

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH HORSELL VILLAGE BOARD
OCTOBER 10, 2017 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: John Falci
Trustees: Frank Libordi & Peter DiRaimondo, Joseph Ingalls & Elise McCollumn
Clerk: Kristene Libordi
Fire Chief Michael Robbins
Fire President Chris Patterson
Supervisor Pub Works Richard Scavo
Public Works Charles Harrison
OIC Scott Richardson - Absent
CEO William Rusby
ZBA Chair – Mary Barnes
Evening Tribune Rep – Jason Jordon

Mayor Falci opened meeting at 7:00PM with the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Trustee Frank Libordi, seconded by Trustee Peter DiRaimondo and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye		
Trustee Libordi	Aye	Trustee DiRaimondo	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee McCollumn	Aye

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion to accept the August and September Treasurer’s Report was made by Trustee Elise McCollumn, seconded by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye		
Trustee Libordi	Aye	Trustee DiRaimondo	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee McCollumn	Aye

POLICE REPORT

Mayor Falci gave the Police Report for September.

General Complaints	4
Property checks	130
Assisted Police	1
Assisted ambulance	1
Total Patrol hours	55

The department continues to monitor Seneca Rd. for commercial traffic enforcement as well as Chambers St. Department was awarded a scanner, printer and hardware for police car from TRACS grant program. There will be coverage for Halloween trick or treating (6-8PM on Halloween night). There was more discussion on commercial traffic during the day. The board would like an officer to work during the day.

A motion to accept the Police Report was made by Trustee Libordi, seconded by Trustee Joseph Ingalls and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye		
Trustee Libordi	Aye	Trustee DiRaimondo	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee McCollumn	Aye

FIRE REPORT

Chief Michael Robbins gave the monthly report.

- Brush 4 qualifications and annual refresher are being done
- Pumper tanker is ordered and should be here in February
- E58 to be sold
- Ladder and fall protection testing is done
- Schedule A's and pump tests are done – all passed with few repairs
- FEMA AFG 20165 discussion
- October 12 fire prevention for N Hornell School Pathways children on the 13th
- October 19 at Elderwood for fire prevention presentation

A motion to accept the Fire Report was made by Trustee McCollum, seconded by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye		
Trustee Libordi	Aye	Trustee DiRaimondo	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee McCollum	Aye

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer William Rusby noted that 7 building permits were issued during the Month of September. He is working with the Humane Society to remove cats from a house on Seneca Rd. He is still working on removing old garage sale signs from utility poles. He will contact the residents who placed them.

A motion to accept the Code Enforcement Report was made by Trustee Libordi, seconded by Trustee Ingalls and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye		
Trustee Libordi	Aye	Trustee DiRaimondo	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee McCollum	Aye

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Superintendent Richard Scavo gave the Maintenance Report.

- Gully washer on Fourth St that affected Elmwood to Seneca causing flooding
- Additional flooding at Marick Park and Cleveland Ave/Park St
- Noted a study done years prior to increase size of storm line as part of the First St drainage project. He will look into it to alleviate this problem
- New water connection and sewer tap for Ashley Nicole Designs on Seneca Rd
- New drainage on Wightman by Gaffney home - a correction from the gas company error when they put new grass in and not replacing gravel.
- Shared services with the Town on clearing catch basins between 70A and Rte 21
- Currently working on new sewer main on Willow St. to Meyers parcel
- One fire hydrant to replace on Seneca Rd.
- Rich and Charlie attended Steuben County PESH training
- Charlie attended week long water school to obtain NYS Dept of Health Class D license
- He will have Griffin Ellis to give proposal energy audit of Village hall and a cost comparison for the LED street lights. At no cost to Village He will report back at Nov 13th meeting

A motion to accept the Maintenance Report was made by Trustee DiRaimondo, seconded by Trustee McCollum and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye		
Trustee Libordi	Aye	Trustee DiRaimondo	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee McCollum	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL CODE PUBLISHING

CEO Rusby stated that any local laws that have not been included in code book need to be addressed. The board started in 2005 to revamp the code book but did not complete. The board asked the clerk to have CEO Rusby to look at the 2005 book recommendations and to reach out to General Code Pub on costs.

AVONDALE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Mayor wants an official recommendation from the Planning Board on their findings regarding development of the Avondale property. He will contact the Village attorney regarding the sale of the property and will discuss at the next month board meeting. He will contact PB Chair Maureen Broughton.

OLD BUSINESS

TAP UPDATE

Trustee Ingalls and DiRaimondo gave an update on Tap:

They have received 7 proposals from various consultants.

They are in the selection phase and will set up a presentation with the full board after 3 consultants have been selected.

Met with Todd Staring at DOT to help with the selection process.

Looking at a 2019 construction season start date.

Would like to have consultant who has worked on ADH construction over the past 2 year

In RFP percentages were given on how consultants would be scored. There are 5 different categories used.

OTHER

CHAMBERS ST – SPEED BUMPS

Trustee McCollum reported that she has been asked by Chambers St and Seneca Rd Residents to investigate the possibility of speed bumps on Chambers St. They are still having problems with speeding vehicles traveling on this street. Trustee Ingalls suggested a dialogue with someone from the DOT.

Trustee McCollum would like to start conversation on Seneca Rd traffic that will be generated by the new hospital.

Trustee Ingalls noted that part of this will be addressed in the design phase of the TAP depending on bicycle lanes.

He also asked if we could get a copy of the updated traffic counts from the Town. It was noted again that there needs to be a Police presence during the day to handle traffic issues. Mayor will speak to OIC Richardson

FIRE COMPANY – GRIEVANCES

Fire Company President Chris Patterson gave the following list of grievances with the Village board:

Personal attacks on the company by certain people on this board

There have been special meetings to deal with personnel (firefighters) taking place

Multiple Village board members going to area businesses and departments asking questions about the Fire Company (No one has asked these questions of the Fire Company)

Policies are not supposed to be just for the fire company but minutes (7-10-17) read the "Fire Department Accident Policy"

Volunteer fire members will turn their gear in because of this

Meetings have taken place with no minutes regarding fire personnel from 9-25-17 to 10-2-2017

These could be illegal meetings

Would like a clear line of communication between the fire members and the Village board

Elderwood has told them that they have been asked questions that should be directed to the fire company

Trustee Libordi stated that he had been to Elderwood asking questions and had foiled information from Steuben County 911. This goes back to last month when there was a change made with the Hornell Fire Department taken off the call boxes. The board unanimously wanted the Hornell Fire Department placed back on the call box immediately.

President Patterson stated that if Hornell was called and their truck was in an accident, the Village would be liable for the damaged truck. The Board was not aware of that.

Discussion continued regarding the call to Elderwood last month and what happened at Elderwood between the North Hornell Fire Department and Hornell Fire. The Village Fire department questioned why Trustee Libordi didn't talk to them about the incident.

Trustee Ingalls stated that call boxes were changed without any discussion with the board.

Trustee McCollum who attended the Fire Company meeting held to give information on the incident gave the board a description of what she was told.

Fire Chief Robbins stated that the bottom line is not the box alarm issue, but between the firefighters and every Village Board member.

Mayor Falci stated that the board did not ask for an opinion from the fire department when they had the two meetings because they were gathering information to see if they should pursue a possible problem of insubordination. Then they would make the judgment to sit down with the Fire Company. He reaffirmed that the board and fire department need to work together.

Mr. Patterson stated that they can talk to the board with the exception of Trustee Libordi. He asked if Trustee Libordi had faith in their job.

Trustee Libordi stated that Chief Robbins was very disrespectful to the board and Mayor at last month's meeting and refused to answer certain questions. He asked Chief Robbins if he emailed (immediately) the order he receive from the board to put Hornell back on the call box. Chief Robbins stated yes. However he cannot show proof that it was done. He does not know what happened to it. Trustee Libordi stated that there is no proof that the Chief did what he was told to do but he expects the board to believe him.

Trustee Libordi was asked again if he trusts the Fire Department and he stated yes.

More discussion between Fire Department and Trustee Libordi and discussion regarding the problems between North Hornell and Hornell fire departments.

President Patterson stated that there will be changes made to separate by-laws that are Fire Company or Fire Department.

Trustee McCollum stated that the incident at Elderwood facilitated the conversation the board had at the special meetings. The meetings were about why Hornell wasn't called to Elderwood. The board didn't know the call box hadn't been changed. Since the Mayor gave a directive to have it changed the next day, the board thought it had happened. The board had asked for a follow up letter stating that it had been taken care of. They did not receive it. Mayor Falci concluded that communication is important.

RESOLUTION 25-2017

Mayor Falci explained the resolution regarding the land exchange between Ed and Michele Flaitz and the Village. Board to read and it will be on next month's meeting.

PAY BILLS

General Fund	Voucher #121-148	\$18,828.21
Sewer Fund	Voucher #22-28	\$ 3,092.74

A motion to pay bills was made by Trustee DiRaimondo, seconded by Mayor Falci and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye		
Trustee Libordi	Aye	Trustee DiRaimondo	Aye
Trustee Ingalls	Aye	Trustee McCollum	Aye

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Ingalls, seconded by Trustee McCollum and carried.

Mayor Falci	Aye		
Trustee Libordi	Aye	Trustee DiRaimondo	Aye

Trustee Ingalls Aye Trustee McCollumn Aye

Motion to reenter meeting made by made by Mayor Falci, seconded by Trustee DiRaimondo and carried.

Mayor Falci Aye

Trustee Libordi Aye Trustee DiRaimondo Aye

Trustee Ingalls Aye Trustee McCollumn Aye

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT

Board approved employing a part time laborer to work hours that employee Roy Jones cannot. Hours to be 16 per week and will help with leaf collection. Roy will continue to maintain restrooms at Safety Building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Falci, seconded by Trustee McCollumn and carried.

Mayor Falci Aye

Trustee Libordi Aye Trustee DiRaimondo Aye

Trustee Ingalls Aye Trustee McCollumn Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Kristene Libordi

Village Clerk