

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
Special Meeting May 22, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 22, 2020 at 7 pm, in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton.

General public participation through Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm, by Mayor Nickerson.

Present: Mayor Nickerson, Trustees Lawrence, Trustee Simonds, Trustee Humphrey, Village Attorney Nathan VanWhy, Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier and DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla

Present via Phone: Trustee Muller

Visitors: Karen MacElhone, Charles Torres and Jodi Humphrey.

Mayor Nickerson called to restart meeting at 7:15 pm, as order by Governor Andrew Cuomo Executive Order No. 202.1: Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency - Article 7.

New Business:

- A motion, was made by Trustee Lawrence to appoint Girard Matthews as a Planning Board Member. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion, was made by Trustee Simonds to enter into executive session at 7:18 pm to discuss the employment of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to exit executive session to enter back into our regular session at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Trustee Lawrence. All in favor motion passed.
- Mayor Nickerson informed DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla that the Village has decided to terminate his employment with the Village of Afton.
- Mayor Nickerson asked for a motion to terminate DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla's employment with the Village of Afton, effective immediately.
- A motion was made by Trustee Muller to terminate DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla as a Village of Afton employee, effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Humphrey. All in favor, motion passed.
- Mayor Nickerson asked for a roll call vote to be called on the motion made by Trustee Muller to terminate DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla, as a Village employee, effective immediately. The Village Clerk / Treasurer, Ann Palmatier proceeded with a roll call vote, which resulted in the following:

Trustee: Robert Humphrey
Mayor: Janice Nickerson
Trustee: Michele Simonds
Trustee: Deanna Lawrence
Trustee: Sally Muller

VOTING: Yes
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- A motion was made by Trustee Muller to pay DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla his remaining balance of vacation and sick time up to 80 hours. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Village Board asked Mr. Acla to turn in the cell phone and keys that belonged to the Village. Mr. Acla stated that he only had the phone and the keys to the Village Office. Mr. Acla was asked to call the Village Office on Tuesday to make an appointment to have someone meet with him to return the rest of the village keys and he could pick up any personal items that he may have left at the village garage at that time.
- Trustee Lawrence stated that the Village has a plan in place for someone to oversee the department until they find a replacement.
- A motion was made by Trustee Muller to allow for advertisement to be placed in the paper on Tuesday for the open position. Seconded by Trustee Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made to close the Special Meeting at 8:10 pm by Trustee Muller. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed, affirmative vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer