

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
January 14, 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 14, 2019 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 Matthews, Trustee Zablocki, Village Attorney Beth Westfall, DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla and Village Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Butler.

Absent: Trustee Harvey, Trustee Simonds

Visitors: Charles Torres, Daniel Fagnani, Donald Lockwood Jr., Edward Jones III, Ernie Cutting III, Toni Rutkiewicz, Donna Rutkiewicz and Ernie Cutting 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 # 206 - 235, Totaling \$10,046.53.
Water Fund Vouchers # 81 – 95, Totaling \$1,910.57.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Matthews, seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water: Report Distributed.
- Police Department. No Report.
- Code Enforcement: Jeffrey Butler stated that he has been working on follow up's. Mr. Butler asked that Village Board of Trustees about what the protocol is on cleaning up snow removal. It states in the Village Code Book that all sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours of snow fall. Trustee Matthews informed Mr. Butler that it's his call on whether the said sidewalk appears to be a danger.
- Planning Board: Trustee Matthews informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Planning Board once again met with the new Village Code Enforcement Officer. They discussed issues that would be beneficial to Mr. Butler. The Planning Board continues to work on updating the Village Code Book. They are using Code Books from area Villages as a guide with this long process.
- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same.

- Grant Committee: The Village Clerk/ Treasure informed the Board of Trustees that we have received our 4th & final payments from the Department of State, for their part in the Strategic Grant. We are still waiting on the closing of the Empire State Development portion of the Strategic Grant.
- Parks Committee: Visitor Ernie Cutting Jr. who's a member of the Parks Committee informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Parks Committee will be holding a Valentines Dance. Taking place on February 8th, 2019 at The River Club. The Parks Committee is raising funds for different projects. One of which is to place a toddler park on the property across from the fairgrounds.
- Historian Report: Report distributed.
- Dog Control Officer: - Report distributed for November and December.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to approve Shirley Butler & Diane Whipple as election inspectors for the Village of Afton March election. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki appointing the Penny Saver as the official newspaper for the Village of Afton. Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- A letter along with a billing from the Library for water clean-up was distributed to the Village Board of Trustees for review.
- The Library has stated that the hot water tank in the utility room continues to leak. DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla stated that a new tank is on order. It will be replaced by Wednesday.
- A Village resident has stated that the Community Building gutters are clogged. DPW Superintendent Andrew Acla stated that they will look into this matter once the weather allows.
- Speaker – Daniel Fagnani- Delaware Engineers Report. – Mr. Fagnani informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Village was not awarded the Water Infrastructure Grant to help with the update on the water storage tank project. Mr. Fagnani stated that the Village did not score high enough to be awarded the funds. He said there are several factors they consider. He explained that the grant the Village had applied for has two application components. The second part of the grant is a financing application for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Mr. Fagnani informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Village did not receive

the second part of the grant funding. Mr. Fagnani stated that the Village will need to decide on a plan to move forward. Mr. Fagnani stated that in order for the Village to gain grant funding they would need to think about raises the water rates by 40% to 45% yearly.

- Trustee Matthews stated that in past that in order for a hardship for the community it has to be more that 2% of income per family. It's only 1% when we run those numbers.
- The Village Attorney asked Mr. Fagnani about the funding application that was submitted for the Village. Mr. Fagnani stated that there was one issued, but that the Village was not planning on going forward without the grant funding on the project. Attorney Westfall also inquired about the reserved funds that are set aside.

Recognition of Visitors:

- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to enter into executive session for personnel matters at 7:30 pm. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to exit executive session at 8:25 pm. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn regular meeting at 8:26 pm. Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Palmatier
Clerk / Treasurer

