

September 16, 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, Trustee Evans, Trustee Pitti, Trustee Verbridge, Trustee Kallusch

Via Zoom: CEO Druschel, Attorney Williams
Absent: NA

MOTION by Trustee Pitti and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the August 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Mayor McDowell gave updates on the projects happening around the Village;

NY Main Street Grant –

The kick off meeting was held this morning with the consultants. They will interview all the business and property owners in the target area over the next 6 weeks. We will also connect them with Wayne County Planning and Tourism. They will be using a credit card data base to track consumer spending in Sodus Point, pre and post pandemic and a short term rental data base to help understand patterns. The final report is due by year end and will be in the form of a business friendly document.

REDI –

WA24 – Beach Dune Project

Sea grass will be planted after October 15th when harvesting it can begin. Tom Hart will be on site and direct any other changes or adjustments that may be prudent.

WA30 – Storm Water Project

We are about 95% complete at this point. The pavers will be back next week to make some corrections and finish some work. The landscapers are scheduled to finish the hardscape work next week. Flygt still needs to bring back the pump missing from the Wickham Blvd pump station. Once the contractor indicates they are complete, a final walk through and punch list will be created and addressed.

WA34 – Lakestones

Proposals are due back to the village on October 1st. The board will take action at our October Board meeting. We expect construction in November.

WA35 – White Birch

We have completed our site control attestation and should have a grant disbursement agreement within 2 weeks. We expect the DEC to sign off on the Maintenance Plan next week. That will then be shared with the White Birch Association for their review. Bid specs will follow.

Fairways Streetlight -

The estimate to install a light with all the necessary infrastructure is \$9,600. This can be part of the streetlight project if desired. The Village has reached out to the town supervisor to request that the Town split the cost because of the location. By approving this project today, the Village will be able to incorporate this into the NYPA loan.

MOTION by Trustee Pitti to install the streetlight at Fairways. Upon more discussion, he modified his motion to include approval only if the Town does agree to pay half. If they do not pay half, the subject will be revisited. **MOTION** seconded by Trustee Kallusch.

Motion carried all voting aye

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell- wastewater report, water report, EV charging station report

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans, the Village will follow the open meeting law.

Motion carried all voting aye

Deputy Mayor Kallusch- Has concerns about parking on sidewalks. There was discussion to look into a parking enforcement officer in the future.

Trustee Evans- Fire, Ambulance, Youth & Recreation

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve Susan Mulronee as an active member of Silver Waters Ambulance.

Motion carried all voting aye

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to add a calendar for official meetings to the Village website with the intention of making it quicker to find dates.

Motion carried all voting aye

Trustee Verbridge – LWRP updates and Buildings maintenance

Trustee Pitti – Highway

CEO Druschel- Building Inspector’s report

All reports submitted to the Clerk’s Office will be kept on file

Public Comments:

Maxine Appleby (S. Ontario Street)- Ms. Appleby shared her vision for the Great Lakes National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Sanctuary as it pertains to Sodus Point. She requests a workshop be held so the Village can prepare comments to NOAA. She is thinking a maritime heritage center in Sodus Point with possible locations at the Bathhouse (County owned) or the Coast Guard Station (Federally owned). Trustee Verbridge offered to approach Wayne County.

Ms. Appleby also inquired about applying for a DEC permit for dredging at the Sill Landing Kayak Launch. Trustee Verbridge requested that this be added to the October Board meeting agenda. At that point a 12 month water level forecast will be available.

Old Business:

Trustee Evans researched EV charging stations. There are grants available for funding of installation and parts. There was discussion on whether or not we should be charging users. At this point the cost of the electricity being used is very minimal. The Village would like to explore additional stations in other locations. The evaluations are free and can be conducted for multiple sites.

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Pitti to set up site evaluations.

Motion carried all voting aye

New Business:

The Board was supplied with copies of the Village’s current procurement policy. It was recommended that each Trustee review it and if they feel that any changes are necessary, a workshop be set up at the October Board meeting.

MOTION by Trustee Pitti and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the following pay schedule;

Title of Position	Pay rate/hour unless otherwise noted
Village Clerk/Treasurer	26.13

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	19.62
Grounds Keeper	24.00
Highway Superintendent	22.81
Highway Laborer	20.56
Highway seasonal	15.00
Water Superintendent	22.81
WWTP Chief Operator	22.81
WWTP Operator	20.56
Parking Enforcement Officer	17.00
Village Attorney	12000/yr
Planning Board Secretary	12.50
Planning Board Chairman	60/month
Planning Board member	40/month
Planning Board Ad Hoc member	20/meeting attended
Building Inspector	23.39
Zoning Board Secretary	12.50
Zoning Board Chairman	50/month
Zoning Board member	25/month
Zoning Board Ad Hoc member	25/meeting attended max 3
Dock Inspector	23.39
Recreation Director	12.81
Recreation Assistant	12.50
Mayor	1500/quarter
Deputy Mayor	900/quarter
Trustee	750/quarter
Parks bathroom cleaner	35/per day
Tourism Director	13.00
Tourism booth attendant	12.50
Cleaner	20.00

Motion carried all voting aye

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and Seconded by Trustee Kallusch to replace the Lake Road water tank mixer with a new mixer purchased from IXOM for \$11,450 and repair the broken mixer to keep as a back-up for the old mixer in the other water tank.

Motion carried all voting aye

There are still three signed easements required for the Village to be able to fix damage on Sill Road. Once we collect these easements, Sill Road will be a Village owned road. This means that it will be added to the roads that are covered under CHIPS.

Trustee Verbridge inquired about the three bids for the structural engineering report. Elliott Engineering has not yet submitted a bid. Mayor McDowell set a deadline for the October Board meeting for report submission.

Trustee Verbridge wanted to confirm that Village personnel were now in charge of the Willow Park bathrooms. Mayor McDowell confirmed that it had happened at the August meeting. It was reported that there had been no problems with leaving the bathrooms open 24/7 so this will continue.

Treasurer:

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Pitti to approve payment of claims 9-1 through 9-55 for a total of \$83,264.70; General/Highway \$38,698.17; Water \$14,933.01; Wastewater \$29,633.52.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Other Business:

- A. The Board has scheduled a workshop to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and its limitations and begin to develop a list of potential projects. The workshop will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, October 6th at 5:30
- B. Mayor McDowell read a thank you letter from The Sunshine Auto Parade Committee. They thanked the Village for hosting and helping organize the Sunshine Auto Parade which was a huge success.
- C. Mayor McDowell also read a letter from The Sodus Bay Historical Society thanking the Village for their portion of the Gap Mangione Independence Day musical celebration.

Next scheduled regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 21, 2021 **at 6:30 PM**

Melanie E. DeBadts

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer