

**Minutes**

**Village Board of Trustees**

**August 29, 2013**

A **Special 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 Larry Clark  
Trustee Mike Skroskznik  
Village Manager Walt Herbst

Clerk-Treasurer Sharron Cunningham  
Deputy Clerk Donna Hartsock  
Parks Dir. Nate Nagle  
Water Dept. - Don Gaylord

**Absent**

Trustee Ron Swartz  
Trustee George Koliwasky  
Village Atty. John Groff

**Others Present**

Josh, Sarah Baker, Steuben St.  
Kelley, Rob, Mike Maloney Westlake St.  
Sue, Glenn Hostettler, W. Broad St.  
Louise McIntosh, Renwick Lane  
Dave, Lois Murray, Lee Ave.  
Deb Lynch, Sayre St.  
Barb Skorczewski, W. Franklin St.  
Ruth Young, Sayre St.  
Bonnie Chollet, Latta Brook Rd.

Stacey White, Renwick Lane  
Ken Howland, Briarcliff Dr.  
Jean Quinn, Gardner Rd.  
Dot Gebhart, Biltmore Dr.  
Elliott Blauvelt, Jr., Fletcher St.  
Brad Layton, W. Franklin St.  
Jodi Skroskznik, Center St.  
Al Edwards, Ridge Rd.  
Pat Gross, W. Broad St.

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

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

General:	\$ 25,978.03
Water:	\$ 1,127.02

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

WHEREAS, Chemung County has implemented a special traffic operations program known as

STOP DWI, and

WHEREAS, the County has offered to reimburse the Village for certain overtime costs associated with police personnel overtime committed to implement the program in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, and

WHEREAS, Village Manager Walter Herbst has recommended that the Village enter into this agreement in order to afford increased DWI enforcement procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Donald Zeigler is authorized and directed to enter into the proposed agreement on behalf of the Village, and a copy of same shall be filed with the Village Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Zeigler, Trustee Clark, and Manager Herbst are authorized to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School, September 9-12, 2013 in Saratoga, NY with all expenses paid as are allowed under Section 77B of the General Municipal Law.

Trustee Skroskznik noted that the Village should be reducing its costs due to the reduction in our sales tax revenue.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	No

Resolution by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

WHEREAS, NYS GML Section 77-b provides in pertinent part that all actual and necessary registration fees, expenses of travel, meals and lodging and tuition incurred in connection with attendance at a conference shall be a charge against a municipality, and

WHEREAS, said law provides that the Board of Trustees may authorize certain personnel to attend conferences for the betterment or believed to be a benefit to the Village, and

WHEREAS, said law provides that the Board of Trustees may delegate the power to authorize attendance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board does hereby delegate its power to authorize attendance at such conferences to the Village Manager provided that there are sufficient budgeted funds for such attendance and the expenses of attendance. The cost of

expenses of attendance shall be audited, allowed and paid in the same manner as other claims against the Village. Where authorization to attend a conference has been granted by the Village Manager, no claim shall be paid unless attached thereto is a document signed by the Village Manager authorizing such attendance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the other provisions of GML Section 77-b shall apply to attendance at conferences and the like.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Zeigler	Aye
Trustee Clark	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	No

At this time, Chemung County Legislator Tom Sweet made a lengthy presentation to the Village Board regarding sales tax revenues. Legislator Sweet also took questions from the Board regarding same. Major points of the discussion were:

- County does not have to share sales tax with communities
- First 1% goes to the County to cover Medicaid.
- Some of Village's fund balance is restricted.
- Legislator Sweet stated that even though he represents the Village district, he also has an obligation to the County.

Discussion ensued regarding the sales tax issue.

#### Audience Participation

Bonnie Chollet, Latta Brook Road - Village should not spend money for training.

Ruth Young, Sayre St. - sales tax isn't always there, it comes and goes.

Brad Layton, W. Franklin St. - What will the increase be to county taxes.

Legislator Sweet - Unsure, possibly no tax increase.

Pat Gross, W. Broad St. - County and Village should have seen this coming.

Susan Multer, Watkins Rd. - County can save money by getting rid of legislators and just using Town Supervisors and Village Mayors.

Al Edwards, Ridge Rd. - Towns of Veteran, Erin, Catlin will be on suicide watch because of sales tax.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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