

Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
November 13, 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held November 13, 2017 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 and David Bird

Visitors: Brenda James

- 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 # 111 -141, Totaling \$16,725.68.
Water Fund Vouchers # 34 – 41, Totaling \$1,577.82.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Matthews, seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water: Report distributed.
- Police Department. Report distributed.
- Code Enforcement: No report.
- Planning Board: Trustee Matthews informed the Village Board of Trustees that per the Mayors request from the last board meeting, he is checking the distance for the Afton Baptist Church to the property for sale by Afton Equipment.
- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: New bank account has been set up.
- Grant Committee: The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that we are working on the last part of the grant with ESD.
- Parks Committee: The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that the committee has purchased new playground equipment for Leggett Park to be installed this spring.
- Historian Report: Report distributed.

Old Business:

- Weiss Cleanup – Remains the same.
- Harassment Policy – All Trustee's and Mayor have looked over & read- Motion was made by Trustee Simonds to adopt the Anti- Harassment Policy as suggested by NYMIR. Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- Sidewalk- Strong- David Bird stated that they are still working on this.

New Business:

- Visitor Brenda James spoke with the Village Board of Trustees about the many new and exciting ideas for this year's Christmas Parade, as well as the many events taking place in and around the Village. She also informed the Village Board of Trustees that the Town of Afton has made a generous donation towards the Parade. Mrs. James also presented the Village Board of Trustees with a letter requesting the annual donation that the Village gives towards the parade.
- There was discussions between Mrs. James and the Village Board about the placement of the Nut Crackers the Village received in donation last year from Wagner's Lumber Company. The Nut Crackers are very heavy and need to be properly installed. DPW will be looking into this.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to approve the donation of \$200.00 towards the Christmas Parade Committee. Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- Trustee Harvey asked the Mayor about the changing of the time schedule for Trick or Treating next year to be 5 pm to 7pm. Trustee Harvey stated that she heard many comments and concerns about children still being on the school buses until after 4pm. As well as parents not getting home from work until after 4 pm. It was decided that Trick or Treating will take place from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Village starting next year.
- A Resolution was made by Trustee Matthews to support the proposed Broome, Chenango, Delaware Family ATV, Dirt Bike Park. Seconded by Trustee Simonds. All In favor, motion passed.

The following Resolution was made:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSED BROOME, CHENANGO, DELAWARE FAMILY ATV & DIRT BIKE PARK

WHEREAS, there is a proposal to provide a safe and legal space for dirt bike and All-terrain vehicle (ATV) enthusiasts and their families to spend time together riding in the great outdoors of New York State through a Broome Chenango Delaware Family ATV & Dirt Bike Park, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Afton understands that communities are made stronger when families have more opportunities to interact with each other in positive and constructive ways and that having those opportunities would increase with the creation of a riding park in the region.

WHEREAS, the creation of a riding park in Broome, Chenango, & Delaware counties would positively impact our region by increasing tourism and by attracting people from across the United States which will provide an economic stimulus to New York State and the local communities that surround this park through increased food sales, lodging receipts, outdoors equipment purchases, sales tax revenue, and various other sources.

WHEREAS, the Village of Afton understands the connection between strong families and opportunities for family engagement and the creation of an ATV riding park in the region would increase those opportunities in a positive and constructive manner.

WHEREAS, the Village of Afton also understands the importance of supporting opportunities and activities that can help combat alcohol and substance abuse by promoting positive family based activities like an A TV riding park that promote social interaction between children, young adults and adults and increase respect for our natural resources in our state forests and parks.

WHEREAS, the Village of Afton supports activities that promote a strong and healthy community both socially and economically, and the creation of an ATV riding park would support those efforts and help with the retention of our population base, generate new job opportunities, encourage private investment and increase the use of our state's natural resources.

WHEREAS, the development of a Broome Chenango Delaware Family ATV & Dirt Bike Park supports each of those goals, and

WHEREAS, the development of a Broome Chenango Delaware Family ATV & Dirt Bike Park will also bring in substantial dollars to the state for conservation efforts, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Afton wishes to express its support of a Broome Chenango Delaware Family A TV & Dirt Bike Park in the New York State Park System utilizing Oquaga Creek State Park, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Afton supports a Broome Chenango Delaware Family ATV & Dirt Bike Park at the park system centered at Oquaga Creek State Park, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Village of Afton shall forward a certified copy of the resolution that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Senator Frederick Akshar, New York State Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, New York State Assemblyman Clifford Crouch and New York State Assemblyman Christopher Friend.

- The current dog report has been sent to the Village. It was passed around the table for review.
- The Mayor asked the Village Board of Trustees to consider the possibility of the Village obtaining a credit card for purchases that require a card. There have been incidences where the Mayor has had to use her personal credit card to make purchases for different Village Departments.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds to close the office for Thanksgiving, November 23rd, 2017. Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to move \$5, 000.00 from Contingency Fund – 1999.0 to A5110.20 Equipment / Vehicle Repair & Maintenance. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Trustee Simonds stating that the 2018 Village Election will be held on Tuesday, March 20th, 2018. The election will take place at the Jack D. Bolster Community Center, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY, polls will be open from noon until 9 pm. Officers to be elected are two Trustees with a Four year term each and the Mayors position with a term of Four years. Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- DPW David Bird informed the Village Board of Trustees that the water has been turned off at Davy's Field. The Mayor stated that she will speak with Ernest Cutting about the electric being turned off. He also informed the Board that the 2009 Chevy Truck has been repaired and is fully operational. He has suggested to the Village Board of Trustees that they may want to consider eventually replacing the 2007 Backhoe instead of a truck.

- Trustee Harvey asked DPW David Bird about the drainage holes on the bridge, they appear to be clogged. Mr. Bird stated that he'd call DOT.
- Trustee Matthews informed DPW David Bird that the utility light pole is out in front of Jockey Port.
- Trustee Harvey also informed DPW David Bird that there is a broken glass bottle on the bridge, if he could see to that it is cleaned up.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that DWP David Bird disposed of 2 dead deer located across from the County Store last week.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:12 pm and Seconded by Trustee Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Palmatier
Clerk/Treasurer