

**Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
September 8, 2014**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held September 8, 2014, 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 Matthews, and Trustee Zablocki . Also present DPW Superintendent Richard Ramsey, Martin Pettit

Absent: Trustee Simonds

Visitors: N/A

- 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 # 730-754 , Totaling \$35,125.90.
Water Fund Vouchers # 243-248 , Totaling \$4,732.53.
- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections was made by Trustee Zablocki, seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water: Report distributed.
- Police Department: Verbal report given by Officer in charge Martin Pettit.
- Code Enforcement: No representative.
- Planning Board: No meeting was held. Still in need of new village planning board member.
- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Christmas Parade Committee: Remains the Same.
- Grant Committee: Remains the same.

Old Business:

- 2% Tax Cap Law will be tabled at this time. The Mayor discussed with the Board Members the process of the 2% Tax Cap Law.

New Business:

- DPW Superintendent informed the Board that Samuel Reynolds resigned last week.
- Officer Pettit informed the Village Board that on the second day of school there was a custody issue. He discussed with Board that there may be a need for the School to fund

police force during the day. There was mention that there may be grant money available towards this service.

- Officer Pettit presented the Board with the resignation of Jason Sherman as the part time Sergeant for the Village of Afton.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to accept the resignation of Sergeant Sherman. Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.
- Officer Pettit recommended that Officer Ronald Swislosky be promoted to Sergeant at this time. Officer Pettit gave a good number of reasons why Office Swislosky would make for a good choice. Office Pettit also asked the Board to increase the current pay scale for this job.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to appoint Officer Swislosky as Sergeant for a trial period. Beginning with the first full payroll period he will be paid rate of \$15.25 hourly. Based on the written recommendation of Office Pettit at the end of this trial period Office Swislosky will be reviewed for a increase in pay. Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.
- Officer Pettit discussed with the Board interruptions he receives during off hours for Village Business. He proposed to the Board that they do away with the hand held phone used for these issues. As he has stated that no one calls him on village phone anyway. He stated that everyone calls him on his own personal phone. With everyone reaching him on his personal phone he is asking the village contribute towards the costs of his phone costs. The Mayor asked that the Trustees think about this proposal for now.
- The Mayor informed the Trustees of the three different proposals the village has received for the rebuilding of the Police Department. The cost of repairs for this project is not high enough let for bid. The contractor who will be starting the repairs in three weeks will be Newbauer Construction.
- The Mayor informed the Village Board of Trustees that the back water bills have been settled for the Whispering Pines Trailer Park and have been paid up to date.
- A motion was made by Trustee Zablocki to move \$2650.00 under gifts and donations (A2705) to tree removal (5110.49). Seconded by Trustee Harvey. All in favor, motion passed. This money was received by the home owners who participated in the villages tree removal proposal.
- 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. 8:05 pm.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews and Seconded by Trustee Zablocki to close the executive session. All in favor, motion passed. 9:45 pm.
- A motion was made by Trustee Matthews to adjourn our regular meeting at 9:46 pm and Seconded by Trustee Zablocki. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Palmatier
Clerk/Treasurer