

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
December 9, 2013

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 9, 2013, 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: Roy Hopke, Mallory Lawrence, Deanna Lawrence, Michael Lawrence , Robert Humphrey Jr.

- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers, seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 459 - 499, Totaling \$31,817.59.
Water Fund Vouchers # 150 - 159 , Totaling \$20,262.34.
- 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: Another successful Christmas parade. We will be working on ideas for next year's parade.
- Grant Committee: Remains the same.

Old Business:

- After reviewing the estimates of repair for a new mower, it has been decided to repair the current mower at this time. Once fixed we will continue to use the current mower until a new mower can be purchased in the spring. The old mower will be used as a secondary mower.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki and Seconded by Trustee Matthews to purchase a new mower for no more than \$8000.00. The mower will be purchased from River Valley New Holland, Inc. They have agreed to hold the mower for us until needed in the spring. All in favor, motion passed.
- Discussions for the deposit placement agreement are on hold at this time.

New Business:

- Visitor Michael Lawrence informed the Village Board of late night activity that has been occurring on Pixley Drive up near the Glenwood Cemetery. There are several vehicles that drive up to this location nightly between the hours of 9pm to 11pm. He stated that he has been in contact with Charlie Holdrege in regards to this matter as well. Mr. Holdrege has told Mr. Lawrence of the criminal destruction on the cemetery grounds. As well as the missing gas cans on the property. Mr. Lawrence stated that he has contacted the police department about this matter several times. He also stated that he has had zero response from Mr. Pettit. Mr. Lawrence has made a suggestion of putting up some type of fencing or moveable portable or swing gate, to keep this activity from happening. Mr. Lawrence has even offered to purchase the gate. Mr. Lawrence also stated that Mr. Holdrege is in favor of putting a gate in at this time. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Lawrence contact the Cemetery Board in regards to putting a gate in place. Mr. Lawrence stated that he would do so.
- Visitor Deanna Lawrence informed the Village Board that she personally spoke with three officers at the school about the late night activity taking place on Pixley Drive. No response or action has been made towards resolving this matter.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to hold the village election at the Jack Bolster Community center Susquehanna room from 12-9 on March 18, 2014, seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to appoint two election inspectors for March 18, 2014, for the Village Election. Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds and Seconded by Trustee Matthews to approve of two new part time positions for the Village DPW. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews and Seconded by Trustee Zablocki for the Village Board to hold harmless Roy Hopke and logging company receiving contract, if breakage occurs in piping at crossing if they have followed correct protocol for protection of piping. All in favor, motion passed.
- The warrant for unpaid taxes has been brought to the Trustees and the Mayor for signatures before returning to the county for collections.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews and seconded by Trustee Harvey to return warrant for unpaid taxes to county for relevy. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Mayor introduced visitor Mr. Hopke to the Village Board Members. Mr. Hopke informed the Village Board that all the contracts for bids are very responsible companies.
- Mr. Hopke also informed the Village Board that the second entrance to the springs will be used to remove all timber. Planks and bridges that are four feet wide with ramps wired together will be used for driving across the water lines.
- Bids were opened and recorded on the harvesting of the timber on Valonia Springs. The bids are as follows: 1) B & B Lumber Company Inc. \$ 24,150.00. 2) A. D. Bowman &

Sons Lumber Co. Inc. \$29,189.00. 3) Gutchess Lumber Company, Inc. \$35,620.00. 4) Wagner Millwork LLC. \$30,303.00.

- Motion made by Trustee Zablocki and seconded by Trustee Simonds to accept the highest bid of \$ 35,620.00 made by Gutchess Lumber Company, Inc.. All in favor, motion passed.
- Trustee Matthews asked Mr. Hopke how many trees would be removed during the timber harvest. The total numbers of trees that are expected to be removed are 1123.
- A motion was made to contribute \$100.00 from the Joelyn Sines 5K Run / Walk fund to a scholarship fund to be given through the school in June 2014. by Trustee Simonds and Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews and Seconded by Trustee Zablocki to go into executive session. For personnel reasons. All in favor, motion passed. 7:55pm.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews and Seconded by Trustee Simonds to close the executive session. All in favor, motion passed. 8:11pm.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:12pm and Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Palmatier
Clerk/Treasurer