

**Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
December 10, 2018**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Burnett, Trustee Harvey, Trustee Matthews, Trustee Zablocki, Trustee Simonds and DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla.

Visitors: Edward Jones III, Daniel Fagnani, Roberta Dunker, Jeffrey Buttler and Kenneth Vail.

- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers, Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 179 - 205, Totaling \$10,334.50.
Water Fund Vouchers # 71 – 80, Totaling \$2,785.88.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Zablocki, seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water: Report Distributed.
- Police Department. Report Distributed.
- Code Enforcement: Verbal report given by Mr. Jeffrey Butler. He stated that he has sent out a couple of letters. He has also had a few complains about the 2 yellow houses on South Main Street. It was stated that the County actually owns one of those houses. Mr. Butler also spoke with the gentleman who owns the Great American Building. The owner stated that he'll have someone clean up the snow removal.
- Planning Board: Trustee Matthews informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Planning Board met with the new Village Code Enforcement Officer. They disused issues that would be beneficial to Mr. Butler.
- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: A wonderful Christmas Parade was held. There were many that participated in the parade as well as spectators.
- Grant Committee: Remains the same.
- Parks Committee: Trustee Simonds informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Parks Committee will be holding a Valentines Dance. Taking place on February 8th, 2019 at The

River Club. The cost is \$50.00 per person, the Band Splash will be the night's entertainment.

- Historian Report: Report distributed.
- Dog Control Officer: - Report distributed for November.

Old Business:

- Weiss Cleanup – Remains the same. Mr. Acla asked why this has historical remained on the agenda. Trustee Matthews stated that it has continued to be pushed back due to weather and knowledge. We will readdress this in the spring. A Village sewer plant was the expected plan for this site.
- Surplus bid for the John Deer lawn mower - Tabled
- Playground Equipment - Leggett Park. Trustee Simonds asked Mr. Acla as to when this equipment can be placed. Mr. Acla stated that the current equipment is good shape, may need some part replacements and paint. Trustee Simonds stated that the Parks Community purchased the new equipment for Leggett Park, this is where they want it placed. Mr. Acla stated that we need to see how this new equipment needs to be arranged. No installation instructions came with the equipment. The equipment needs to be properly installed for placement proposes as so there are no accidents or injuries to the children using the equipment.
- Surplus – 2008 Chevy 3500 Dump Truck- Dump Box, Plow and Salter. DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla asked the Village Board to table this for now. He stated that they are in the process of running sand and cold patch with this vehicle.

New Business:

- Trustee Simonds asked Mr. Acla if he and the DPW crew could drive up onto the sidewalks in front of the Main Street District to sweep off the snow. She stated that this had been done in the past years. Mr. Acla stated that his first priority is to see that streets are cleaned and cleared for Village Residents. He explained that it's not sweeping, it would be plowing, he won't do it for a select few. He stated that if time were available to do so on a once in a while matter then they would try to do so.
- Trustee Simonds asked the Village Board of Trustees if the Village would be willing to purchase newer lighter tables for the Susquehanna Room. The Parks Committee along with other Community Groups use the facility for different events. Newer lighter tables would make it easier for those using the room to move the tables in the desire they wish without having to struggle with the heavier tables.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to allow for the purchase of new lighter tables for the Jack D. Bolster Community Center at no more than \$250.00 with a limit of 3 tables. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.

- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to sign the warrant for unpaid taxes before returning to the county for collections. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- Speaker – Daniel Fagnani- Delaware Engineers Report. – Mr. Fagnani informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Village was not awarded the Water Infrastructure Grant to help with the update on the water storage tank project. Mr. Fagnani stated that the Village did not score high enough to be awarded the funds. He said there are several factors they consider. Trustee Matthews stated the Village would be required to double our water billing in order to be considered for a hardship. Mr. Acla stated that we just had another tank inspection by the County. Mr. Fagnani stated that the letter from the County is just a warning. He explained that the grant the Village had applied for has two application components. The second part of the grant is a financing application for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Mr. Fagnani stated that we won't know the grant funding status for another a few weeks. Mr. Fagnani suggests that the Village wait to see what the next plan of action will be once we know the outcome of the second part of grant funding application.

Recognition of Visitors:

- Visitor Roberta Dunker introduced herself to the Village Board of Trustees. She stated that she is the Teamsters Representative working with the DPW Labors. She expressed that she'd like to have everyone in attendance at their next meeting.
- Visitor Robert Granger – Solar Presentation – Mr. Granger inform the Village Board of Trustees of a new Community Solar Field Program. He stated that this new program is a renewal energy that could save all Churches and Farmers and area residents 10% automatically. To start they are accepting 250 new customer signups. They currently have had 150 new customer signup, spots are filling up fast. This program allows for one to buy into the solar energy field with a 20 year contract, there is no charge to get in or out of the program. The buy in process will be based on your last year's energy use, you will see that buy in credit returned to you in March. Visitor Kenneth Vail asked Mr. Granger if there was a land usage requirement as to who can participate in the program. Mr. Granger stated that no there is not. Mr. Vail stated that he heard on the news that the solar fields were going to nonexistent due nonuse by consumers.
- Trustee Zablocki stated that he had heard that the old Allied Building in Sidney, NY was to be used for a solar field location.
- Trustee Matthews Thank you Mr. Granger. Trustee Matthews stated that if there are interested residents we will have them contact Mr. Granger directly.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to enter into executive session for personnel matters at 7:55 pm. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed. 4- 0
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to exit executive session at 8:40 pm. Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed. 4-0
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to open regular meeting at 8:41 pm. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor motion, passed. 4-0

- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to have the Village of Afton Office open four days per week with the Village Clerk / Treasurer working on these days. The Village Clerk / Treasurer would also be paid time and a half if working on a Federal Holiday. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed. 4-0
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn regular meeting at 8:45 pm. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed. 4-0

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer