

June 20, 2019: Village Board Meeting

Minutes of Regular Meeting Sodus Point Village Board

Mayor McDowell called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor McDowell, Attorney Williams, Trustee Appleby, Trustee Kallusch, Trustee Eckberg, Trustee DeWolf, CEO Druschel

MOTION by Trustee Appleby and seconded by Trustee Eckberg to approve the April 18 2019 regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Appleby and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the May 16, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Eckberg and seconded by Trustee Appleby to approve the May 31, 2019 end of year meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Public: 25 present

Absent: na

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell- Wastewater

Trustee Kallusch –Fire

Trustee Appleby – ATP, Lighting, LWRP, Canoe and Kayak launch

Active Transportation Plan

The Steering Committee and the consultants met on April 25th for the kick-off meeting and again on June 5th for a walking tour of the Village. The Village was divided into three sections (the loop and Wickham Boulevard areas, the lighthouse and Bay Street to Fitzhugh and south on Route 14 to Margaretta Road and Harriman Park and the Heights area). Three groups took about 90 minutes to walk these areas with the consultants to identify trouble spots that inhibited bicycle and pedestrian circulation. The committee reconvened at the Village Hall to summarize their findings and determine the date and format for the first public meeting. Consultants and members of the Steering Committee will staff a display table with graphics and surveys during the Breakfast on the Bluff event on July 4th the lighthouse. This open format will encourage discussion about the project and offer the opportunity to obtain important feedback from both residents and visitors.

The ATP page on the village website under the Planning / Zoning section is updated regularly.

LWRP

The Village of Sodus Point will update its LWRP to include a complete review of the coastal policies within this document, which was initially adopted on June 5, 2006 and subsequently updated on March 9, 2012. Concurrent with the update of the LWRP, the Village will also undertake a complete review and update of its zoning code.

The LWRP and zoning code update process will include the appointment of a Waterfront Advisory Committee, the retention of a qualified consultant and a comprehensive public participation process.

The Department of State (DOS) grant rep will travel to Sodus Point to conduct the project initiation meeting with the Mayor, Maxine and Sharon on June 20th. The village is currently developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to retain a planning consultant for this project. Once the draft RFP is done, it must be reviewed and approved by the DOS. Upon approval by DOS, the Village will advertise the RFP according to required procurement standards, perform a direct solicitation of Minority Owned Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) firms, receive and review proposals, conduct interviews and hire a consultant. This process will likely take about 3 months.

Canoe and Kayak Launch

A deposit check was sent to E-Z dock for a down payment on a launch. NY Sea Grant has been invoiced so the Village can get reimbursed. The mayor met with WCSWCD to review the drainage work at the site location. A committee will meet to review the site layout. Brad and I will take a look at the Port Bay launch so we can figure out the concrete pad. The

committee will look at parking, turnaround, signage, a viewscape bench and a name for the area. (The location is home to many turtles, maybe "Turtle Cove" park.) All plans are contingent on drainage work at the end of the street. Timing of the drainage work will determine if the village can install the dock this fall. My personal goal is late August with a community "soft opening". Remove the launch in October and install by Memorial Day 2020 with a commemoration ceremony. Although the water is high, it would have had little effect to the launch site and if installed would have been a great addition to the village.

There is a project page on the village website under the Planning / Zoning section that is being updated regularly.

The village has two areas with high consumption electrical use. The water treatment plant & lift stations that support the plant and street lights.

Solar Energy

Green Spark Energy approached the Village with a shovel ready plan for a solar park at Boyd road in Sodus. The power generated from the solar farm will be used exclusively by the Village to offset water treatment plant. The preliminary estimate shows a savings of \$8,000 per year under a 20-year agreement with no upfront investment. Dave and Maxine will be meeting June 26th with Green Spark. A presentation is planned for the board at the July 18th meeting.

NYP&Gas ESCO

The agreement with NYPG has been canceled since the ESCO rate for natural gas was in some months 300% higher than RGE. NYPG has no plans to reimburse the village claiming their notification of rate changes. The village can file with the PSC if it chooses. At present RGE is the supplier.

LED Lighting

All paperwork has been completed and the village is awaiting the final purchase agreement from RGE. Under the tariff the utility has 60 days to prepare the agreement, 32 days remaining) On Monday there was a presentation on "Smart City" technology at the Village Hall. Brad and Maxine attended. There is a grant for \$75K to offset the cost of this system should the Village decide to invest. The system cost would be financed through the total project but would add roughly 25K depending on the modules such as cameras, water levels, Wi-Fi etc... The units have a 10-year life. Please see the attached presentation.

Trustee Eckberg – Ambulance & Community Center

Trustee DeWolf – Water & Highway

Trustee DeWolf along with Trustee Appleby and CEO Druschel met with Sandy Bonnonno, Eastern Lake Ontario Dunes project and Roy Widrig, Lake Ontario Shoreline Erosion specialist with NY SeaGrant to review the sand dunes that protected homeowners against high water and waves. The group met along the lakefront to determine whether the village should explore the overall 1900 feet project for REDI.

CEO Druschel- Building Inspector's Report

Public Comments:

Sharon Pedersen, Third St. asked how the aqua dams drain. Mayor McDowell advised her that State Fire will pump them out.

David Williamson wanted to thank all the Village departments for the hard work during the flood.

Old Business:

- A. The Village Board received the full report from CGR Promising Solutions regarding the survey on opinions of the future of the Village Hall. The report will be available on the Village website.

MOTION by Trustee Eckberg and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to accept the findings from the Village Hall survey conducted and analyzed by CGR Promising Solutions.

Motion carried all voting aye.

- B. At the July 20, 2017 Board meeting CEO Druschel brought a unique situation to the Board regarding an exemption to the code Chapter 125 Recreational Vehicles and Campers. The couple was living in a bus on 7539 N. Fitzhugh St. Since then they purchased property at 8253 Lake Rd and started the process of building a permanent structure at the new location continuing to live in the bus. The village board received a letter from the planning board stating they have extended the deadlines more than once and had given Mr. and Mrs. Paige a final deadline of June 17, 2019 to submit plans for a permanent structure on the property. The planning board recommended the village board revoke the exemption from section 125 and require the school bus to be removed.

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee DeWolf to revoke the exemption requested for 8253 Lake Rd. by the planning board

Motion carried all voting aye.

New Business:

- A. **MOTION** by Trustee Appleby and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the 2019-20 pay schedule with one adjustment to the salary schedule. The tourism director salary will be \$12.00 per hour.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- B. **MOTION** by Trustee Eckberg and seconded by Trustee Appleby to approve the Williamson Law Book annual software support contract for Tax Collection w/TaxGlance Lookup. The contract term is June 1 2019-May 31, 2020.
Motion carried all voting aye.
Trustee Kallusch abstained.
- C. The Board agreed to table the decision of approving members for the Waterfront Advisory Committee.
- D. The Board received a revised copy of code changes to section 57-1 Animal Control law. The board will review the changes and scheduled a public hearing for the July 18, 2019

- E. **MOTION** by Trustee DeWolf and seconded by Trustee Eckberg to approve the following resolution

Resolution 2019-6a to recommend that International Joint Commission Plan 2014 be rescinded.

Whereas, Lake Ontario is a regional, national and international resource; and

Whereas, Great Sodus Bay is a vital economic and recreational resource to the Village of Sodus Point, Town of Sodus, Town of Huron and the County of Wayne; and

Whereas, the lake levels are managed by the St. Lawrence River Board of Control under the jurisdiction of the International Joint Commission comprised of commissioners from both the United States and Canada; and

Whereas, the adoption of Plan 2014 by the International Joint Commission (IJC) has substantially contributed to the damage being caused along the lakeshore including Sodus Bay; and

Whereas, the Village of Sodus Point, it's residents and local businesses are once again incurring substantial damage to the properties along and around Sodus Bay which has threatened not only the economic vitality of the area but also the life and safety of residents and visitors to Sodus Bay while at the same time causing severe property damage in and around Sodus Bay; and

Whereas, the Village of Sodus Point in conjunction with the County of Wayne has experienced significant added expense as a result of efforts to keep the high water from further impacting the Village; and

Whereas, the flooding experienced again this year threatens municipal infrastructure; and

Whereas, it is conceivable and reasonable to expect future flooding as was experienced in 2017 and is being experienced now in 2019 which in great part is caused by the implementation of Plan 2014,

Now therefore be it resolved by the Village Board of the Village of Sodus Point as follows:

1. The International Joint Commission immediately rescind and suspend Plan 2014 and fall back to Plan 58DD. The Village further requests that any plan developed to succeed these plans protects the interests of the municipality, the first responders, visitors and residents
2. As provided in the treaty forming the International Joint Commission, funding to municipalities and riparian property owners must be provided to plan and implement flood prevention, mitigation, response and recovery commensurate with anticipated increases in flooding, erosion and damages.
3. Any committee or task force created to review mitigation and safety plans fronting the Great Lakes must contain a representative of the Village of Sodus Point.

Treasurer:

MOTION by Trustee Appleby and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve payment of claims 6-1 through 6-52 for a total of \$142,271.70; General/Highway \$82,229.36; Water \$19,130.55; Wastewater \$40,911.79.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Other Business:

The Village received a donation from the Rose United Methodist Church to be used toward the flooding expenses. The Board was happy to accept the donation and will discuss possible uses.

Trustee Appleby wanted to share a Wayne Co. event.

Youth Derby –ages 4-16

July 1-July 28, 2019

Contact Wayne Co. Soil & Water Conservation District with the details

MOTION by Trustee Appleby and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM

Motion carried all voting aye.

Next scheduled regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at **6:30 PM**

Tracy B Durham Clerk Treasurer