

**Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
March 11, 2013**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 11, 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 Zablocki and Trustee Matthews.

Visitors: John Lawrence and 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 # 244 - 268, Totaling \$8,483.28.
Water Fund Vouchers # 75 - 80, Totaling \$20,965.71.
- 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. Mr. Metzger the code enforcer is still working on some property issue locations within the village. Mr. Metzger attended the March Planning Board Meeting.
- Planning Board: Meeting was held this month. Discussions were made in regards to the guide lines needed for the Village of Afton to adapt a village sign law. Also the NYS Department of State will be conducting a Planning/Zoning training program in Norwich, NY in which Trustee Matthews, Mayor Muller and one Planning Board Member plan on attending.
- Finance/Insurance: We met with Mr. Parsons to go over our current policies. He informed the Mayor that NYMIR has applied for a reduction in rates for the new policy year.
- Christmas Parade Committee: No Meeting was held this month. The application for a funding grant for the Chenango County Arts has been denied for this year.
- Grant Committee: The Mayor asked visitor Mr. Humphrey if he would be interested in forming a Grant Committee. New playground equipment on Pleasant Ave, would be one of the projects that they could work on. He was given a list of several names of residents who may be willing to help.

Old Business:

- The Mayor has repitioned for payment of outstanding moneys due from FEMA for the Spring Street Extension Project.

New Business:

- Visitor Mr. John Lawrence addressed the Village Board of Trustees and the Mayor, about his concerns for the town paying for the entire electric bill for the property located at 19 Court Street in the Village. This location is shared with the Court, and the Police as well as the DPW office. It was believed the Court was on a separate meter. This matter will be addressed, so that the situation can be rectified.
- Visitor Robert Humphrey Jr. made a suggestion to the Village Board of Trustees and the Mayor. During our annual Arts & Craft Show in August, we should hold a K-5 run as a way of bringing more people into the village.
- Trustee Matthews informed the Village Board that he received notification from the DOT, Binghamton, NY that they have gone to the next step in regards to the clock committee. There are still many steps to be taken to insure this project is done correctly, as well as what is best for the Village. At this time no plan has been approved by the Village Board of Trustees.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustee of the letter that was received from the NYS Department of Transportation. After their review they have decided to place advance pedestrian warning signs on Maple Street (NYS Route 41 West) and the exit ramp from I-88. Along with advanced 30 MPH warning signs on the I-88 exit 7 ramps prior to the Village line.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees of the proposal that was received from the Cornell University Cooperative Extension Program out of Norwich, NY. They are hosting several different programs for area residents to participate in. One of which is a community garden.
- A motion was made by Trustee Harvey to allow no more than 6 garden box plots on the knoll behind the community center. This program will be supervised by a village resident volunteer. Seconded by Trustee Matthews, All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:00pm and Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Palmatier
Clerk/Treasurer