

January 20, 2022: 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 Kallusch, Trustee Evans, Trustee Verbridge, Trustee Bristol, CEO Druschel, and Attorney Williams

Public Present: 8

Zoom attendance 5

**MOTION** by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the December 16, 2021 organizational/regular meeting minutes with the minutes statement removed.

Motion carried all voting aye.

### **Reports were given as follows:**

Mayor McDowell- wastewater report and water report.

#### **REDI –**

WA24 – Beach Dune Project

Project close out is in process. This will likely take most of the first quarter.

WA30 – Storm Water Project

The final paving adjustments will be made in the spring when the asphalt plants reopen.

WA34 – Lakestones

The pipe work is complete and operational. The engineer is working with the contractor on the loose ends prior to the spring lawn rehabilitation.

WA35 – White Birch

We have an approved by all Maintenance Plan.

The bid spec will be published on 2/1/22 with bids due on 3/7/22, we will have the engineer's recommendation for our March meeting. Construction start is anticipated in early April. Water levels will dictate when the revetment portion is completed.

NY Main Street –

The draft report will be sent to the trustees next week. A presentation by the consultants is scheduled for our February meeting. The picnic shelters are going through environmental review. More is being required than for the storm water project.

Water Level –

Our current water level is 245.65, essentially the same as our last meeting. The outfall has been slowed so that a stable ice layer can form downstream. The River Board and the Commissioners are aware of the higher than normal levels.

Their message –“high levels in the winter do not mean we are going to flood” is correct as we were higher in 2019. We do have to pay attention to the snow pack, especially in the Ottawa River basin.

Wolcott Street –

Due to snow storms and employee absences on our end, Kevin Rooney has not been able to review the signage. That will occur soon.

GLSLCI –

The Resiliency Committee that I sit on is presenting to the GLSLCI Board in February our recommendations for a Great Lakes resiliency program which crosses state lines. There is a great deal of variability across the states and across the counties within each state. Through Sea Grant and WCSWCD we are working with all the Wayne County Lake Ontario Towns on a similar recommendation for Wayne County. Our next meeting is in early February.

Sill Shore Road Drainage Project –

The potential solutions identified are going through peer review at Costich. There is consensus that the existing piping must be replaced and enlarged significantly. A holding pond is a possibility but may prove too expensive to insure a collapse in the future. The design standard currently being sought is for a 10 year storm. That will be tough to meet.

Streetlights –

All the streetlights now have all the functionality originally designed. The highway department will be trained soon. The new fixtures are still waiting for RG&E to do their work. NYPA continues to pressure RG&E to get their work scheduled.

Parking Study –

Bob Williams from GTC will lead the study. He will be putting together an advisory council consisting of local and regional stakeholders, including DOT. Data gathering will include individual interviews with business owners and others. The goal is to identify additional offsite parking areas and reliable ways to shuttle people to and from the downtown area. He expects the plan to be completed in October which is consistent with these types of projects.

SBYC Parking Lot –

In the past 2 years we have had an agreement with SBYC for ice fisherman to use their parking lot if we keep it plowed. This year they discussed this with their insurance agent who became very concerned. As a result, the SBYC parking lot is closed to ice fisherman this year.

Deputy Mayor Kallusch- Parking, Insurance

Trustee Evans- Fire, Ambulance, Zoning

Trustee Verbridge – LWRP and Planning

Trustee Bristol – Highway

CEO Druschel- Building Inspector's report

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

**Public Comments:**

Don Riling was interested in learning more about the new PCR system used by the Ambulance.

Tim Jones was very thankful for all of the support his family received with the services for his brother, Mark.

Old Business:

- A. Jason Mayausky, CPA Allied Financial Partners walked the board through the annual audit ending May 31, 2021 along with the management representation letter.

**MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and Trustee Bristol to approve the audit ending fiscal year May 31, 2021 and approve Mayor McDowell to sign the management representation letter provided by Allied CPAs

Motion carried all voting aye.

B. Public comment guidelines- tabled

C. Procurement policy was approved with no changes at this time.

D. **MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve a three(3) month trial with Business Zoom including transcription and a full year if this option is not available for the amount of \$2000.

Motion carried all voting aye.

New Business:

A. Mayor McDowell presented the board with an idea for a Mark Jones Sr Memorial Park.

It was with the heaviest of hearts that we had to say goodbye to a colleague, resident, first responder, friend and amazing person last month. As many of you know, Mark Jones Sr. passed away leaving behind an amazing legacy in this community. To say that Mark was a pillar of the community would not do him justice. Mark helped every person that asked for his help and many that he simply saw that needed help.

For these and so many other reasons the Village staff has begun to brainstorm ways to honor Mark so that the influence he has had on us will be immortalized within our community. The overwhelming idea among the staff and with support of Mark's family was to create the Mark Jones Sr. Memorial Park. We believe the way to capture a portion of his legacy is to go back to his roots. Mark began his career with the Village in the Water Department at the Featherly Drive Water Plant. At that time the village was still making its own water. Unfortunately this became too expensive to maintain and the structure and surrounding area were abandoned.

I propose that the village staff create a passive park, with a picnic area and a parking area as a memorial to Mark Jones Sr. at the site of the old water plant. This will insure that the area that Mark's career began will become a place where residents, tourists, family and friends can gather to share stories and remember the amazing person Mark was. He will be forever missed but never forgotten, I can only express my eternal gratitude for knowing him as a coworker and friend.

While the village team can do most of the work and has many of the materials, there will be some expenses. An incomplete list follows:

1. Survey – the boundaries of this area are not know by staff and are not marked. A boundary survey will insure we stay on Village property.
2. We will need a sign and some picnic tables
3. We will apply for grant money to take down the existing old water plant to insure safety long term in the area. In the short term we will fence off the building.
4. Before the building is removed, electric service will need to be moved for the WW lift station.

**MOTION** moved by Mayor McDowell and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to move forward with the proposed memorial park at Featherly Drive.

Motion carried all voting aye.

B. The wastewater department received quotes for the 2022 generator services and inspections.

Colacino Industries \$3,295.02

Connors and Haas Inc. \$4,974.00

**MOTION** by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the quote from Colacino Industries for the annual generator service contract in the amount of \$3,295.02  
Motion carried all voting aye.

**C. 2022-1a Resolution Ice and Snow Agreement**

**MOTION** by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to adopt the following resolution  
WHEREAS, the Board of the Village of Sodus Point on January 20 2022 makes a resolution to approve Snow & Ice Contract D014894 between the State of New York and the Village of Sodus Point for snow and ice control which will expire on June 30, 2025 unless further extended. The contract will be for \$11,130.80 annually for 2.14 lane miles of roadway.  
Resolution adopted all voting aye.

D. **MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans the agenda packet will be presented to the board along with the current financials 72hours prior to the monthly board meeting. Any item after that timeframe will not be discussed or voted on at the meeting.  
Motion carried all voting aye.

E. **MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the Williamson Law Book Annual Software Support Contract for Water/Sewer billing Water QuickPay Software from 2/1/22-1/31/23 in the amount of \$1,372.00  
Motion carried all voting aye.

Clerk-Treasurer:

A. **MOTION** by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve payment of claims 1-1 through 1-53 totaling \$70,410.24; General \$50,941.03, Water \$14,914.04, Wastewater \$4,555.17  
Motion carried all voting aye.

Other Business

**MOTION** by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to amend the Silver Waters EMT Contract for Staffing Services with EMS Staffing Inc. for the remaining 2/1/22-5/31/22 increasing the pay to \$17.50 pending review and verification of current rates. The increase will change the total monthly fee from \$4,245.34 to \$5,250.30.

Trustee Kallusch abstained

Motion carried Verbridge, Evans and Bristol all voting aye.

**MOTION** by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:53PM  
Motion carried all voting aye.

Next scheduled regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Tracy B. Durham, Clerk/Treasurer