

April 20, 2023- Village Board meeting

The Village Board held a public hearing on the 2023-24 Budget. Mayor McDowell outlined the proposed budget.

No public comments

The hearing ended at 6:20pm

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

Zoom: CEO Druschel

Public Present at call to order- 20 via Zoom and 15 physically present

**MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the March 16 2023, regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Reports were given as follows:

**Mayor updates:**

**REDI –**

WA35 – White Birch

The remaining rock for the revetment is being barged over. The repairs of all the upland property are complete and most have green grass growing. The revetment will be completed in the next 2 weeks.

**Water Level –**

Our current water level is 246.49, up another 10+ inches since our last Board meeting. At this level and date, the first phase of our emergency management plan kicks in. As such we have reached out to Wayne County Emergency Management to secure sandbags and other potentially needed equipment. While this is happening, it is precautionary. For context at 247.3, some lawns on the loop become saturated, at 247.5 we close the flood gates on the storm water system and begin to pump. 248 is now considered ‘flood stage’. The consensus among the experts is that the lake will crest in late May/early June below 247.5. If you have specific concerns, please reach out to the village hall.

**Verizon Tower –**

The only work remaining is RG&E connecting the power from the road to the tower. There is no schedule for when that may occur. The last update was late May for the tower to become operational. The village has been paid the first year’s lease.

**Sea Grant –**

We have been notified that we were chosen to receive the \$45,000 grant from Sea Grant to review three potential sites for a public pier. The first step is to secure a contract with Cornell University, the grant administrator. Once that is in place, an RFP will be released seeking proposals for consultants to conduct the study.

**Mark Jones Sr Park –**

The grass has come in nicely and has been mowed this year already. The highway department is working with fencing vendors to get the stilling well safe before the park is opened. We are now working with the fire department on getting the park outfitted. More to come.

**Ambulance Financing –**

All the paperwork has been completed and submitted to NYS. We hope to have their final approval and be able to complete the purchase soon. A huge thank you to Sharon Lilla as the paperwork was very complex.

### **Streetlights –**

We have been advised that the maintenance vendor will be in the village on April 26 to complete the repairs and movements of all the lights that need work.

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

Mayor McDowell- - Building Inspector's, Water, Wastewater

Deputy Mayor Kallusch- Parking/PD,

Trustee Evans-

The board received an updated copy of the Policy for Remote Meeting Procedures to review and discuss at the May meeting.

Trustee Verbridge – Planning, Parks, CEC, Traffic calming

Trustee Bristol – Highway, Ambulance, Fire

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

### Public Comments:

**All meeting contents can be viewed on the Village of Sodus Point YouTube channel.**

- Jean Hallagan, Second St.
- Dave Williamson Greig St.
- Marilyn Bernie, Second St.-
- Kathy Madison, Bay St and MaryLu Schoeneman, John St.
- Mark Costich, Greig St.

### Old business:

A. **MOTION** by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to hire Carly Straubing for the Communications specialist at \$17.00hourly for approx. 15hrs weekly.

Motion carried all voting aye.

B.

### New business:

A. Kristy Fowler-Ritter was pleased to present Summerfest 2023 which is a collection of events happening on and around Sodus Bay. She is excited to bring this to Sodus Point. The calendar of events will be on Soduspoint.info and sodusbayevents.com.

B. **MOTION** by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the following resolution:

#### **2023-4a 2023-2024 Budget**

Adopting a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2024, making appropriation for the conduct of Village of Sodus Point Government and establishing the rates of compensation of officer and employees for such period presented

WHEREAS, this board has met April 20, 2023, at 6:15 PM in the Village Hall, 8356 Bay Street, Sodus Point, NY the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column titled "Adopted in Schedule A1, Schedule F1 and Schedule G1 be and they hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages of such budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2023

Resolution carried all voting aye

C. **MOTION** by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the following resolution:

**2023-4b AUTHORIZE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW PARK DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable procurement requirements, the Village of Sodus Point prepared a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consultant services to provide a conceptual design plan for the Willow Park project and advertised the RFQ on January 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village received three proposals before the March 1, 2023 submission deadline from the following firms:

- Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L)
- LaBella Associates
- Whitham Planning Design Landscape Architecture, PLLC

WHEREAS, the Willow Park Advisory Committee (the Committee) thoroughly reviewed all submissions, rating and ranking each proposal in accordance with criteria that included quality and completeness of response, understanding of and approach to the scope of work, experience with assignments of similar size and scope, proposed project schedule and experience of the project team; and

WHEREAS, the Committee selected B&L and LaBella Associates as the top two proposals and interviewed each firm on April 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the interviews the Committee agreed that B&L presented the most compelling case by focusing on the services they would provide to Sodus Point for this project while also demonstrating professional competence, relevant experience and instinctive creativity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that after a comprehensive review process, the Committee recommends that the Village Board retain Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to perform conceptual design services for the Willow Park project.

Resolution carried all voting aye

**D.** The Village received quotes as follows for work to be performed for Sill Rd drainage on private property. Once the easements have been acquired by the Village the work can be performed.

Mark Porretta Excavating Inc \$27,100

Burrows Bros. Inc. \$25,005

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the proposal from Burrows Bros Inc. in the amount of \$25,005 estimate #1098

Motion carried all voting aye.

**E.** Mayor McDowell reviewed the laws regarding motorized bicycles, golf carts atvs, dirt bikes etc. on sidewalks. It was suggested by Trustee Evans and agreed that a notice would be sent out and placed on the digital sign as a reminder that nothing motorized with the exception of wheelchairs should be driven on the sidewalks.

**F.** The Board approve to move forward with the advertisement for the Parking Enforcement position for the summer months.

**G. MOTION** by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Evans to surplus the 2012 Chevy ambulance. Mayor McDowell suggested having Auction International come and give the village an appraisal of the ambulance to use when accepting bids.  
Motion carried all voting aye.

Clerk-Treasurer

**MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve claims 4-1 through 4-56 totaling \$87,224.78: General \$27,156.97, Water \$34,101.80 and Wastewater \$25,966.01  
Motion carried all voting aye.

**Other business:**

**MOTION** by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Bristol to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm  
Motion carried all voting aye.

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Tracy B Durham  
Clerk-Treasurer