

April 18, 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 (absent for call to order, joined the meeting later), Trustee Eckberg, Trustee DeWolf, CEO Druschel

MOTION by Trustee Appleby and seconded by Trustee Eckberg to approve the March 21, 2019 regular meeting minutes.
Motion carried all voting aye.

Public: 11 present

Absent: na

The Mayor addressed a few key points of interest in the New York State budget. The Downtown Revitalization Plan and the Economic Development Council will continue, the free tuition plan will continue, funds for job training, three hours mandatory time off for voting on Election Day, electronic voting, a goal to be carbon free by 2040, Clean Drinking Water Initiative (water main improvements).

The water levels are up and the International Joint Commission has decreased outflows.

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell- Wastewater, Fire

Trustee Kallusch – absent for reports

Trustee Appleby – Grants; solar estimate expected within the next couple weeks to offset the cost of three of the buildings; Highway barn, Wastewater Department, Fire hall; She is looking into applying for a mini-grant for green infrastructure, specifically a storm water garden for phase II of the Kayak Launch Project.

Trustee Eckberg – Ambulance, Community Center; Planning is underway for the Summer Recreation Program. Ann Marie Slocum has agreed to return as program director again this year.

Trustee DeWolf – Water, Highway; CEO Druschel and Highway Foreman Geffert have almost completed the new/clarified brush collection guidelines.

CEO Druschel- Building Inspector's Report

Public Comments:

Ernest Baker, Bayview Drive, wanted to know how much total grant money the Village has secured. The Mayor informed him it was approximately \$750,000.

Mark Jones, Margaretta Road, informed the Board that the Fire Department has also been awarded many grants to purchase equipment.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

- A. 2019-4 The following resolution was offered by Trustee Appleby, seconded by Trustee Dewolf adopting a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2019 and ending May 31, 2020, making appropriation for the conduct of Village of Sodus Point Government and establishing the rates of compensation of officer and employees for such period presented

WHEREAS, this board has met April 18, 2019, at 6:15 PM in the Village Hall, 8356 Bay Street, Sodus Point, NY the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column titled "Adopted in Schedule A1, Schedule F1 and Schedule G1 be and they hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages of such budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2019

Resolution adopted with all voting aye.

- B. Gay Mills reported that the Genesee Land Trust has acquired the eastern portion of the Jefferson property. It is not open to the public at this point in time. The goal is to get it cleaned up and design a plan for the property. They hope to integrate with grants and plans already in place. As well as seeking out new grants. Ms. Mills' goal is to partner with the Village to decide the best use for the property and to implement a plan. She will be reaching out to the Village with some ideas to discuss.
- C. Trustee Appleby presented two quotes for a dock system for the kayak launch. The Dock Doctors LLC, an out-of-state company, quote for a 30' long aluminum ADA compliant gangway leading to the launch totaled \$35,468.90. This does not

include installation. The second bid was from Greater Lakes EZ-Dock, a New York State company. This bid, for the same product, came in at \$26,039.70. This bid also had the option to have a representative from the company deliver and lead the Village workers during installation for an additional \$950. The Village has received a \$25,000 grant for this project.

MOTION by Trustee DeWolf and seconded by Trustee Eckberg to accept the bid from Greater Lakes EZ-Docks, totaling \$26,989.70. This amount includes the additional \$950.00 for installation assistance.

Motion carried all voting aye.

- D. The Mayor, Clerk and Deputy Clerk met with representatives from Williamson Law Book Company. She presented software programs that will improve the tax collection process and the water and sewer payment process. The Tax Collection Software Program will enable residents to pay their tax bill online using a debit card, credit card and echeck. This software is \$2,995. There will be an annual fee of \$495 for software support. The residents will be able to go online and quickly find tax information using TaxGlance Online Lookup. This software is \$495 to purchase and \$240 for annual support. The Water QuickPay will enable online water and sewer bill details and the option to pay online. This software is \$295 to purchase and \$240 for annual support. They also offer a highway software program for \$3,295. At this time and at this cost, the Board decided the highway software is not something that they will pursue right now.

MOTION by Trustee Eckberg and seconded by Trustee DeWolf to accept the proposal from Williamson Law Book Company for the Tax Collection Software Program, the TaxGlance Online Lookup, and Water QuickPay.

Motion carried all voting aye.

- E. The Highway Department has a new hire, Donald Knapp. He is part-time, seasonal and will make \$13.50 per hour. There is still one part-time position open.

- F. Mark Porretta Excavating Inc. put in a bid for \$950 for the surplus 2007 walk-behind mower. No other bids were received. **MOTION** by Trustee DeWolf and seconded by Trustee Appleby to accept the bid from Mark Porretta Excavating Inc. for \$950 for the 2007 walk-behind mower.

Motion carried all voting aye.

- G. The Village requested bids for the landscaping around the lighted sign located at the Fire Hall. Grandpa's Nursery and Garden Center came and viewed the site, but never submitted a bid. CEO Druschel contacted E-Wyse Nurseries, but never got a call back. Finch's Great Escapes Aqua and Landscaping Inc. submitted a bid with two options. Option 1 is to install a paver patio and a landscaping area. Option 2, the more expensive option, was for all pavers and no landscaping of the area. The Board agreed option 1 is the more desirable option and the cost for the project is \$11,385. This project offers an opportunity to have a memorial. The bricks can be engraved for donations. This could either help to offset the expense of the memorial or it could be done by/for the Fire Department. Trustee Appleby was concerned with the price. She felt it was too high. Laurie Verbridge, Route 14 inquired as to whether or not the Planning Board had approved the project. Kathy Berretta, Planning Board member, explained that the Board had seen the plans. It was pointed out that the project did not need Planning Board approval. CEO Druschel reminded the Board that the sign was donated by the Williamson family and the masonry materials and labor were donated by Matthew Smith. To date, the Village has not put any money into the project.

MOTION by Trustee Eckberg and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to accept the bid from Finch's Great Escapes for \$11,385.00.

Motion carried; four votes aye, one vote nay by Trustee Appleby

- H. The Village received two bids for insect spray on the Village buildings. Both bids included the Water Department, three buildings at the Highway Department, pump house 1 and 2, Fire Hall, Village Hall, Community Center, Wastewater Plant and garage, Willow Park restrooms and the Information Booth. Fly Tech Extermination submitted a bid for \$900. Custom Pest Control's bid was \$1,275.

MOTION by Trustee Appleby and seconded by Trustee DeWolf to accept the bid from Fly Tech Extermination for \$900.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Treasurer:

MOTION by Trustee Eckberg and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve payment of claims 4-1 through 4-51 for a total of \$62,517.00; General/Highway \$30,995.62; Water \$6,115.10; Wastewater \$25,406.28.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Other Business:

Mark Jones reminded the Board that the Fire Department wanted to get quotes for an air compressor. The Mayor and Trustee Kallusch advised him that earlier in the day they had examined the piping that already exists. They also found electrical issues in the ceiling. They decided to explore other options to potentially utilize the existing piping and update the electrical work in the ceiling at the same time. It was also noted that the quote was submitted too late to be put on the agenda.

John St. Peter applied for membership to the Fire Department. He was approved by the Fire Department members.

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Appleby to approve John St. Peter as a new member pending a background check.

Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Appleby and seconded by Trustee Eckberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM
Motion carried all voting aye.
Next scheduled regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, May 16, 2019 **at 6:30 PM**

Melanie E. DeBadts, Deputy Clerk Treasurer