

**Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
January 13, 2014**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 13, 2014, 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 Richard Ramsey.

Visitors: Andrew Spathelf, Brandon Hunt, Matt Olin, Solon Tsangaras, Kevin Hotaling, Marissa Thornton, Deanna Lawrence, Mallory Lawrence, Tayler Cannistra, Tyler Lawrence , John Lawrence and Robert Humphrey Jr.

- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers, seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 500 - 525, Totaling \$29,261.17.
Water Fund Vouchers # 160 - 172 , Totaling \$20,895.80.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Zablocki, 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: No meeting was held.
- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same.
- Grant Committee: Remains the same.

Old Business:

- Discussions for the deposit placement agreement are still on hold at this time. The Mayor has asked that the Trustees look over the information that was given to the Village by the NBT Bank.

New Business:

- Visitor Solon Tsangaras approached the Village Board of the request with a request for a no parking law to be made for Spring Street, in the Village of Afton. He stated several good reasons why a no parking law should be in place. Visitor Deanna Lawrence agreed with Mr. Tsangaras, stating that this should include the Spring Street Extension.

- Visitor Deanna Lawrence asked the Village Board about the Police Department not answering phone calls to the general public. She stated that they should be respectfully returning phone calls to the residents.
- The Mayor informed Mrs. Lawrence that this situation is being handled. The plan is to have the calls go to the Chenango County Sheriff's Office when no officer is on duty. It will take time to change over.
- Visitor Tyler Lawrence asked how many hours a week we are paying police officers to work in this village. He then stated that maybe we should hire two full time officers instead of 5 part time officers.
- Visitor Robert Humphrey Jr. asked how much of a revenue the village is receiving from the Police Department.
- Visitor Deanna Lawrence asked if the police officers will check in with the County when they come on duty. If the system is changed.
- Visitor John Lawrence informed the Village Board that a week after we had our annual Christmas parade, that Bainbridge had their very first Christmas parade. He stated that maybe we might like to think about this becoming a combined effort, perhaps each village having floats in both parades.
- Visitor John Lawrence informed the Village Board that he had spoken with his son, Michael Lawrence, regarding contacting the cemetery board.
- Visitor Deanna Lawrence informed the Village Board that Officer Wright comes to the school during the lunch hour for the children and visits with them. This is a deed that allows the children to see the police department in a positive way.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds and Seconded by Trustee Zablocki to allow a responsible party to reserve the AYSO ball field for a June 2014 high school graduation party. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki and Seconded by Trustee Harvey to correct the dates for the clerks vacation. the office will be closed February 18-26, 2014. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board that the FEMA projects are under way. We will be having the closing on one location shortly. The second location has its paperwork still being processed.
- Trustee Simonds asked DPW Superintendent Richard Ramsey if Evergreen Street is on the list of sidewalk repairs.
- Trustee Harvey asked if there was any news on the clock project. This project remains the same.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:50pm and Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Palmatier
Clerk/Treasurer