

July 21, 2022- Village Board meeting
Minutes of regular meeting of the Sodus Point Village Board

Mayor McDowell called the regular meeting to order at 6:37pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor McDowell, Deputy Mayor Kallusch, Trustee Bristol, Trustee Evans, Trustee Verbridge and Attorney Williams, CEO Druschel

Public Present at call to order- 6 via Zoom and 9 physically present

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the June 16, 2022 after one amendment has been made.

Motion carried all voting aye

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell- Wastewater, Water, Code Enforcement,
Mayor report-

REDI –

WA30 – Stormwater

About half of the pavement issues have been addressed, the pumps have been serviced and are functioning as they should be. The system is being returned to normal state. The engineer is working with the contractor on a schedule for the remaining punch list items.

WA34 – Lakestones

The engineer is working with the contractor on the final close out items.

WA35 – White Birch

This project will be bid out in August with a November construction expected.

Water Level –

Our current water level is 245.77, down almost 10 inches since our last meeting. Our levels are below those forecast by the USACE a month ago. We are about 4 inches below the long-term average for July already. Outflows are being set slightly above the plan limits to remove water held back this Spring.

Streetlights –

The Streetlight project is finally ending. The maintenance of the lights has begun, the tops will be resecured and those not communicating with the software will be remedied.

NY Main Street –

One bid was received on June 30th. We will act on this later in the meeting.

NY Forward –

This is a new NYS program that is a scaled back version of DRI. The details of the program are being released next week. This program likely fits our village well. More to come after the details are known.

Key Visitors -

Senator Schumer was in the village on July 5th to announce the Storm Act. The storm act is a new federal program that makes \$500M available to states through FEMA for hazard mitigation projects. NYS will administer this program through the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Once FEMA passes along the regulations NYS will set up their program. These will be very low interest loans with very long payback terms. This money will be available to all property owners for mitigation projects. More to come in 2023.

Robert Rodriguez, the NYS Secretary of State was here in Sodus Point on Monday, July 11th. The purpose of his trip was to see some of our recent improvements that had been paid for, at least in part by his agency and other state agencies. He was very pleased. Some members of his entourage had never seen Lake Ontario and were quite impressed. We will have some new visitors soon.

Trustee Kallusch: Parking Enforcement- Confirmed that the Sheriff's Office will enforce the laws regarding parking on the sidewalks and blocking hydrants.

Trustee Evans: Working closely with Dresden Engles Planning the Sodus Point and Lighthouse Splash event (August 6th). Ms. Engles gave the Board a presentation of what this event will entail.

Trustee Bristol: Ambulance, Highway

Trustee Verbridge: CEC, LWRP, Playground Committee

Public Comments:

Maxine Appleby (S. Ontario Street) spoke in support of the Splash Event and Kayak/paddleboard rentals

David Williamson (Greig Street) announced the SBYC will be hosting an Antique Power and Sailboat Show on August 20th at 9am. He also commented on the importance of keeping up employee morale.

Old business:

- A. Larry Monheim (8571 Greig Street) presented the Board with an invoice from Land Master Outdoor Services to fix some damage done to his lawn/landscaping during the REDI project last summer. The disturbed area of his lawn was not restored to the original condition after completion of the project. The work he is asking the Village to pay for will remove the grass and soil put in place by the Contractors and replace with sod to match the rest of his lawn.

MOTION by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to pay the invoice submitted by Land Master for \$1,015.00

Motion passed all voting aye

- B. State Route 14 traffic calming- Trustee Verbridge received a response to her letter to the NYS DOT. They have agreed to “investigate traffic conditions in the vicinity of Sill Road, relative to the establishment of a lower speed limit. The existing golf course crosswalk also will be reviewed to determine if enhancing the existing warning signs with pedestrian-actuated rectangular rapid flashing beacons would be appropriate. Pedestrian accommodations on Route 14 in the vicinity of Harriman Park and Sentell Street will be reviewed for enhancements/marked crosswalks. Upon completion of these investigations, you will be notified of the results.” There was discussion of the Village completing its own parking study and its own report. Updates to Village Code may be needed and more research needs to be done at which point proposals will be brought to the Board.
- C. A comparison of the 2020 and 2022 fire hall repairs were presented. The Clerk is working with the insurance company in an effort to increase the amount they will cover.

New business:

- A. The Board reviewed a letter sent to them by Guy Rykbost (8596 Greig Street) regarding changes to the new curbing from the WA 30 REDI project. After discussion of the Village making a curb cut and flattening both sections of the driveway/yard, the Board decided that was not the Village’s responsibility.
MOTION by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to deny access to the Village ROW for repairs to the curbing.
Motion carried, Trustee Evans abstained, Trustee Verbridge aye
- B. The Board discussed the CDBG grant application for a water system study that was reviewed in the Public Hearing earlier in the evening.
MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans
Motion passes, all voting aye
- C. Two bids were received for the rebuilding of the Margareta Road pump station:
 - 1. Northrup Enterprises bid \$4,000 with the Village providing the materials
 - 2. Mark Poretta Excavating Inc. bid \$7,100 for the same work, the Village still providing materialsMOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Evans to accept the bid from Northrup Enterprises.
Motion carried all voting aye
Two bids were received for the materials needed for the rebuilding of the same pump
 - 1. F.W. Webb Company bid \$5,125.70
 - 2. Blair Supply Company bid \$5,299.46MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to accept the bid submitted by F.W. Webb Company
Motion carried all voting aye
- D. The wastewater department received one bid from Fleet Pump and Service Group to repair the Flygt pump located at Fairways. The total for parts and labor is \$3,240.60.

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans accept the quote.
Motion carried all voting aye

- E. MOTION by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the contract with Williamson Law Book Company for the Budget Preparation and Accounting software support from 8/1/22-7/31/23 for \$1,242.00

Motion carried all voting aye

- F. **MOTION** by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the following 22-7a Resolution

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Sodus Point Village Board adopted the Downtown Vision Plan (the “Plan”), and

WHEREAS, Goal 3 of the Plan, entitled “Optimize the opportunities for public physical and visual access to and from the waterfront in the downtown” states the following:

Continue to investigate options for creating a public dock in the downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Schooner Lotus, Inc. (FOTSL) are applying for a grant from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund to subsidize activities associated with the structural repairs and restoration of the Lotus; and

WHEREAS, once restored, FOTSL would like to dock the Schooner Lotus at a community/public dock in Sodus Point, whose future location is still to be determined; and

WHEREAS, when docked in Sodus Point, the Schooner Lotus will be fully accessible to the public at all times for deck tours; and

WHEREAS, when out on the water, the Schooner Lotus will offer a variety of on-board activities such as sailing demonstrations, sail and line handling, navigating and instruction and lectures on the ecology and preservation of upstate waterways and Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a community/public dock is consistent with the Downtown Vision Plan and the stated goals directly related to the community dock/public pier section of the Plan are still relevant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Sodus Point reaffirms the adoption of the 2006 Downtown Vision Plan solely for the purpose of supporting the FOTSL plan for the restoration of the Schooner Lotus as required by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.
Motion carried Mayor McDowell voting aye
Trustee Bristol and Trustee Evans abstained

- G. **MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the following 22-7b Resolution

WHEREAS, On July 21, 2011, the Sodus Point Village Board adopted the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (the “Plan”), and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes the Schooner Lotus as one of three historic assets in Sodus Point listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, Section III, Policy 2, Paragraph 2.1 of the Plan entitled “Maximize Preservation and Retention of Historic Resources includes the following language:

Historic Resources are those structures, landscapes, districts, areas or sites, or underwater structures or artifacts which are listed or designated as follows: “any resource on, nominated to be on, or determined eligible to be on the National or State Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Schooner Lotus, Inc. (FOTSL) are applying for a grant from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund to subsidize activities associated with the structural repairs and restoration of the Lotus; and

WHEREAS, once restored and docked at the proposed community pier in Sodus Point, whose future location is still to be determined, the Schooner Lotus will be utilized as a school ship and major attraction for the Village and surrounding harbors, and

WHEREAS, when docked in Sodus Point, the Schooner Lotus will be fully accessible to the public at all times for deck tours; and

WHEREAS, when out on the water, the Schooner Lotus will offer a variety of on-board activities such as sailing demonstrations, sail and line handling, navigating and instruction and lectures on the ecology and preservation of upstate waterways and Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of the Schooner Lotus is consistent with the Plan and the sections of the Plan relating to the Schooner Lotus are still relevant; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sodus Point is currently updating its LWRP, which is scheduled to be completed in 2024, and the Schooner Lotus will be included on the project list; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Sodus Point reaffirms the adoption of the 2011 Local Waterfront Revitalization Program solely for the purpose of supporting the FOTSL plan for the restoration of the Schooner Lotus as required by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Motion carried Mayor McDowell voting aye
Trustee Bristol and Trustee Evans abstained

H. MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to adopt the following resolution 22-7c

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Schooner Lotus, Inc. are applying for a grant from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund in the amount of \$251,687.25 to subsidize activities associated with structural repairs and restoration of the Lotus; and

WHEREAS, once restored and docked at the proposed community pier in Sodus Point, whose future location is still to be determined, the Schooner Lotus will be utilized as a school ship and major attraction for the Village and surrounding harbors, and

WHEREAS, when docked in Sodus Point, the Schooner Lotus will be fully accessible to the public at all times for deck tours; and

WHEREAS, when out on the water, the Schooner Lotus will offer a variety of on-board activities such as sailing demonstrations, sail and line handling, navigating and instruction and lectures on the ecology and preservation of upstate waterways and Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of the Schooner Lotus will provide historic and eco-tourism opportunities in the Village, support and enhance the local economy and attract Great Lakes maritime history enthusiasts from across the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Schooner Lotus is a perfect complement to the maritime history museum at the Historic Sodus Point Lighthouse and will offer visitors the opportunity to take an immersive, historically based vacation in the village; and

WHEREAS, the Schooner Lotus will also complement long established Sodus Bay Junior Sailing programs by adding another learning opportunity related to sailing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sodus Point Village Board enthusiastically endorses and supports the restoration of the Schooner Lotus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Sodus Point Village Board urges the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to fund this important project.

Motion carried all voting aye

- I. MOTION by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to authorize the contract with Derek Bean for construction of three shared outdoor dining shelters

WHEREAS, the Village of Sodus Point prepared a bid package for the construction of six shared outdoor dining shelters to be funded by a grant from the NY Main Street Program; and

WHEREAS, the bid document was approved by NY Main Street program staff and subsequently advertised in the Village's official newspaper on June 5, 2022 with a bid submission due date of June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the bid document was also posted on the Village of Sodus Point website; and

WHEREAS, when little interest was shown in the project, the Village contacted NY Main Street program staff and received instructions to directly contact local contractors; and

WHEREAS, Village staff reached out to eight local contractors and four contractors requested bid documents; and

WHEREAS, only one contractor responded with a bid price of \$9,200 per shelter; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of NY Main Street program staff, Village staff checked Home Depot to determine if the bid price (including materials) was consistent with prevailing construction costs and it was determined that the bid was a fair and reasonable price; and

WHEREAS, NY Main Street program staff asked the Village to submit a contractor solicitation log, a third party estimate (which was obtained from Home Depot), a signed non-collusion statement and a signed conflict of interest certification memo; and

WHEREAS, upon review of submitted information, NY Main Street program staff authorized the Village of Sodus Point to enter into a contract with the sole bidder; and

WHEREAS, the remaining NY Main Street grant budget will only allow the construction of three shelters instead of the originally planned six shelters; and

WHEREAS, NY Main Street program staff have accepted this revision in the program budget and authorized the Village to reduce the number of shelters to three; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sodus Point Village Board authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Derek Bean to construct three shared outdoor dining shelters along the east periphery of Oscar Fuerst Park at cost of \$9,200 per shelter and a total cost for three shelters not to exceed \$27,600 ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the total cost shall be paid for by NY Main Street grant funds awarded to the Village in 2020.

Motion carried all voting aye

Clerk-Treasurer

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve claims 7-1 through 7-62 totaling \$212,382.40: General \$160,085.50, Water \$29,993.67 and Wastewater \$22,303.23
Motion carried all voting aye

Other Business

Trustee Kallusch shared an idea for the Board to think about. He was interested in turning the basketball court into a pickleball court.

MOTION by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm
Motion carried all voting aye

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be Thursday, August 18th, 2022 at 6:30pm

Melanie E. DeBadts
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer