

November 18, 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, Attorney Williams

Via Zoom: CEO Druschel
Absent: Trustee Kallusch
Public present: 10pp in person, approximately 14 via zoom

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the October 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes with a modification to the motion to accept the engagement letter for the 2020-21 audit from Allied CPAs, Trustee Verbridge voted nay, with the motion being approved.
Motion carried all voting aye with corrections pending clarification of statements made during the Oct. meeting regarding Planning board.
Clarification as follows:
*Attorney Williams commented on the Planning board processes.

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

WA24 – Beach Dune Project

The final sea grass planting was done by Tom on November 5th and 6th. He also worked with the highway department to adjust a bit of the sand fencing. Other than 7 additional rocks, the project is now complete.

WA30 – Storm Water Project

The ribbon cutting with NYS was held on Monday. I understand this might come as a surprise to some residents who would have liked to observe this. However this is out of my control. NYS sets everything up and controls the invitations. A brief press conference was held in the village hall which was followed by a ribbon cutting in front of the gazebo. Participants included the president of DASNY, the funding agency, Department of State, NYS DEC, as well as Assemblyman Brian Manktelow. Senator Helming had a scheduling conflict. There were also two news outlets present to document the event which gave the community positive publicity.

A draft final punch list has been shared with the contractor; the final is expected to be delivered as soon as Monday this following week. The 5% retainage is not released until all of this work is completed and done to our satisfaction. The paving sub-contractor is scheduled to be here on Friday to address items previously noted. We have received documentation from the State that the transfer of the road from the Pit Stop east on Greig Street was complete as of November 4th.

WA34 – Lakestones

The revetment is built, though we still have some to work to bring the project up one more foot in height to comply with the DEC permit. The contractor and Engineer are working together to get the grades fine-tuned to match the DEC permit. The sewer main relocation will occur in a matter of weeks when the new manhole arrives. The two homeowners impacted by the project are pleased with the results.

WA35 – White Birch

We continue to work with the White Birch association to move forward on this project. Currently they are reviewing the maintenance plan and I expect to hear back from them by December 1st. I anticipate more information on this by the December board meeting.

EV Charging Stations -Our grant application was submitted on October 29th. We were notified the following week that over \$6M in applications were received for just over \$2M in the program. Since it is first come, first served we will need to resubmit to the next program that becomes available. Good news is we have the information needed.

Willow Park Cameras – We have the camera in house; the highway department has just finished the tree trimming requested by the installer. Once the ground dries out a bit, the installer will work with the highway department to install the system in the information booth and on one of the street lights. This will get us internet service in the information booth and allow us to provide some Wi-Fi service in that area.

NASP Gazebo –The gazebo looks great and NASP has decorated it for the holidays. The highway department moved some shrubs that were too large for the fire department sign to dress up the entrance to the gazebo. Once the ground dries out the highway department will install the conduit for the electric.

NY Main Street –Sharon and I had an update call with the consultants last week. They are moving along according to the schedule established in the contract. They have talked with some business owners and are currently doing more of that. It's clear that one of their recommendations will be to have more events in the Fall and Spring. They will be making some recommendations on different ways to accomplish that. I think this report will be useful not only to business owners but also to the Break-the-ice consultants if we take that path. We will have the final report in January. The picnic shelters are still going through environmental review with NYS.

Village Officials Meeting – John Mancini from NYCOM was the speaker. He reviewed the COVID-19 labor laws and their impacts on towns and villages. My take away was to learn that the NYS COVID law does not have a sunset date. That means that we now have a new class of time off in addition to current leave time.

Water Level –Our current water level is 245.64 which is more than a foot above the long term average and almost a foot above where we were last year at this time. All of the upper lakes other than Lake Superior remain above their long term averages. The November 6 month forecast from the USACE calls for slightly higher water than the October forecast. We will need to keep a watchful eye on the weather and the lake.

Streetlights –All of the needed contractors and suppliers have their work orders from NYPA. NYPA will provide a tentative schedule as soon as they get final RG&E approval for Fairways. This work includes the 3 original new street lights on Margaretta Road and Bayview Drive, the new light at Fairways and the receptacle change at each streetlight that was missed at the original install.

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell- wastewater report and water report.

Trustee Evans- Fire, Ambulance, Zoning

Trustee Verbridge – LWRP and Planning

Trustee Pitti – Highway

MOTION by Trustee Pitti and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the purchase of 280 ton of Road salt (70%) per ton price \$55.98 state bid price.

Motion carried all voting aye.

CEO Druschel- Building Inspector’s report

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

Public Comments:

Phil Leone offered poles with bases to help safely direct visitors coming to the Information booth during the holiday fest.

Elaine Allis expressed concern regarding Gardenier Lane drainage. She also asked questions and commented on the public restrooms, electric to the gazebo and the village hall building.

Maxine Appleby expressed her concerns regarding the Lakestones REDI project.

Old Business:

The Village board received specifications for bidding the Fire department repairs. Elliott Engineering recommended bidding the project in March and award in April for best results and practice.

The Board agreed to table until March 2021.

Trustee Verbridge proposed a resolution regarding Zoning and Planning board member training. Attorney Williams will read and revise to bring back for discussion at the next board meeting.

New Business:

MOTION by Trustee Pitti and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the following asset disposal

DEPARTMENT Wastewater

ASSET DESCRIPTION	CONDITION CODE	REASON FOR DISPOSAL CODE	METHOD OF DISPOSAL CODE	AGE OF ASSET (YEARS)	DATE OF DISPOSAL	SURPLUS VALUE
2-2" air diaphragm pumps	G	R	D	25-35	10/26/2021	zero
*SOLD/DONATED TO: Rural Waters			*SALE PRICE			

RECOMMENDED BY: Jeff Cook

APPROVED BY BOARD 11/18/21

CONDITION CODE

P-POOR

REASON FOR DISPOSAL CODE

B-BEYOND ECONOMIC REPAIR

RECOMMENDED METHOD OF DISPOSAL CODE

C- COMPUTER RECYCLE

F-FAIR
G-GOOD
E-EXCELLENT

O-OBSOLETE
R-REPLACED BY UPGRADE

S-SCRAP
D-DONATED
TI-TRADE-IN

T- TENDER/SOLD

Motion carried all voting.

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the contract with Young Explosives Corp for two firework displays; July 3, 2022 (rain date TBD) for \$7,000 and September 3, 2022 (rain date 9/4/22) for \$6,000

Motion carried all voting aye.

Mayor McDowell was approached regarding the traffic flow of Wolcott St. There were changes made a while back but the board agreed to refer back and refresh themselves with the happenings first before agreeing to any new changes. This will be revisited at the December meeting.

Quotes for the Sill Shore Road drainage study came into the Board as follows:

Costich Engineering not to exceed \$8,000

Elliott Engineering lump sum \$3,000

Several discussions around this project came up such as easements, causes, responsibility but at the end the board agreed the first step to reconciliation has to be the study.

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to move forward with Costich Engineering, choosing this firm for the experience in this field of work.

Verbridge, voting aye.

Evans, voting aye.

McDowell, voting aye.

Pitti, voting nay

Motion passed.

Kathy Berretta asked for support from the Village board of the Neighborhood Assoc. (NASP) with a bingo project.

Bingo Project

- SP community bingo would be held in the Sodus Point community center.
- SP community bingo would be held during the winter months only, 1 weeknight per month (Friday night) linked with monthly holidays and/or activities (January-New Years, February-Valentines, March-St Patrick's, April-Start of Spring).
- SP community bingo would largely include SP residents only and would be advertised in SP.
- Attendees of SP community bingo would be asked to donate to NASP. There would be no requirement to pay to play a game of bingo and no monies would be given as prizes.
- Prizes for winning games would be minimal or donations from local businesses. One grand prize would be available each evening.
- Grand prizes would be donated services (someone could teach another by helping them cook an Italian meal in their kitchen, someone could give another 2 hours of help with computer

training, someone with a boat could take another fishing on their boat, etc.) provided by SP residents/businesses.

- NASP members would seek grand prizes to be given as donations by SP residents/businesses.
- No monies would change hands (donations only). NASP would provide popcorn and minimal refreshments.

The Village Board is in support of the project.

Treasurer:

MOTION by Trustee Pitti and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve payment of claims 11-1 through 11-42 for a total of \$49,236.47; General/Highway \$33,625.48; Water \$10943.34; Wastewater \$4,667.65.

Motion carried all voting aye.

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MOTION by Trustee Pitti and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to move to executive session to discuss personnel and possible sale of property.

Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to end executive session with no actions and move back to the regular meeting at 8:25pm

MOTION by Trustee Pitti and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to adjourn the meeting at 8:36

Motion carried all voting aye

Pre-organizational meeting, Wednesday December 1, 2021 at 5pm.

Organizational meeting, Monday December 6, 2021 at 4:30pm

Next scheduled regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, December 16, 2021 **at 6:30 PM**

Tracy B Durham

Clerk-Treasurer