

January 21, 2021: 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, Deputy Mayor Kallusch, Trustee Evans, Trustee Pitti, Trustee Verbridge, CEO Druschel (via Zoom) Attorney Williams (via zoom)

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the December 17, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Public: no attendance
5pp via Zoom

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell- Village updates, Water, Wastewater, Highway, and Code Enforcement

Water Levels –

Today the levels are 244.76, about 3 inches below the forecasted level. The outflows have been kept high (over 9,000 cm/s) since January 1. Today they are at 9,200 cm/s. The high water forecast for June is just less than 247’

NY Main Street Grant –

Sharon Lilla submitted on our behalf the grant request on January 15th. After meeting with Krenzer’s and Leone Landing, the 2 businesses that expressed interest we determined the best request was a Technical Assistance grant for a consultant to conduct a market analysis of the business district to inform business owners for future growth and marketing. The Village share of this grant is no more than \$2,000. Grants will be awarded in March.

This grant had a ‘kicker’ for up to \$60,000 in COVID related public infrastructure changes to assist in COVIS relief. We proposed some outdoor seating pavilions in Oscar Fuerst Park as well as additional benches and trash receptacles.

NYS Budget –

The governor released his budget for 2021-2022 this week. The state will be releasing all but 5% of the 20% withhold from CHIPS and AIM funding. Going forward AIM funding will be reduced by 20% - this is a small impact to us. CHIPS funding remains the same as in past years. Extreme Winter Recovery is omitted as he has done in the past. The other item impacting our village is all Vacation Rentals would be subject to the same sales tax as traditional hotels, motels and B&B’s.

REDI –

WA24 – Beach Dune Project

Proposals to build the walkways are due tomorrow. They will be shared with the Designer and his recommendation and the proposals will be forwarded to the board for approval. We will likely do this via email.

WA30 – Storm Water Project

The contractor has been making very good progress. They are currently a few days ahead of schedule. RGE gas work is behind and may soon cause some delays. The RGE engineer has been notified and I have contacted the governor’s office for help. Next steps will include driving sheet pile to excavate for the pump stations. The plan calls for the entire pipe to be in the ground and connected by the end of March.

WA34 – Lakestones

The easement is signed; the engineer has prepared a revised budget as a separate document for the project. This will be included in the 90% report which is being finalized now. We should have a grant disbursement for this project before our next board meeting.

WA35 – White Birch

The 60% Design report has been approved by NYS. The engineer is reviewing directional drilling as an option for the new sewer lateral. This will minimize utility conflicts and the hassle of getting machinery between some of the residents. The engineer also met with a contractor to discuss options for the revetment. The goal is to secure as much of the shoreline as possible with the least amount of shoreline damage.

Congratulations and best wishes to Kevin and Lizzie as they get married this weekend.

Trustee Evans- Ambulance, Fire, Recreation and Public Communications

Trustee Verbridge-Reports for LWRP, Building Maintenance

Trustee Pitti- Parks and Energy

All reports are filed with the details and backup for the January meeting in the Village office.

Public Comments:

Kathy Berretta wanted to let the Board know that Neighborhood Assoc. would like to donate a gazebo. This donation will combine well with the New York Main Street grant. Mayor McDowell will discuss further with NASP once the grant awards are final the beginning of April.

Maxine Appleby is interested in serving on the committee for the Community Solar.

Old Business:

- A. Mayor McDowell and CEO Druschel and Mayor Englert had a meeting with the Mayor of Brockport gathering information regarding municipal solar.
- B.

New Business:

- A. The Village reached out to webmasters to develop a website that interfaces with users along with a workable updating process for office staff. This would allow for mobile use for the community and visitors. Maxine Appleby requested a poll be conducted to see if the community feels there is a need for a new website. Once the quotes are received it will be brought back to the board for discussion.
- B. **MOTION** by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the Emergency Health Plan established and distributed in December. The plan is a requirement to adopt a plan for operations in the event of a declared public health emergency involving a communicable disease. (Health Plan is filed in the Village Hall)
Motion carried all voting aye.
- C. **MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans taking into consideration the loss of Sodus Towns Highway vehicles and in kind services, to approve the surplus and sell the highway 2011 Ford F250 pickup with plow to the Town of Sodus in the amount of \$10,500. The Edmonds appraisal is \$11,743.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- D. **MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to appoint Ashley Goble as Planning/Zoning Board secretary at the rate of \$12 per hour.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- E. **MOTION** by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the renewal of the Annual Software Support contract for Water/Sewer Billing with Water QuickPay Software. The annual price for the contract is \$1247.00.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- F. **MOTION** by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Pitti to approve the following
SWCAS Board Members
President – Thomas Piekunka

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Pitti to adjourn the meeting at 7:29PM
Motion carried all voting aye.

Budget session Wednesday February 10, 2021 at 4:30PM

Next scheduled regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 18, 2021 **at 6:30 PM**

Tracy B Durham, Clerk-Treasurer