**Minutes  
Village Board of Trustees**

**June 20, 2024**

A meeting of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m. at Horseheads Village Hall, 202 S. Main Street, Horseheads, NY. The meeting was also live streamed to the public via the Zoom platform.

Present were:

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| **Village Board and Staff** | |
| Mayor Kevin Adams  Deputy Mayor Bill Goodwin  Trustee George Koliwasky  Trustee Ron Finefrock  Village Manager Nate Nagle | Clerk-Treasurer Donna Dawson  Police Chief Mike Suhey  Judge Andy Smith  Manager’s Assistant Hannah Riley  Code Enf. Jamie Burgess |
| **Others Presents or via Zoom** | |
| Mark Cronin  Mark Terpolilli  Scott Zelko  DJ Sweet  Josh Cosgrove  Jared Cosgrove | Jeffrey Sweet Jr.  Lisa Burke  Sean Murray  Cory Rose  Mike Hess  Tom Kane  Pat Audinwood |

**WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Adams welcomed everyone.

Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Present

Trustee Gross: ABSENT

Trustee Koliwasky: Present

Trustee Finefrock: Present

Mayor Adams: Present

**APPROVE/RECEIVE MINUTES**

**a. Approve Board of Trustees Minutes of 6/6**

Resolution by Deputy Mayor Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Koliwasky.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of June 6th, 2024 is dispensed with and the same stand approved as entered by the Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Koliwasky: Aye

Trustee Finefrock: Aye

Mayor Adams: Aye

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Lisa Burke – 109 Myers Dr – has a problem with the sewer district, claims Jubilees is dumping their grease. Has caused the sewer to back up in her home. The sewer district has been cooperative and has cleaned it out but thinks they should check the manhole covers every 6 months to prevent this problem.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Swearing In of Officer DJ Sweet**

Chief Suhey introduces Officer Sweet. Also here to recognize police officer awards. This is long overdue as the Police Department has not had any formal awards in the last 6 years.

Judge Smith swears in Officer Sweet.

1. **Police Department Award Presentations**

Chief Suhey hands out awards.

Meritorious Conduct of Conspicuous Bravery and Outstanding Performance in the apprehension of an armed subject – Tom Kane and Jared Cosgrove

Meritorious Conduct of job performance above and beyond typical duty – Sean Murray and Scott Zelko

Lifesaving Award – Pat Audinwood and Cory Rose

1. **Rules of Procedures for Meetings (no action)**

Manager Nagle refers to the red lined version of the rules of procedures for meetings handout and goes over the red line changes. Will have a meeting soon to discuss and make modifications.

**d. Fire Department Opposition to OSHA Requirements**

Manager Nagle – the OSHA requirements are being presented nationwide. There is a lot of opposition to the mandates because it makes having a fire department difficult or prohibitive. In your packets you have a 40-page summary of the 608-page document. Please read over it so when we read the resolution, you know what you are voting on. Generate your questions and then we can bring them to Chief Wheeler to answer.

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Village Manager**

Manager Nagle – it’s time that the Village gets out of the bingo business. At one point there were several organizations that were running bingo. We currently have one business that does bingo and we have not changed their fee in the last 10 years. The fee is about 18 dollars, around 11 of those dollars goes to the State and the remaining 7 dollars goes to the Village. Just recently I spent 7 hours on one situation involving bingo and it was not worth the little amount money. Yes, it is cutting a service, but it’s time for us to eliminate it from our local law. I’m working with Atty Groff on the process of doing so.

Manager Nagle refers to the handout for the letter being sent to residents about water rates and fees. He asks the Board to let him know if they have any edits they would like to make before they send it out and that it will be sent separately from the water bills.

Discussion ensues on attaching appendix A and B of the water rules and regulations to the letter.

Manager Nagle - also in your packet is pro-housing information. There is no action we need to take unless we want to do pro-housing. If we wish to be pro-housing, there are a few steps.

Discussion ensues on the grants attached to pro-housing.

Manager Nagle – there is interest of a mural being painted at Thorne St Park. We have a section in our sign law about murals. I’m asking you to review that section in the sign law, so you are aware of the process.

Manager Nagle – there will be a possible SEQR for the NY Swims grant. The SEQR will need to take place before the building/renovating, but it doesn’t have to be done in order to submit the grant.

Discussion ensues on the lead agency requirements and the pool’s STAR test results.

Deputy Mayor Goodwin – what happens if we don’t get this grant?

Manager Nagle – we look at using the ARPA monies or monies from the fund balance.

Manager Nagle - we do not have a meeting scheduled for July 4th. I am proposing a special meeting on July 2nd, at 4pm, to discuss the sign and parking law. It will be a public meeting so we can conduct business. We would need a motion and a second motion to add this meeting.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Finefrock, to hold a special meeting on July 2nd, at 4 pm.

1. **Dept Heads**

Code Enf. Officer Jamie Burgess – update on what Lisa Burke said about the sewer problems. After we did our investigation, we went up there and lifted the manhole covers. Despite what you see about Jubilees being blamed for this, it was Dragon Wok. It was the northeast manhole cover which services Dragon Wok. Dragon Wok is either dumping their grease or their grease traps are not properly working. The solution is to have it pumped out and cleaned, which has already been done. Now they are waiting on the private lines to be done. That will be the entire plaza systems which feeds into the public system. A 3,000-gallon grease trap was proposed to be put in before it goes to the public line. This problem could also be prevented if they had maintenance on their lines every year.

Discussion ensues.

1. **Trustees/Mayor**

Trustee Koliwasky – what’s the status on the pickleball courts? I have gotten calls from residents.

Manager Nagle – no movement on that right now, our efforts have been put on the pool. If we receive this grant from NY SWIMS, that could free up money for the pickleball courts. Big Flats is looking at doing 6 pickleball courts, I plan on attending that meeting so I can hear the dollar figure amount.

Mayor Adams – two nights ago I meant with kids from the sister city program. They ship out to Japan next week. Every delegation that goes to Japan brings a gift. This year’s gift was done by Mr. Bell, a Horseheads High School art teacher who also paints cleats for NFL athletes. He painted a cleat with the Horseheads logo.

Discussion ensues on sister city.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.