

October 19, 2023 Village Board meeting

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

Present: Mayor McDowell, Trustee Evans, Trustee Verbridge, CEO Druschel, Trustee Bristol

Absent: Attorney St. Martin, Trustee Kallusch

Public Present at call to order- 15 via Zoom and 10 physically present

MOTION by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the September 21, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell-Mayor's update, water and wastewater

Water Level – Our current water level is 244.95, down more than 8.5 inches from our last meeting. The River Board is currently making up for the water held back in September and is releasing more than the specified plan limits. The latest 6-month forecast calls for us to get to normal long term average by December and tip below in the first 2 months of 2024. Time will tell.

Parking Enforcement– I still expect to have a draft for review at our November meeting.

Beach Dune- The beach grass has been shipped and should arrive anytime. The Beach Advisory Committee has arranged volunteers to get it planted. Some members of the BAC toured Sandy Ponds and their dune system earlier this month. They were very impressed and walked away with several ideas they will be exploring for our dunes.

NY Forward- Sharon submitted our application for this grant. It will be several months before we hear anything further. Our application is on the village web site if you'd like to read it.

Sill Shore Road Drainage- The work was completed as planned. The contractor did a great job, and we now have a straight pipe into the lagoon. The metal portion of the old pipe had completely collapsed, and the plastic portion had several dips and bends which were leveled out. The contractor was also able to add a bit of pitch to the pipe which will help to remove water.

Eminent Domain- The survey and appraisal have been ordered and both should be complete in mid-November. That and the information gathered at the public hearing will inform the board for potential further actions.

Trustee Evans- no report

Trustee Bristol- ambulance

Trustee Verbridge- CEC update, LWRP, Planning Board and Willow Park

Public Comments:

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

Old business:

The Board discussed and completed a SEQRA review on Sill Shore Road

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to adopt the following resolution 2023-10a

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF SILL SHORE ROAD

WHEREAS, the final plat of "Sill Shore Road," a description of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, has been submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sodus Point, for acceptance of dedications contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds that Sill Shore Road has been laid out, maintained and utilized as a street by residents of the Village of Sodus Point for in excess of 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Sill Shore Road provides access to private homes and other Village owned property along its length, including a municipal fire hydrant; and

WHEREAS, Sill Shore Road has been maintained, paved, and plowed by the municipality for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that, the width of the highway has been determined by the extent of the existing use, which already includes motor vehicles and Village snowplows. *See, e.g.*, 1947 Op St Compt 47-273; 1955 Op St Compt No. 55-7515; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the proposed plat, also includes an appropriate turnaround for use by emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held thereon the 11th day of October, 2023, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard thereon

NOW, At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sodus Point, County of Wayne, New York, held at the Village Hall at 8356 Bay Street, NY on the 19th day of October, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Village Mayor and upon roll call, the Trustees voted as follows:

Mayor Dave McDowell	Aye
Trustee William Kallusch	Absent
Trustee Laurie Verbridge	Aye
Trustee Jennifer Evans	Aye
Trustee Ira "Bud" Bristol	Aye

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the dedication of Sill Shore Road, as shown on the final plat, description of which is annexed hereto, be accepted as a public roadway, and the Mayor and Village Clerk are directed to execute and accept the dedication.

Trustee Bristol moved to reverse a motion made by Trustee Evans at the September meeting to pursue eminent domain. He feels that she has a conflict of interest on this matter. The Board decided this was something that needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

New Business

MOTION by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to accept the Fire Contract agreement with the Town of Sodus.

Motion carried all voting aye

MOTION by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the payment of claims 10-1 through 10-63 totaling \$182,627; General fund \$141,072, Water fund \$17,758, Wastewater fund \$23,796.

Motion carried all voting aye

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans adopt **resolution** 2023-10b

SO BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Sodus Point Mayor and Board of Trustees request the collection of delinquent Village Taxes for the 2023-2024 year due June 2023 by the County of Wayne pursuant to Wayne County Local Law #4-1978 and section 1442 of the Real Property Tax Law; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of the resolution together with the account and certification described in Subdivision 3, Section 1436, of the Real Property Tax Law to the Wayne County Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Wayne County Law 4-1978.

Motion carried all voting aye

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to move to executive session at 7:44pm to discuss litigation updates with no action being taken.

Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to adjourn executive session and move back to the regular meeting at 8:29pm

Motion carried all voting aye.

Trustee Bristol withdrew his earlier motion to reverse the motion made by Trustee Evans (9/21/23) regarding pursuing eminent domain.

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm

Motion carried all voting aye.

Melanie E. DeBadts

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer