

February 15, 2024- Village Board meeting

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

Present: Mayor McDowell, Trustee Verbridge, Deputy Mayor Kallusch, Trustee Madison, Trustee Bristol, Attorney St. Martin, CEO Druschel

Public Present at call to order- 9 via Zoom and 12 physically present

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the January 18, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Mayor McDowell updates:

Water Level –

Our water level is now 245.11, up more than 6 inches in the last month. The February USACE 6 month forecast now shows us to be slightly above long-term average into June. At that point they forecast average levels. This is a significant change from the January forecast because of a wet January. In January almost twice the normal precipitation fell. We are currently about 4 inches above the long-term average. Lake Erie remains almost 1 foot above normal.

Water System -

We received 4 proposals that are currently being scored by Nate, Sharon, Laurie and me. Once Sharon has the score sheets she will either let us know who the choice is or we will schedule interviews with the top scorers.

Community Pier-

I'm waiting for updated information from the consultant to review a few property owners who the committee recommended might be good sites.

Great Lakes St Lawrence Cities Initiative --

Mary Austerman, Sharon Lilla and I participated in an introductory meeting regarding an opportunity to prepare a high value resilience project somewhere in Wayne County. This follows several successful projects in Lake Michigan and is being funded by Fish and Wildlife Federation. The primary purpose is to define a large project to apply for some of the \$3B in federal funding.

Parking Chapter –

I received input from Kathy and Gary. When I went to add it to the draft, portions became unreadable due to the fixed formatting. I am working with Matt and others to work through that issue.

Reports were given as follows:

Mayor McDowell- Water and Wastewater

Deputy Mayor Kallusch- Fire department and parking

Trustee Verbridge – LWRP, Parks, Planning Board and Climate smart communities

Trustee Bristol – Highway
Trustee Madison – Ambulance, communications, recreations
CEO Druschel – Building Inspector

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

Public Comments:

Carly Straubing – Lummis St – Asked for NO PARKING to be clear in front of 8512 Greig St. She also showed concern regarding the business district appearance and residents living with a dumpster outside their bedroom window.

Matt Corino – Greig St – expressed concern over the new owners placing dumpsters outside his window. He recommended that the board could entertain communal dumpsters off the main street.

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

Old business:

- A. Trustee Verbridge brought it to the attention of the board last meeting that repairs to Willow park playground were needed. She researched the items and came up with the following purchases. All purchases will be charged toward the remaining ARPA money.
MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Madison to purchase an ADA swing seat from Gametime in the amount of \$3,256
Motion carried all voting aye.
MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the purchase of a slide from Jeffery Associates in the amount of \$3,827
Motion carried all voting aye.
MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Kallusch to approve the purchase of a teeter totter repair coil spring from Play & Park Structures of NY in the amount of \$1,167
Motion carried all voting aye.

New business:

- A. The fire department presented the purchase of a 2010 Safeboat Defender 25 HIN #EGO01509H010T1247 from Marcel Sengul.
MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to purchase the boat for \$175,000.
Motion carried all voting aye.
- B. **MOTION** by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol to approve the following

Resolution 2024-2a

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOME RULE REQUEST

Senate Bill S.6689

WHEREAS, the Village of Sodus Point is in part, a resort community and desires to expand its

reputation as such and to better accommodate residents and tourists while enjoying the benefits that the Village has to offer; and

WHEREAS, for over the last several years there has been an increase of persons operating golf carts on Village streets within the Village of Sodus Point in violation of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board believes that it would be in the Village's best interest to allow for the operation of golf carts on Village Streets by licensed drivers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sodus Point Village Board is in support of a deviation to the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law to allow for the operation of golf carts on Village Streets by licensed drivers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sodus Point Village Board request the enactment of a special law, otherwise known as a Home Rule Request to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law to permit the operation of golf carts on Village Streets by Licensed Drivers.

Resolution adopted all voting aye.

Resolution 2024-2b

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Bristol

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOME RULE REQUEST

Assembly Bill A.7076

WHEREAS, the Village of Sodus Point is in part, a resort community and desires to expand its reputation as such and to better accommodate residents and tourists while enjoying the benefits that the Village has to offer; and

WHEREAS, for over the last several years there has been an increase of persons operating golf carts on Village streets within the Village of Sodus Point in violation of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sodus Point Village Board request the enactment of a special law, otherwise known as a Home Rule Request to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law to permit the

operation of golf carts on Village Streets by Licensed Drivers.

Resolution adopted all voting aye.

Clerk Treasurer:

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Madison to approve claims 2-1 through 2-49 totaling \$69,145.81: General \$44,977.14 Water \$4,931.97 and Wastewater \$19,236.70.

Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Bristol and seconded by Trustee Verbridge to approve the following:

2024-2c Resolution Appropriating Funds from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Whereas, the Village of Sodus Point Board of Trustees has established a capital reserve fund for fire equipment, and

Whereas, the Village of Sodus Point Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of a 2010 Safeboat Defender 25 with 2011 EZ Loader for \$175,000

It is hereby resolved to issue a permissive referendum for appropriating \$ 175,000 from the fire equipment capital reserve fund for said purchase.

Resolution adopted all voting aye.

Other business:

Budget sessions scheduled at the Village hall

March 12th at 5:00pm

March 19th at 5:00pm

MOTION by Trustee Verbridge and seconded by Trustee Madison to move to executive session at 7:30pm to discuss litigation with no action being taken.

Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Madison to adjourn executive session and move back to the regular meeting at 7:46pm

Motion carried all voting aye.

MOTION by Trustee Kallusch and seconded by Trustee Bristol to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm

Motion carried all voting aye.

The next scheduled regular Board meeting will be Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Tracy B Durham, Clerk-Treasurer