

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
September, 11, 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held September 11, 2017 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 and New Employee David Bird

Absent: DPW Superintendent Joshua Sweeney

Visitors: Stephen Feehan

- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers, Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 62 - 86, Totaling \$16,530.32.
Water Fund Vouchers # 16 – 23, Totaling \$8,734.40.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Zablocki, seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water: Report distributed.
- Police Department. Report distributed.
- Code Enforcement: Report distributed.
- Planning Board: The board is continually working on the business zoning. It's been a slow moving process, due to the many steps that are needed to complete this process. The Strong's had questions in regards to the silo being constructed next to their property line by McDowell & Walker. The Mayor stated that she would be contacting Mr. Fox at the County level. Trustee Matthews also received a call from a realtor about the riding of ATV's within the Village limits.
- Finance/Insurance: Coverage for the Well House Contents has been purchased.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same. Trustee Harvey stated that she would reach out to the Committee Members to see where they stand with the planning process for this coming year's parade.
- Grant Committee: The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Village should be receiving a payment towards the Afton Strategic Plan soon. This grant is expected to be finished by the end of this year.
- Parks Committee: The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that the committee sold pulled pork sandwiches during the Sidewalk sale, which earned them a profit of over \$400.00 .These funds will go towards new playground equipment. Raffle tickets are still being sold for a truck load of fire wood, tickets can be purchased by a committee member or at the Village Clerks Office. This drawing will be held within the next 2 weeks.
- Historian Report: Report distributed. A flyer was passed around for review. Kathy Ouimet our Town/Village Historian will be hosting a beginning Genealogy Class at the Jack D.

Bolster Community Center, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY. On Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 7 PM to 8:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Old Business:

- Weiss Cleanup – Remains the same.
- Family Leave Act- per the Mayor this is up to the employees, as they are paying for this service.
- Stump Grinder Prices – On hold at this time.
- Harassment Policy – All Trustee's has looked over & read- Mayor needs to look over. – On hold.
- Sidewalk- Strong- the Mayor wants to know if this has been done, there is a drainage issue there.

New Business:

- Visitor Mr. Stephen Feehan an independent financial advisor spoke with the Village Board of Trustees about his plans to form a riding park in Broome/Chenango/Delaware Counties for the purpose legally riding ATV's / Dirt Bikes. This proposal would require the use of state park owned land to be allocated into such a park. Mr. Feehan has already spoken with our State Senator Fred Akshar as well as our Assemblyman Cliff Crouch. They both have expressed interest and delight in this proposal. Mr. Feehan explained that there is money allocated for such parks. Mr. Feehan also pointed out that not only does this proposal help in strengthening the communities via the purchasing of gas, local groceries, the required permits and lodging it also provides a wonderful opportunity for families to create memories. This allows for children to hopefully occupy their time constructively other than with drugs or hanging with the wrong crowd. Mr. Feehan is currently visiting with all surrounding areas of local government to see if this is something that all would be interested in pursuing. Once he has support for plan he wants to approach people at the state level about permission and funding.
- The Village Board of Trustees agreed with Mr. Feehan that this proposal is a great ideas for this area.
- A letter of request was sent to the Village Board of Trustees by Gerald Harris. The letter was distributed to the Board for review. A local resident was sent a letter in regards to Village laws on the mowing procedures for the Village.
- The Mayor introduced the new Village employee Mr. David Bird to the Village Board of Trustees. Mr. Bird started with the Village on September 5, 2017.
- A Resolution was made by Trustee Zablocki that the Village of Afton location code 40350 has established a standard work day for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State & Local Employee's Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members

Title: Village Trustee standard work day of 6 Hours

Title: Clerk / Treasurer Standard work day of 8 hours

Title: DPW Superintendent standard work day of 8 Hours

Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.

- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to allow the Village of Afton to accept a monetary donation of \$8,376.00 from the Parks Committee for the purpose of purchasing new playground equipment for Leggett Park. Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Mayor asked new hire David Bird about other sidewalks within the Village. She asked that he take a look around the village to see where we stand on the necessary fixing of the sidewalks.
- The Mayor informed Mr. Bird that we need to work on getting trees within the Village that are in danger of falling taken care of. The Mayor instructed Mr. Bird to ask Josh as to when his last contact was with the tree cutter.
- Trustee Harvey informed the Village Board of Trustees that an older lady had fallen across the street during the sidewalk day sale. The woman has cut her head, but refused to go in an ambulance.
- Trustee Harvey also informed the Village Board of Trustees that a resident on Riverside Drive stated that he had to put a cone over the grate in the road way. There is a deep sinking in the roadway around the grate.
- Trustee Harvey asked Mr. Bird when leaf pickup will begin.
- The Trustees discussed donation of Nutcrackers decorations offered to the Village by Wagner's Lumber Company.
- The Village Board of Trustees reviewed the current hourly rate charged out to area residents, when the DPW has to either mow their properties or shovel their sidewalks. The rate will remain the same, \$25.00 per hour. Less than one hour will be a fee of \$25.00.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:35 pm and Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Palmatier
Clerk/Treasurer