, fire inspections were not completed. 140-150 commercial businesses that need to be inspected annually or every three years. Code enf needs to be here in the Village, our own people. My recommendation was to bring someone in instead of shared svces. That way we get 100% dedication to the Village. One retiring next month, one in a year. Not a whole lot in the County.

Nate Nagle - on parks and recreation, starting this weekend we will be in 39 activities until end of August - pool, concerts, 5k run, relay for life, I can get you a list of all the activities for the summer.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

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