

January 19, 2023- Village Board meeting  
Minutes of regular meeting of the Sodus Point Village Board

Mayor McDowell called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor McDowell, Deputy Mayor Kallusch, Trustee Bristol, Trustee Evans, Trustee Verbridge and Attorney St. Martin

Absent: CEO Druschel

Public Present at call to order- 12 via Zoom and 23 physically present

**MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the December 15, 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

**MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the December 24, 2022 emergency meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell-

**REDI –**

WA35 – White Birch

The revetment work continues to go well. The barrels are being placed and the laterals connected to the new main. The revised project end date is now March 31. Illness is the primary factor in the delay.

**Water Level –**

Our current water level is 244.91, up another 7.5 inches since our last Board meeting. We are now above the long-term average and above the weekly forecasts from USACE.

**Verizon Tower –**

The upper work on the tower is complete. Waiting for power and communications from the road to the site. The new electric pole was placed. Now we just need both RG&E and the contractor to finish the wiring to the site.

**Property Tax Exemptions –**

The Town of Sodus is considering legislation to update the income levels for property tax exemptions for those 65 and older. The draft legislation is in the board folder with all the report details. A public hearing is being scheduled by the Town of Sodus.

**Reports were given as follows:**

Deputy Mayor Kallusch- Insurance, Parking/PD

Trustee Evans- Communications

Trustee Verbridge – LWRP, Willow park progress and RFQ, CEC

Trustee Bristol – Highway, Ambulance, Fire

CEO Druschel- Building Inspector's report

**All reports are filed with the details and backup for the meeting in the Village office.**

Old business:

- A. The discussion started with Attorney St. Martin giving his legal opinion regarding the process to move forward with Sill Shore Road drainage.

**MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to pay the invoice from Villager for the pump used on Sill Shore Rd. in the amount of \$3258  
Motion carried all voting aye.

**MOTION** by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to continue mitigation of the flooding water as it is necessary for the health and safety of the residents on Sill Shore Rd. while we pursue the proper way to obtain dedication to the Village.

Motion carried all voting aye.

**MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to presently formally recognize that Sill Shore Rd. meets the standards for a prescriptive road pending adoption.

Motion carried all voting aye.

**MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded Trustee Evans to request that when the attorney is contacted by email all board members be carbon copied (CC) in the email from the initial email.

Motion carried all voting aye.

- B. MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the following resolution 2023-1a

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR NYS EMERGENCY SERVICES  
REVOLVING LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF NEW AMBULANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Sodus Point Village Board has authorized the purchase of a new ambulance to replace the existing ambulance, which has exceeded its useful life; and

**WHEREAS**, a new ambulance has been identified at a cost of \$211,750; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village would like to finance a portion of the cost of the new ambulance through the NYS Emergency Services Revolving Loan Fund Program (the Program), which offers financing with an interest rate of 2.5 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Program will finance up to 75 percent of the total purchase cost of the new ambulance; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Sodus Point authorizes David McDowell, Mayor, to submit an application to the NYS Emergency Services Loan Program in the amount of \$158,812.50, which represents 75 percent of the \$211,750 purchase price of the ambulance; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the Program.

Resolution adopted all voting aye.

Public Comments:

Many residents from Sill Shore Rd spoke regarding the drainage issues.

Brandon Martin and James Taylor both expressed interest in being on the Planning Board as ADHOC members.

New business:

**A. MOTION** by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Evans to deny Mark Costich as the Planning board Ad-HOC member due to conflict of interest. The Planning board will review/interview and revisit the position at a later date.

Motion carried Trustee Verbridge, Trustee Evans and Trustee Bristol all voting aye. Trustee Kallusch voting nay.

Motion passed.

**B. Budget session:**

Monday February 13, 2023 at 5:00pm

Tuesday February 28, 2023 at 5:00pm

**C. MOTION** by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the Annual Software Support contract for Water/Sewer Billing with Water Quickpay Software from Williamson Law Book in the amount of \$1,578.00.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Clerk-Treasurer

**MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve claims 1-1 through 1-51 totaling \$59,535.86: General \$30,891.19, Water \$8,330.84 and Wastewater \$20,313.83  
Motion carried all voting aye.

**MOTION** by Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the following  
**2023-1b Resolution**

WHEREAS, Section 5-520 of the Village Law allows for the transfers when expenditure will exceed the estimated as shown in the budget at the time if appropriations and,

WHEREAS, as of 1/19/23 the Clerk Treasurer has determined that the moneys available is insufficient to meet that required and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the following transfers as shown below.

Resolution adopted all voting aye.

Budget transfers

<b>Amount</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Account</b>
\$ 2550.00	A1990.4	Contingent	A6410.4	Tourism- Contr.
\$ 4268.80	F8340.4	Transmission Distribution Contr	F9785.6	Installment Purch-Prin
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**Other business:**

**MOTION** by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm  
Motion carried all voting aye.

**ARPA** workshop, Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 4:30pm

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:30pm

Tracy B Durham  
Clerk-Treasurer