

February 17, 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 Evans, Trustee Verbridge, Trustee Bristol, CEO Druschel
Zoom: Attorney Williams
Absent: Trustee Kallusch
Public Present: 5
Zoom attendance 16

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the January 20 2022 regular meeting minutes.
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.

On the advice of the engineer we have delayed publishing the bid spec. WBA does not want any work done while they are open. Since they open April 1, we will bid the work in the summer for construction in November.

Water Level –

Our current water level is 245.60 and has been close to this since October 1. No rise is forecast in the next 4 weeks. Outflows have risen and will stay high until the ice starts to break up. Wayne County Emergency Management has called as meeting of the lake front communities to discuss preparedness for this year if needed.

GLSLCI –

The Resiliency Committee that I sit on is presented our recommendations to the GLSLCI Board last week. They were well received and will be voted on next month. It is expected that the committee will meet for another year and work on implementation of the recommendations.

Streetlights –

We continue to wait for RG&E to get the work scheduled for the additional lights. Tim Heckman from RG&E is now pushing as well. NYPA is waiting on some parts to fix a light in the Heights. The light shows that it is working on the monitoring equipment but is in fact not working.

American Rescue Plan –

The final rule was issued and becomes effective in April. I participated in a NYCOM webinar last week regarding the changes. The most significant is that the Lost Revenue category has now been changed so that a municipality can claim up to \$10M without any documentation. This category allows the ARPA monies to be spent on any normal governmental expense. My suggestion would be for us to follow that path. I would also suggest that we consider first spending the money on the design for the Sill Road Drainage project and a plan to enhance Willow Park. We can make those decisions once we get more information.

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:

Steve Verdine, Sill Rd was ready to talk about the flooding. He offered his help with the mediation. The discussion was postponed until later in the meeting.

Old Business: none

New Business:

A. Jon Stover and Leslie Deacon presented the Sodus Point Main St market analysis to start the meeting. During the public comment period there were a few questions and comments regarding the NY Main St presentation. The NY Main St Market study will be available at soduspoint.info tomorrow.

B. MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the following 2022-2a Climate Smart Communities Pledge Resolution

WHEREAS, the Village of Sodus Point (hereinafter “local government”) believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Village of Sodus Point, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, *adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:*

- 1) **Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) **Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**
- 3) **Decrease energy use.**
- 4) **Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) **Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) **Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) **Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) **Support a green innovation economy.**
- 9) **Inform and inspire the public.**
- 10) **Engage in an evolving process of climate action.**

Resolution adopted all voting aye.

- C. MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve Mark Ketcham to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an ADHOC for the 2022 year.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- D. The Board received the Drainage Report from Costich Engineering for the Sill Road drainage project. The full estimate for the drainage improvements total \$143,968.00 with construction costs \$124,468 and design \$19,500.00
MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve up to \$19,500 for design & planning for work with Costich Engineering and Villager (Steve Verdine). The funding will be provided from the ARPA American Rescue Plan Act revenue.
Motion carried
Trustee Bristol- nay
Trustee Verbridge, Trustee Evans and Mayor McDowell voting aye.
Motion carried.
- E. The zoom policy was tabled so that the board could have time to meet with the web designer, Devin Holdraker. Once the additional information has been gathered the policy will be revised if necessary and brought to the board for discussion.
- F. The wastewater department received quotes to replace of pump base in the pump station and replace the 6' check valve in another pump station.
Mark Porretta Excavating \$12,900
Northrup Enterprises \$13,000
Blue Heron \$14,920
MOTION by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the quote from Mark Porretta in the amount of \$12,900 to do the work described at the wastewater pump stations.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- G. **MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the Town of Sodus Fire Contract Agreement January 1, 2022- December 31, 2022. The Town shall pay to the Village for such protection the sum of \$38,100.00 for 2022.
Motion carried all voting aye.

Clerk-Treasurer:

- A. **MOTION** by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve payment of claims 2-1 through 2-41 totaling \$69,335.94; General \$60,993.49, Water \$4,190.73, Wastewater \$4,151.72
Motion carried all voting aye.

Other Business

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to adjourn the meeting at 8:26PM
Motion carried all voting aye.

Budget session set for Monday, March 7th and Thursday, March 10th both meetings held at 5:30pm at the village hall.
Next scheduled regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 17th, 2022 at **6:30 PM**

Tracy B. Durham, Clerk/Treasurer