

October 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, Trustee Evans, Trustee Pitti, Trustee Verbridge

Via Zoom: CEO Druschel, Attorney Williams

Absent: Trustee Kallusch

Public present: 10 people in person, more via zoom

**MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Pitti to approve the September 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

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

### **REDI –**

#### WA24 – Beach Dune Project

Sea grass has been ordered and will be delivered after November 1. The warmer than normal weather delayed the dormancy of the plants. Tom Hart will be on site for the planting in mid-November.

#### WA30 – Storm Water Project

The pavers have made some adjustments and have more to do. Cerrone is working on a schedule with the sub. The remaining pump was installed in the Wickham Blvd station. When the programming is complete Costich will be conducting a test of the entire system under various conditions. Training of village staff will occur at the same time.

#### WA34 – Lakestones

Three bids were received. We have a recommendation from the engineer to act on later in the meeting.

#### WA35 – White Birch

The DEC has signed off on the Maintenance Plan. The plan is now with White Birch Association for their review and approval.

### **Fairways Streetlight -**

The town did agree to pay half of the cost to install this light. The work will be scheduled as soon as RGE completes their piece.

### **Circulation, Access & Parking Plan**

Sharon worked to submit this grant request on the village's behalf. This grant is sponsored by the same grant program that sponsors the ATP. We have applied previously and were told that when the ATP was completed we should apply again. This grant seeks to create a plan to move motorized vehicles around the village more smoothly and provide more

parking in the right places. We will learn if we were approved in the Spring and can discuss the matching \$5,000 as part of next year's budget.

**Reports were given as follows:**

Mayor McDowell- wastewater report and water report.

The Mayor had a request to allow a memorial tree to be planted by Grandpa's Nurseries. The tree can grow to be very large, so the Board needs to have more discussion on location.

Trustee Evans- Fire, Ambulance

Trustee Verbridge – Traffic calming and parks. A traffic calming resolution was submitted for both Town of Sodus and Village of Sodus Point.

Researched potential locations for a Welcome Center for the National Underwater Marine Sanctuary.

Trustee Pitti – Highway

CEO Druschel- Building Inspector's report

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

**Public Comments:**

Kathy Berretta from Wickham Boulevard expressed her feelings regarding Chapter 141, Property Maintenance.

Brandon Martin (Tidesides Marina) and Phil Leone (Leone Landing) had a discussion with the Board about "permitted uses" in the code.

David Brandt from South Shore Road read a letter to the Board members regarding his concern with trees that were planted on his Road posing a safety hazard. The letter is on file at the Village Clerk's Office.

**Old Business:**

Given the water level projection, dredging at the Kayak launch may not be needed next season. The Mayor will work with Wayne County Soil and Water over the winter to arrange a dredging permit if needed.

The Property Maintenance Chapter 141(working draft) is going to be returned to the Planning Board for update recommendations and will then be reviewed by the Village Board.

Trustee Verbridge inquired about the status of the Fire Hall repair bids. Mayor McDowell said the plan is to have Elliott Engineering develop the bid specs to be ready for the November meeting so a decision can be made.

**New Business:**

Lakestones Drive Shoreline Stabilization REDI project received three bids:

Martin's Custom Tidesides \$188,000

Eco-Tech NY LLC \$193,000

Mark Porretta Excavating, Inc. \$276,000

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to accept the Martin's Custom Tidesides bid for \$188,000.

Motion carried all voting aye.

The Village contributes to the Sodus Bay Historical Society Gap Mangione Band Concert each year. The SBHS wanted to make sure that the Village would still contribute to the Fourth of July concert if they booked a different band. The Village agreed to contribute regardless of the band.

The Mayor asked if the Trustees had reviewed the procurement policy. Trustee Verbridge had some changes she would like to discuss. The Mayor advised each Trustee to gather their proposed changes, if any and a workshop can be set up to discuss any changes that they feel necessary.

There was some discussion as to whether Allied CPAs, PC should be used for next year's audit. It was decided that for fiscal year 2021-2022, the Village will get bids.

**MOTION** by Trustee Pitti and seconded by Trustee Evans to accept the engagement letter for the 2020-2021 audit from Allied CPAs, PC, total cost not to exceed \$7,725.

Trustee Verbridge-Nay

Trustee Evans- Aye

Trustee Pitti- Aye

Motion carried

### **Resolution 2021-10a**

#### **Resolution for Pedestrian Safety on State Route 14 in the Town of Sodus and the Village of Sodus Point**

Whereas, it is the desire of the citizens of the Town of Sodus and the Village of Sodus Point to insure the safety of our pedestrians before an accident occurs;

Whereas, State Route 14, Sodus Point New York from Sill Road to four corners of the Village of Sodus Point is an extremely busy road from May 1 through October 31 with speeds from 55 mph to 30 at the Village sign just before Morley Road.

Whereas, there was a graduated speed limit prior to the year 2000;

Whereas, there is a golf course in the 55 mph speed with a striped crosswalk;

Whereas, Tidesides Marina has 120 boat slips with a planned proposal presenting 104 more boat slips and their driveway exists at the bottom of the hill.

Whereas, the Harriman Public Park and Public Boat Launch exist at the crest of a hill on opposite sides of the street, at the intersection of Margaretta Road;

Whereas, only one boat can be launched at a time creating traffic backup of boaters waiting to launch;

Whereas, there is public parking along the sides of State Route 14 that comes up to Harriman Park forcing people to walk on State Route 14 North to South and return when walking or riding bicycles to the Village of Sodus Point;

Whereas, the public crosses State Route 14 East to West from the Harriman Park Launch to the Harriman Parking Lot;

Whereas, the condominiums located just prior to Sentell Street have retained an engineer to complete both the condominiums and possibly the Marina which will increase the traffic and parking problems in the future;

Therefore, be it resolved by the State of New York to assist the Town of Sodus and Village of Sodus Point with a Traffic Calming Program by reducing the speed to 40 mph at Sill Road;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the State Of New York grant the Town of Sodus and the Village of Sodus Point permission to:

Add manual flashing pedestrian lights at the crosswalk at the Sodus Bay Golf Course cross walk:

Add speed signs stating the speed of your vehicle on both sides of road;

Add no parking signs between Tidesides and Margareta Road on both sides of the road and bridge;

Stripe highway crosswalk so pedestrians/boaters have a defined space to cross Route 14 highway rather than crossing where they choose.

Add flashing pedestrian lights at the Crosswalk in both directions at Harriman Park so that pedestrians can safely walk across State Route 14.

Add speed signs in both directions stating the speed of your vehicle just before Sodus Marina and the intersection of Sentell Street.

Add no parking signs on both sides of State Route 14 from the corner of the swamp/Village Pump Station to Sentell Street.

Moved By: Trustee Laurie Verbridge

Seconded by: Trustee Jennifer Evans

Approved by Village of Sodus Point

Trustee Joseph Pitti

Mayor Dave McDowell

Date: 10/21/21

Two bids were submitted for tub grinding and hauling. Trustee Verbridge would like us to revisit this when the Village has received three bids.

**Treasurer:**

**MOTION** by Trustee Pitti and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve payment of claims 10-1 through 10-61 for a total of \$217,530.95; General/Highway \$198,774; Water \$11,103.35; Wastewater \$7,653.60.

Motion carried all voting aye.

**MOTION** by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Pitti, the following **resolution 2021-10b** was adopted  
SO BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Sodus Point Mayor and Board of Trustees request the collection of delinquent Village Taxes for the 2021-2022 year due June 2021 by the County of Wayne pursuant to Wayne County Local Law #4-1978 and section 1442 of the Real Property Tax Law; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of the resolution together with the account and certification described in Subdivision 3, Section 1436, of the Real Property Tax Law to the Wayne County Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Wayne County Law 4-1978.

**Motion carried all voting aye.**

**MOTION** by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Pitti to adjourn the meeting at 7:44

Motion carried all voting aye

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

Melanie E. DeBadts  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer