

**Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
July 13, 2015**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held July 13, 2015, at 7:00 pm in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Muller, Trustee Simonds, Trustee Matthews, and Trustee Zablocki. Also present DPW Superintendent Joshua Sweeney.

Absent: Trustee Harvey

Visitors: April Leggett, Officer Quanison Wright.

- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers, Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 32 - 66, Totaling \$30,580.98.
Water Fund Vouchers # 11 - 19, Totaling \$14,266.54.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Zablocki, seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water: Report distributed.
- Police Department: No representative.
- Code Enforcement: No representative.
- Planning Board: No meeting was held this month.
- Finance/Insurance: Just received our annual insurance billing.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same.
- Grant Committee: Flood Mitigation and Strategic Plan grants are in process.

Old Business:

- The Mayor informed the Village Board that we are in need of Board of Appeals Members.

New Business:

- Visitor April Leggett informed the Village Board of Trustee's that the requests for proposals have gone out for the Flood Mitigation and the Strategic Plan Grants. She thanked Mayor Muller and the Village Clerk for their help with this process. It has taken a year to get approval for the project. We will have an estimated 3 years to complete this grant. We have a start date of June 1, 2015 and an end date of March 31, 2018.

- Visitor April Leggett also informed the Village Board of Trustees of the discussion at the Town Board meeting in regards to lack of parking on Main Street. Most people coming into the Village are not aware of the municipal parking behind the Main Street businesses. The current signs may not be large enough for visitors coming into the Village to notice.
- The Village Board of Trustees received a letter from Maryann Palmetier asking for a waiver of fees for the “Hope For Afton Day”. This event will take place on Saturday August 29th, 2015, and replaces the Annual Craft Show. There will be many other events. Motion made by Trustee Simonds to waive the vending permit fees. Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- Posting of the annual Joelyn Sines 5K Run/ Walk has been added to the community calendar events on WBNG TV. The event will be held on Saturday August 29th, 2015, with a start time of 9 am. Registration forms for this event can be found on the shared web site for the Town and Village at (www.townofafton.com).
- The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees of her conversation with the Village of Afton’s health insurance broker. The Village does not have to carry health insurance for its full time employees if we choose not to do so. The Mayor has stated that the moneys used to pay for health insurance will go towards pay increases for its employees.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to discontinue health insurance benefits for its full time employees. Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees of the meeting that took place with the Police Committee in regards to replacing our Officer in Charge. Quanison Wright was interviewed for this position.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to appoint Officer Quanison Wright as the new Officer in Charge for the Village of Afton. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees discussed setting a hourly rate cost of mowing and sidewalk shoveling for residents in the community that are not taking care of their properties.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to set an hourly rate cost of \$25.00 for residents to be charged, when the DPW has to either mow or shovel their sidewalks. The residents will be billed for these services. If payment is not received the billing will be levied on to their taxes. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Village Lawyer is working on the paperwork for the purchase of the skid steer.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to allow up to 2 more garden boxes, at a lower level adjacent to the parking lot that will be handicap accessible. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:35 pm and Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Palmatier
Clerk/Treasurer