

August 15, 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 July 18, 2019 regular meeting minutes.
Motion carried all voting aye.

Public: 14 present

Absent: na

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell- Wastewater

Trustee Kallusch –Fire

Trustee Appleby – Active Transportation Plan update; There have only been approximately 100 responses to the survey. Another reminder will be sent out this week. The Survey will remain online through Labor Day weekend. Baron and Loguidice, the ATP facilitators are finalizing the compilations of public input from the first public meeting and are in the process of planning a second public and committee meeting in September.

Energy Commissioner's report; Green Spark Solar agreement-All contracts have been reviewed by the attorney for the new Village of Sodus Point Solar Farm located at 6502 North Geneva Road, Sodus NY. There have been new conditions placed on the project and the agreement is now for 20 years rather than 25. Term: twenty (20) years, beginning on the Commercial Operation Date of December 31, 2019. Contract Price: \$0.083 per kWh with two percent (2%) annual escalation. The construction will start in October 2019. The following conditions were added:

1. The solar park is to be named Village of Sodus Point (VSP) Solar Farm with signage to be paid by the project owner. This language has been incorporated into the Power Purchase Agreement

2. Green Spark Solar will provide workshop and community solar marketing campaign to the residents of the Village of Sodus Point to participate in future community solar projects developed by GSS. Campaign will consist of directed community outreach through social media, tabling at local events and scheduled presentations within the Village for residents.

3. Green Spark Solar will have project specific details and photos outlined on the Green Spark Solar website

4. Green Spark Solar will provide assistance with the preparation of a Clean Energy Communities grant to place solar panels on three municipal buildings. Green Spark Solar will provide a savings guarantee to the Village of Sodus Point based on the contractual 10-year PPA cost of \$0.083/kWh escalating at 2% annually. After the conclusion of year 10, Green Spark Solar will perform a comprehensive cost/savings analysis and share the results with the Village. If the cumulative savings (dollar value of the VDER credits generated by the solar array) do not meet or exceed the cost of the PPA, Green Spark Solar will reimburse the village for 110% of the difference.

5. This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and the obligations hereunder shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns of Green Spark Solar.

There is no cash investment by the Village and over a 20 year period the Village should see an estimated net benefit over 20 years of \$153,706.00

Canoe and Kayak Launch update; The Governor's office sent a press release out last week featuring the Canoe and Kayak launch as an eco-tourism destination. This was the announcement of grant funds awarded last year by the state. As part of the grant the Village is responsible for installation. To save money it was agreed to have a four man village crew and a supervisor from EZ Docks. The installation team Bob DeWolf, Brad Geffert, Kevin Druschel met with Joel Kanick from Great Lakes EZ docks. The original order called for a 30' gangway however, with the higher water levels a revision to 40' is required, a difference of \$2,215. The Village secured three donations to the project along with the donation from SOS identified in the grant. The 8'x16' stamped concrete pad will be donated by Brandon Martin, installation and removal of gangway has been donated by Doug at Katlynn Marine and three bids were sought for the necessary pipe and was secured at cost. The launch committee; Kathy Madison, Laurie Hayden, Patrick Verbridge, Christine Froehlich and guests Tom and Martha Lightfoot met at the site to review measurements and location and discuss amenities. The following suggestions were put forth:

Allow the launch to go in with minimal improvements for 2019 and monitor activities to determine traffic flow, patterns, activities, etc. Over the winter design and plan for 2020 installation:

1. Designate as a park. The following were naming ideas.
Turtle Cove, Heron Cove, Sill Cove, Moonlight Cove
2. Wooden guard rail similar to the one at the end of Fitzhugh Street
3. Wooden sign similar to the DEC signs with park hours, parking instructions and donor credits, keeping the esthetics woodland.
4. Keep the stub end area open for turn around and remove the berm and last three trees on the west side for two handicap parking places.
5. Find a donor for a bench and bike rack.
6. Install a small trash receptacle?
7. Grass pavers, but wait until mid-season to see if needed.
8. Review stormwater garden after 2020 season, due to higher water levels the area where the garden is sited is now inundated.
9. Consider a lockable storage unit for community kayaks.

The planned 2019 installation is Wednesday August 28th. The timeframe has not been secured.

Wayne County LED Aggregated Streetlight Conversion Program: NYPA has ordered lamps for a demonstration at the Village Hall parking lot. There will be one 250W 3000 K , one 150 W 3000 K along with the existing 250W Sodium Vapor. Below is the difference in light. 3000K is dimmer but still has the same amount of coverage. NYPA is hoping to have the demonstration installed by Aug. 31, 2019. The New York Environmental Law Center will also hold a workshop to discuss the transition and answer questions. There will be a survey the public can take.

Tentative Schedule:

July 2019 – PPA sent to PSC (60 days to approval)

August – September – Workshop and Demonstration Project

October – Agreement returned from PSC

October – December – Lighting Design and Photometric analysis (I have asked for this to be completed no later than mid-December)

November – December – finance agreement with NYPA to be reviewed. As soon as agreement is in place the village can begin to see a positive cash flow benefit.

January 2020 weather dependent installation may begin.

Clean Energy Upgrades: The Village is getting a quote for energy upgrades for the Fire Hall, Highway and Water Buildings. There is rebate program the Village can take advantage of if completed by December, 2019.

EV Charging Station: The Village received an \$8,000 grant. A Level 2, Dual Port, networked EV Charging Station from EV Charge Solutions in Rush, NY has been purchased and should arrive in the next few weeks. The charging station will be installed in the public parking lot adjacent to Willow Park. Pre-development work will be performed by the public works staff, to include a cement pad. Once the station is installed, the Village will submit for reimbursement up to \$8,000. The total cost of the charging station and installation is \$8,165 (\$6,515 for the charging station and \$1,650 for electrician services), **which means the Village gets this for \$165 out of pocket.** The installation of the charging station will complete our final action item to qualify as a Clean Energy Community.

Clean Energy Community designation – NYSERDA’s Clean Energy Communities Program recognizes and rewards local governments for their clean energy leadership. Each community needs to complete four of the ten high impact actions to earn the Clean Energy Community designation as well as a grant of up to \$250,000 with no local cost share to support additional clean energy projects. This round of grant funding has been exhausted; however the next round of funding will be out before the end of 2019. Round three will focus on communities with the highest points. The EV charging station, solar and LED projects position the Village at a very high level for funding.

Trustee Eckberg – Ambulance, Parks, Community Center

Trustee Eckberg informed the Board that the Tourism Booth will remain open after Labor Day but on weekends only. It will close on Columbus Day.

Nature Preserve; The Village is working with the Genesee Land Trust to develop nature trails in this area. On July 12th, two of the board members and Brad from the highway department, did a walkthrough of the area with members of the GLT’s Land Management committee. The next step for the LM committee is to mark trails for clearing and note areas of the proposed trails that may need chipping. They will also be pursuing grant monies to obtain and install culverts to allow for better water flow through the ponds. Here in the Village we will be encouraging NASP and other organizations to get involved. The first activity will be a clean-up walk to see the site and pick up trash along the way. We are also looking for a name for the area to help in identifying it to the community.

Trustee DeWolf – Water and Highway

CEO Druschel- Building Inspector’s Report

Public Comments:

Lyle Maldoon questioned when the Village would fix the drainage issue on Route 14. The State has given the Village the pipe, but the Village cannot begin work until the water level goes down.

Sandra Flora inquired about the plan for storm drains on Wickham Boulevard. The Mayor said there is no plan at this time and installation of storm drains has not yet been approved.

Old Business:

- A. MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee DeWolf to approve the purchase agreement submitted by Green Spark Energy and presented by Trustee Appleby (details above).
Motion carried all voting aye.
- B. The Board of Trustees will be holding a public hearing on September 19th at 6:20PM. The topic is the code change to Chapter 190-Zoning.

New Business:

- A. MOTION by Trustee DeWolf and seconded by Trustee Eckberg to move Zoning Board meetings to the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Effective September 1st.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- B. MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee DeWolf to accept the bid of \$1200.00 from Empire Hops to purchase the 1992 Ford F700 dump truck.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- C. MOTION by Trustee Appleby and seconded by Trustee DeWolf to accept the bid from Regional International Truck and Trailer to repair the 2004 International dump truck. The total cost to repair the truck, parts and labor will be \$4,963.36.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- D. Wayne County Soil and Water District informed the Board that the South Ontario Street Drainage Project plans have been completed and the project can begin in early September. The lowest bid of \$118,884 was submitted by Decker Excavating. After subtracting the grant allocation, the shortfall is \$43,567.
MOTION by Trustee Eckberg and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve using \$43,567 of the fund balance toward the South Ontario Street Drainage Project.
Motion carried all voting aye
- E. MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee DeWolf to accept the purchase of a 2019 Caterpillar CB 1.8 Asphalt Roller through the NYS OGS NJPA Heavy Equipment Contract for \$26,744.00.
Motion carried all voting aye
- F. Motion by Trustee DeWolf and seconded by Trustee Eckberg to approve the estimate submitted by Eco-Tech to install new poured concrete stairs at the Fire Hall. Labor and materials total \$3,364.00.
Motion carried all voting aye

Treasurer:

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Eckberg to approve payment of claims 8-1 through 8-56 for a total of \$116,470.42; General/Highway \$35,570.94; Water \$29,554.59; Wastewater \$51,344.89.
Motion carried all voting aye.

Other Business:

MOTION by Trustee Appleby and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to adjourn the meeting at 7:17PM
Motion carried all voting aye.

Next scheduled regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, September 19, 2019 **at 6:30 PM**

Melanie E. DeBadts
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer