

**Village of Afton  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY  
March 9, 2015**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 9, 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 Harvey, Trustee Simonds, Trustee Matthews, and Trustee Zablocki. Also present DPW Superintendent Joshua Sweeney.

**Visitors:** Steve Barker

- 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 # 881 - 907, Totaling \$36,609.69.**  
**Water Fund Vouchers # 293 - 299, Totaling \$962.74.**
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Harvey, seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.

**Monthly Report:**

- DPW/ Water: Report distributed.
- Police Department: No representative.
- Code Enforcement: No representative.
- Planning Board: Meeting was held last week.
- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same.
- Grant Committee: Remains the same.

**Old Business:**

- The 2% Tax Cap Law
- The Mayor has asked DPW Superintendent Joshua Sweeney to contact Ricky Bullock who is a CAT representative. Mr. Bullock had discussed with the Village Board the possible advantages of the trading program for heavy equipment offered by Milton Cat, back on July 14, 2014.
- Gas franchise discussions remain the same.

**New Business:**

- An email was distributed from Officer in Charge Martin Pettit asking the Boards approval to allow him to seek grant funding for a fence to secure our water tank as well as a new patrol car.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to allow Officer in Charge Martin Pettit to apply for grants for the purpose of a secured fencing with barb wire on top for the village water tank. Located on Blowers Hill Road in the Village. Approval was also granted for Officer Pettit to pursue funding for a new patrol vehicle for the Police Department. Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- Visitor Steve Barker addressed the Village Board about concerns with his water. In the last month Mr. Barker has had his water freeze twice. Mr. Barker stated that this had happened 35 years ago when Mr. Jack Bolster was DPW Superintendent. Mr. Bolster had told him then that his water valve is not buried deep enough in the ground. Current DPW Superintendent Joshua Sweeney as confirmed this.
- The Mayor has told visitor Mr. Barker that in the spring when the ground is soft enough this valve will be replaced. Due to the difference in the height drop of the valve and the piping to his home, this pipe would need to be replaced. Mr. Barker is aware that this would be his responsibility.
- Mr. Barker also addressed the Village Board of this concerns about the sidewalks in front of his home. He stated that he had spoken with serval different DPW Superintendent through the years. He said that he was always told that his street is on the list. He would like to know when his street will be done. The Mayor explained that the Village has a very small budget for the repair or replacement of sidewalks. She asked Mr. Barker if he would be willing to contribute 50% of the cost of replacing the sidewalks. Mr. Barker said that he would think about it.
- Mr. Barker also asked the Village Board if the Village would ever have a community waste disposal system. The Mayor explained that a study has been done for the village. At this time there will be no water sewer system installed within the Village of Afton. The study has found that the cost is too much for this small community to bare.
- Trustee Matthews asked about the meeting with Mr. Davy held on November 17, 2014. Mr. Davy was the architect for the Jack D. Bolster Community Center. The purpose of his visit was to suggest ways to enhance the lights on the front of the building as a gift from him to the village.
- Trustee Matthews spoke about the program the Presbyterian Church has taken part in. He had originally talked about this program at our August 11, 2014 board meeting. They have been replacing their old lights and fixtures with a program that gives a rebate. This program is done thru New York State. Trustee Matthews has asked DPW Superintendent Joshua Sweeney to come take a look at these updated lights.
- A Motion was made by Trustee Simonds and Seconded by Trustee Harvey to hold a Public Hearing for the Local Law # 1 of 2015 -2% Tax Cap Law. All in favor, motion passed. Hearing to be held Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:15PM at the Jack D. Bolster Community Center, 105 Main Street Afton.

- It was brought to the attention of the Village Board that there are issues with trash at Vincent's and dumpsters overflowing in the parking lot. There are 2 unregistered vehicles in the parking lot. They will be brought to the attention of the Police Department.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board that she had spoken with Town Supervisor Mr. John Lawrence, about the proposed dog shelter. They have not moved forward at this time.
- A motion was made by Trustee Harvey to move the following money's \$5000.00 from Attorneys Contractual Expense (A1420.40) – To Building Maintenance (A1620.45) and \$10,715.59 from Contingency Fund (A1990.0) – To Building Maintenance (A1620.45) and \$6,035.01 from Insurance Recovery (A2680.0) – To Building Maintenance (A1620.45) and \$1,802.96 from Insurance Recovery (A2680.0) – To Building Maintenance (A1620.45). Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:05 pm and Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ann Palmatier  
Clerk/Treasurer