

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
October 8, 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Burnett, Trustee Harvey, Trustee Matthews and Officer in Charge, Q. Wright

Absent: Trustee Zablocki, Trustee Simonds and DPW Superintendent, Andrew Acla.

Visitors: Charles Torres, Kenneth Vail, Pamela & David Wylubski, Martin Pettit, Craig & Barbara LaForte and Jeffrey Butler.

- A motion was made by Trustee Harvey authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers, Second by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 122 - 148, Totaling \$10,310.26.
Water Fund Vouchers # 49 – 62, Totaling \$8,571.94.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with the following correction. Visitor, Charles Torres, asked that his comment about him seeing the drug deals happening right before his eyes within the school zone be removed. Mr. Torres instead stated that when he goes to the school to pick up his son that he see the kids walk to the drug dealer's houses. Motion made by Trustee Matthews, second by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water: No Report.
- Police Department: Report distributed.
- Code Enforcement: No reports or representative. Waiting to hire for this position.
- Planning Board: Trustee Matthews informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Planning Board had met with Mr. Ivan King. Mr. King has purchased the Jockey Port location at 59 South Main Street. Mr. King had presented the Planning Board with his sight plan for the property. There currently are three apartments at this location. Mr. King is undecided at this time if he will make three more apartments or turn this space into office rentals. Trustee Matthews stated that Mr. King is zoned to carry out his project in either direction, and has been approved by the Planning Board.
- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Trustee Harvey stated that no meeting has been set, but that they are in the process of obtaining a new banner.
- Grant Committee: Remains the same.
- Parks Committee: Remains the same.
- Historian Report: Report distributed.
- Dog Control Officer: - Reports of August & September distributed.

Old Business:

- Weiss Cleanup – Remains the same.
- A motion was made by Trustee Harvey to hire Jeffrey Butler as the new Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Afton. Second by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to move \$20,000.00 from Water Checking into (8330.42- Equipment /Maintenance). Second by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to move \$800.00 from Water Checking into (8340.45 – Training). Second by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Harvey Motion to move \$6,750.00 from General Checking to (A1940.00 – Property Expense). Second by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustees Harvey to move \$50,000.00 from General Savings Acc # 9750 to (A5110.20 – Equipment/ Vehicle Repair & Maintenance). Second by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- One surplus bid for the John Deer lawn mower was received. The bid was in the amount of \$200.00. The Village Board of Trustees decided to reject this bid. There will be an advertisement placed in the Pennysaver for two weeks, along with another placed in the Tri-Town Town for one week.

New Business:

- A Resolution was made by Trustee Harvey 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

Second by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.

- The Village Board of Trustees discussed the surplus of the 2008 Chevy Dump Truck – Dump Box, Plow and Salter. It was tabled until next month, pending Mr. Acla's return.
- A letter received from Chenango County pertaining to the senior citizens income levels was distributed. The current rate will remain.
- Discussion of Trick or Treating hours was brought forth. Trustee Harvey stated that it was decided last year at our November 13, 2017, Board Meeting. Trick or Treating will take place on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Village.
- Playground Equipment – Leggett Park – Remains the same.

- Speaker – Daniel Fagnani- Delaware Engineers Report. – Not present, due to holiday.

Recognition of Visitors:

- Visitor, Pamela Wylubski, the Town Justice, informed the Village Board of Trustees that if Mr. Jeffrey Butler has any citations that must be brought to the Judge, she will recue herself from hearing the case, due to the fact that Mr. Butler is her uncle. Mrs. Wylubski stated that the case would then be heard as a civil penalty to another Village or Township. What fines are handed down will not be sent back to the Village, but rather to the Village or Township that the case was heard in.
- Visitor, Kenneth Vail, stated that we may want to rethink this hire if it's going to cost the Village revenue.
- Officer in Charge, Q. Wright, asked visitor Justice Wylubski if he is able to write the ordinance tickets instead of Mr. Jeffrey Butler. This way there would not be a conflict of interest. Justice Wylubski said that, yes, that can be done.
- Visitor, Kenneth Vail, asked what duties would be performed by Mr. Jeffrey Butler, as Code Enforcement Officer. It was explained that Mr. Butler would be in charge of seeing that all Village Codes & Ordinations be carried out.
- Many discussions were heard rgarding the fines & fees for Code infractions.
- Visitor, Pamela Wylubski, stated that the Village Planning Board has the ability to change the Code Infraction laws.
- Visitor, Pamela Wylubski, suggested that, as an employee of the Village, Mr. Butler be given a badge and photo I.D. Not only for his safely, but also for the public's safety.
- Visitor, Pamela Wylubski, informed the Village Board of Trustees that during the recent rainfall from Florence, Caswell Street was badly damaged. The water we went over the creek bank. This has not happened since the 2006 flooding. She stated that this is in part due to no drainage on the west side of Caswell Street. Mr. Acla needs to contact the State DOT. This is their responsibility to fix this issue.
- Mayor Burnett stated that a permit has been sent out to try and clean the stream out. We are in the process of collecting permission from area property owners as well.
- Visitor, Kenneth Vail, stated that the Village has had a number of different DPW Superintendents in the last few years. He stated that the Village Board of Trustees need to speak with the Superintendent to decide what items are acceptable for the yard debris pick up. Most residents are confused as to what is allowable. It seems as though the items allowable are changing all the time. He also questioned the Village Board of Trustees about the possibility of having a cleanup day to allow area residents to get rid of waste items that are not picked up by the DPW. To bring a hauler in perhaps twice a year, to be regulated by the DPW. This way maybe it would alleviate unwanted, illegal dumping.
- Visitor Pam Wybulski suggested that maybe the Village Board of Trustees could send out a post card or mailer to area residents as to what items and sizing is acceptable for pick up.

Also to have a set day as to when the services will be rendered. The DPW needs to be made aware as to when this shall take place, so everyone is on board.

- Visitor, Pam Wybulski, asked the Village Board of Trustees if they would at least consider the idea of reevaluating and sending out notices for a spring or fall cleanup for larger items. The Village Board stated yes.
- Visitor, Martin Pettit, asked the Village Board of Trustees about the proposed idea of forming a committee for the Police Department.
- Officer in Charge, Q. Wright, stated that he is willing to discuss options with the Village Board of Trustees. He suggested that they go into executive session.
- Visitor, Charles Torres, stated that there is grant money available to maintain the police force.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to form a committee for the feasibility and sustainability for the police force. Second by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- Currently, we have two members who are willing to sit on this committee: Mr. Charles Torres and Mr. Martin Pettit.
- A motion was made by Trustee Harvey to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:10 pm. Second by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer