

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
August 9, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held August 9, 2021 in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, by Mayor Janice Nickerson.

Mayor Nickerson stated, “We are short two board members tonight”. “However, we do have a quorum”. We will be recording any votes made tonight by individual voice vote.

Present: Mayor Nickerson, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Dedman, Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier, DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta and Officer in Charge Angelica Stanko.

Absent: Trustee Simonds and Trustee Humphrey.

Visitors: Donald Ouimet, Timothy McNamara and Patricia Wenner.

- Motion authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers.
General Fund Vouchers # 57 - 81, Totaling \$11,646.77.
Water Fund Vouchers # 24 – 33, Totaling \$27,818.97.

Motion as Follows:

Trustee Lawrence – Aye
Trustee Dedman – Aye
Mayor Nickerson – Aye
All in favor, motion passed.

- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or correction.
Motion as Follows:
Trustee Lawrence – Aye
Trustee Dedman – Aye
Mayor Nickerson – Aye
All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

Mayor Nickerson stated that all reports are here for anyone wishing to see them. She stated that all reports will be added to the Village Web Page for public viewing.

- DPW/ Water: Report distributed. Read aloud by DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta.
- Police Department. Report distributed. Read aloud by Officer in Charge Anjelica Stanko.
- Code Enforcement: Report distributed.

- Planning Board: Report distributed, read aloud by Mayor Nickerson.
- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same. No representative present.
- Parks Committee: Remains the same. No representative present.
- Historian Report: Report distributed.
- Dog Control Officer: - Report distributed.
- Afton Central School – Mr. Timothy McNamara informed the Village Board of Trustees of the progress on the building improvements and happenings on school grounds. Fencing continues to be installed around the school property boundaries, due to this fielding sports will be held in Harpursville. He stated that the High School, Middle School and Counselors Offices are near completion. The improvements on the elementary wing is a little behind, but will be finished by the end of August. The new bus garage on Rt. 7 should be finished between February and March. The first day of school is scheduled to resume on September 9, 2021, at this time there is no decision on mask mandates. The school will follow the recommendations set forth by New York State and the Chenango County Health Department. There will be no option of staying home, as no remote learning will be available.

Old Business:

New Business:

- DPW Supervisor Bailey DeBetta informed the Village Board of Trustees that the estimated time of delivery for a new truck would be the beginning of next year, if it were ordered now. Mayor Nickerson expressed that she feels we need to wait until next year's budget to ensure that there is funding available.
- Speaker – Robert Granger – Mayor Nickerson stated that Mr. Granger left a message at Village Office that he would not be able to attend tonight's meeting. Mayor Nickerson stated that she was contacted by Mr. Granger in regards to the article she wrote in Daily Star. He would like to help the village with the proposed Street Scape improvements of the Main Street Business District.
- Discussion – Vehicle Charging Station. – Mayor Nickerson informed the Village Board of Trustees that she has been meeting with the Mayors from Unadilla, Sidney and Bainbridge. Together they have formed the 4 Towns Moving Forward. Their goal is obtain funding for programs as a whole, rather than individually. Currently the group has applied for each village to receive a vehicle charging station. If funding is approved, the village will need to decide where the best placement would be for the charging station unit. There were many discussions for a possible placement within the Village.

- A motion to move \$25,257.43 from Capital Reserves Water Improvement Savings Fund for the payment to Lamont Engineers for engineering services, as follows: (8320.40 – Well Source Supply Contractual Expense – for \$25,257.43).
Motion as Follows:
Trustee Lawrence – Aye
Trustee Dedman – Aye
Mayor Nickerson – Aye
All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion to accept the audit of the Clerk / Treasurer fiscal year 2020 /2021.
Motion as Follows:
Trustee Lawrence – Aye
Trustee Dedman – Aye
Mayor Nickerson – Aye
All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion to accept the request to close the Village Office for vacation from January 24 - 27 & 31, 2022 to February 1, 2022.
Motion as Follows:
Trustee Lawrence – Aye
Trustee Dedman – Aye
Mayor Nickerson – Aye
All in favor, motion passed.

Recognition of Visitors:

- Visitor Patricia Wenner asked the Village Board of Trustees to remove the pedestrian sign at the crosswalk by Horton Hardware. She feels as though it's not necessary to have it at this location. She stated that someone passing through at the same time as her hit the sign, which caused it to hit her car. Mayor Nickerson stated that she'd call the state to see if this was an option.
- A motion to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:30 pm.
Motion as Follows:
Trustee Lawrence – Aye
Trustee Dedman – Aye
Mayor Nickerson – Aye
All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer