

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
February 10, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY

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

Present: Mayor Nickerson, Trustee Muller, Trustee Lawrence, Trustee Simonds, Trustee Humphrey, Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier, DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla, Village Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Butler and Officer in Charge Quanison Wright.

Visitors: Jim Reynolds, George Basila and Susan Weibel

- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers, Seconded by Trustee Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 239 - 261, Totaling \$8,926.08.
Water Fund Vouchers # 68 – 75, Totaling \$1,656.82.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Simonds, seconded by Trustee Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- **DPW/ Water:** Report distributed. Report read aloud by DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla.
- **Police Department.** Report and schedule were distributed. Report read aloud by Officer in Charge Quanison Wright. Officer Wright informed the Village Board of Trustees that the gentleman whom he was planning on installing the camera system has indicated to him that the cost of installation fees would be greater than the camera system. Officer Wright was informed that the cost effect would be better if Village purchased a better system and installing it themselves. Officer Wright stated that the new hire Kyle Himan was in the process of purchasing his firearm and belt. Once Mr. Himan gives his size information Mr. Wright will order his uniform.
- **Code Enforcement:** Report read aloud by Village Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Butler. Mr. Butler made a suggestion to the Village Board of Trustees that perhaps the Village should require that all village residents number their properties. Trustee Muller stated that there is no law requiring such, but that it is recommended by 911.
- **Planning Board:** Trustee Humphrey informed the Village Board of Trustees that he was able to obtain a clearer definition of the property classification for vacant land. He stated that vacant property is exactly that: vacant. The property is abandoned, and no one lives in it anymore, not in use. Trustee Humphrey state that Planning Board Member April Leggett has been following the Town of Guildford's Comprehensive Plan on solar power. Trustee

Humphrey stated that the Village has 2- 3 properties that could be considered for this use. Trustee Humphrey inform the Village Board of Trustees that Chenango County has no set protocol for the removal of abandon houses. Mayor Nickerson stated that we are trying to figure out a way take them down, she's looking into obtaining information on land banking to possibly help.

- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same. It was decided that Trustee Simonds will act as the liaison between the Christmas Parade Committee and the Village of Afton.
- Grant Committee: Remains the same.
- Parks Committee: Trustee Muller informed everyone that the Parks Committee will be hosting a Valentine Dinner Dance on Friday, February 14, 2020. Cash bar starts at 6 pm. A prime rib buffet dinner will be served starting at 7 pm., dancing to begin at 8 pm until midnight. The cost is \$40.00 per person, the Band Sundown will be the night's entertainment. Tickets can be purchased at The NBT bank of Afton, The River Club or from a Committee Member. All proceeds to benefit the Afton Community Parks Fund.
- Historian Report: Reports distributed. Mayor Nickerson stated that the report was available to anyone wishing to view it.
- Dog Control Officer: - No report.

Old Business:

- Mayor Nickerson called DOT about the request that was made by a resident, in regards to the intersection review. DOT stated that they have started the review process of the possibility of a stop light placement. But at this time they must wait until spring when the weather is better.
- Fire Hydrants - DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla presented the Village Board of Trustees with 3 estimates for the replacement of 3 non- operational fire hydrants. Trustee Lawrence asked Mr. Acla the locations in which the water system needs to be turned off in order to replace the fire hydrants. Mr. Acla stated the department would need to turn of water off at the top of Spring Street to Main Street and Academy Street to Sand Street. They will begin the replacement process once the weather breaks. Trustee Humphrey asked how long it would take the DPW to replace the fire hydrants. Mr. Acla stated that at most a day for each hydrant.

New Business:

- A motion was made by Trustee Muller to purchase 3 fire hydrants from F.W. Webb Company for no more than \$10,668.79, including freight. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor motion pass.
- Trustee Muller asked DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla to find out if F.W. Webb Company will be willing hold the paid products for the Village until such time as we need them. Mr. Acla stated that he'd call them.

Recognition of Visitors:

- Visitor Mr. Jim Reynolds a Benefits Professional from AFLAC spoke to the Village Board of Trustees about the different types of policies that AFLAC offers for Supplemental Insurance. He stated that the company offers a total of 9 different policy packages to customize everyone's needs. He stated that if the Village was interested in obtaining an insurance policy that it would require that at least 3 people sign up. Mr. Reynolds left pamphlets and his contact information for anyone interested.
- Visitor George L. Basila, a Water Quality Program Coordinator for Southern Tier 8 Regional Board spoke with the Village Board of Trustees about his part in helping the Village form a drinking water source protection program to help protect the village's drinking water. Mr. Basila explained the steps needed to start the project. He stated that the Village needs to form a stake holders group to help in the planning. It's already been decided that someone from the Chenango County Health Department, a member from DEC out of Syracuse and Mr. Brendon Becker from Lamont Engineers P.C. will be a part of the project. Mr. Basila stated that members of the board and the public need to be included.
- Mayor Nickerson stated we will need 2 members from the Village Board to be part of the project. It was decided that Trustee Muller and Trustee Humphrey would be those members. Mayor Nickerson said that Mr. Girard Matthews has indicated that he will help as a community member.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to enter into executive session at 8:38 pm, to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Seconded by Trustee Muller. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion made by Trustee Muller to leave executive session at 9:24 pm. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Lawrence to adjourn our regular meeting at 9:26 pm. Seconded by Trustee Muller. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer

