

**Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
May 13, 2013**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 13, 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: Jerry Harris, April Leggett, Robert Humphrey Jr. and John Lawrence

- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers, seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.
General Fund Vouchers # 291-310, Totaling \$8,795.92.
Water Fund Vouchers # 91-100 , Totaling \$1,618.10.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Zablocki, seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water –Report distributed .
- Police Department: No representative.
- Code Enforcement: No representative.
- Planning Board: Meeting was held last Monday night. The Board worked on the village sign laws.
- Finance/Insurance: Mr. Parsons was here to renew the Villages current policies.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the same. No meeting was held this month.
- Grant Committee: We are continually looking for members to help with a play ground committee at this time. The Mayor will be contacting Barbara Heller, to see if she would be interested in helping.

Old Business:

- The Mayor informed the Board of Trustees that the Merrill property has been accepted for demolishing through a FEMA Grant.
- The Village Board was informed that the house on 23 Main Street has been demolished, due to a house fire.

New Business:

- The Organizational Meeting for the Village of Afton was held during the regular May meeting. Motion was made for the following: All Planning Board and Appeals Board

members will remain the same. The Attorney for the Village will be Coughlin & Gerhardt. The official depository for all monies will be The NBT Bank. The official newspaper will continue to be The Tri-Town News. Our mileage reimbursement will be \$.50. Our monthly board meeting will be held every second Monday of the Month at 7PM. in the Susquehanna Room at the Jack D Bolster Community Center 105 Main Street. All Village committees will remain the same. Deputy Mayor will be Gloria Harvey, Motion for the preceding was made by Trustee Simonds and seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.

- The status of the D.O.T. application for the clock committee is still in process. 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.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds and Seconded by Trustee Zablocki to allow the Village to become a Chamber of Commerce Member. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Village of Afton's Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday May 27th at 10 am. Our guest speaker for this year will be Mrs. Margery Secret. Please bring the family and join in the honoring of all our lost loved ones.
- A motion was made by Trustee Harvey and Seconded by Trustee Zablocki to allow the Village Clerk to close the Village Office on Monday May 27, 2013 in observance of Memorial Day.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to accept the resignation letter of Michael Dougherty in his position as laborer for the DPW. Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Mayor informed the Board of Trustees about the American Power & Gas Company seeking the villages energy business. At this time the village is doing business with Ambit Energy.
- The Mayor informed the Board of Trustees that Donald Smith who is an employee for the DPW, will be retiring on May 24, 2013.
- The Mayor informed the Board of Trustees that she will be conducting interviews this week to fill the vacant position with the DPW, for a laborer.
- It was brought to the attention of the Village Board of Trustees that an individual inquired about logging the Valonia Springs location. No cutting has been done on this location since the 1990's. The village will look to see if this location may need cutting. Mr. Humphrey offered to contact a forester friend for an opinion.
- Visitors April Leggett and Jerry Harris who are members of the Flood Plan Mitigation Committee addressed the Village Board of Trustees and Mayor about a professor that they have met with from Suny Binghamton. He is willing to come here and do a study about the culvert problem. They are planning on holding an informational meeting on August 15th, 2013 at 7 pm at Jack D. Bolster Community Center.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews and Seconded by Trustee Simonds to set aside a monetary amount of \$100.00 for the traveling expenses incurred by the professor as he

studies the culvert problem. Supervisor John Lawrence said that he would ask the Town Board to contribute \$100.00 for the same reason. All in favor, motion passed.

- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:55pm and Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Palmatier
Clerk/Treasurer