



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Donna O'Hara
Trustee Bill Boyd, Jr.
Trustee Brian Cornell
Trustee Jeremy Smith

Village of Union Springs

Board of Trustees Minutes August 20, 2024

Meeting began at 6:01 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Mayor Robert Thurston, Trustee Bill Boyd, Deputy Mayor Donna O'Hara and Trustee Brian Cornell

Also in attendance: Attorney Chad Hayden, Kevin Thurston Water Operator

Absent: Clerk, Christine Van Horn, Joe Smith DPW Superintendent, Treasurer Jennifer Schenck

Arrived late: Trustee Jeremy Smith (arrived @ 6:58pm)

Public present:

Noah Davis (Exit 6:51 pm), Brian Samara(Exit 7:27pm), and Jason Barnes(Exit 6:51 pm)

Opened Public Hearing for Local Law #3 authorizing re-levy of village charges to be added to tax bills for unkept lawn fees

Motion to open by Trustee Bill Boyd, seconded by Trustee Brian Cornell, all ayes

Motion to close public hearing by Deputy Mayor, Donna O'Hara, seconded by Trustee Bill Boyd, all ayes

Motion to approve Local Law #3 made by Trustee Bill Boyd, seconded by Trustee Brian Cornell. All ayes

From the Public:

Brian Samara attended to discuss the Union Springs Academy block property on corners of Seminary/Grove and Anthony Streets. Trustee Bill Boyd noted property was surveyed for potential housing of teaching staff. Currently just a concept for module type homes. Space for 7 but most likely will be for 2-3 homes. Won't happen this year, when it does happen 2-3 single family homes. No permit or plans yet presented to Village Code Officer or Planning Board.

Noah Davis- Center Street(home). Looking to do firearms sales from home within Village. No store front, only sell out of home and by appointment only. Currently employed at Cargill, 5-7 year plan to build knowledge and successfully run business. Would sell pistols, revolvers, rifles, shot guns, semi-automatics and AR15's. Code Officer, Howard Tanner referred Noah to Village

Board for consideration. *Board will review zoning laws and exceptions* with Code Officer. Noah will follow up in two weeks with Clerk on progress.

Jason Barnes addressed Board regarding Susquehanna Bassmaster's complaint. FOIL report filed. Dead fish floating on surface near docks. Complaint shared with VP Allen Green via phone with ECO Sincebaugh. Jason expressed concerns of unprofessionalism and disrespect how fish were dead and left in lake. MLF Platform not followed. Discussion between Jason and Board around number of tournaments being held and fishing results. Mayor Robert Thurston will draft letter to Susquehanna Bassmaster's regarding incident.

Clerk's Report:

Review and approve minutes from July 16, 2024 meeting.

Motion made by Trustee Brian Cornell, seconded by Trustee Bill Boyd, all ayes.

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August 27, 2024 Hibiscus Harbor. Additions: Bill and Annette Boyd

Procedure Binder -Binder work in progress – Green Binder on cabinet in clerk's office for review.

Girl Scouts, thank you from Girl Scouts and support received from DPW team

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Schenck

Emailed abstracts, treasurer's report, boat launch revenue prior to meeting.

Audit of Bills: Abstract #3

General Fund: Vouchers 105-167 \$50,885.97

Water Fund: Vouchers 165–166 \$31,019.18

Sewer Fund: Vouchers 109–165 \$40,632.58

WWTP: Vouchers 118-123 \$16,095.30

Audit for the bills Abstract #3 emailed to members

Motion to pay bills made by Trustee Bill Boyd and seconded by Trustee Brian Cornell. All ayes.

Department of Public Works: Kevin Thurston reported out for Joe Smith, DPW Supervisor

- Zach property all seeded and straw laid.

- John Deere tractor- review of repairs to date. Cost of new tractor and potential trade in value of current John Deere tractor

- 2017 Ford Truck repair review. Transmission line leak, 35,000 miles.

Board discussed cost of repairs, Current Village vehicles- Ford (1), Dodge (2), International (1)

-CHIPS paid

Water Report: Kevin Thurston

-Update on water tower repair and costs, working on preventative measures going forward.

Kevin to provide Chad with report to have sent to Corporate Verizon office due to no contact from Verizon.

-Annual quality report accepted

- NYSDOH Lead and Copper samples- 125 left-completion goal for DPW by first week of Sept. Final completion deadline to be done by 10/16/24
- Will be attending NYCOM Conference for Public Water Works from 10/21 to 10/23/24 in Saratoga
- W20 Chlorination system stopped working, payment being held until system up and running properly

Code Enforcement officer Howard Tanner not in attendance
Mayor Robert Thurston motioned to move to next months Board meeting to review at that time.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Robert Thurston

- Code Enforcement Officer Howard Tanner resignation effective 8/31/24. Mayor meeting with Village of Aurora Codes Officer Bob Rhea next week. Board approved, if within current salary range of Howard Tanner to go ahead and appoint Bob Rhea.
- Further discussion regarding Susquehanna Bassmaster's complaint. NYDEC confirmed unprofessional. Board agreed to not have them return in 2024 and 2025. They may return in 2026 with corrective actions to follow Bass Elite guidelines (tank system)

Motion from Trustee Bill Boyd to issue notice from Village to Susquehanna Bassmaster's that they will not be invited back for remainder of 2024 and 2025 season and to request that corrective action be taken in future. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Donna O'Hara, all ayes
-Tomato Fest-Ed Vivenzio-friendly competition within 3 Villages(Union Springs, Aurora and Cayuga) get most canned goods, dried products, etc. Union Springs and Aurora committed, pending Cayuga?

- Kayak Launch Ribbon Cutting celebration-scheduled for Saturday 9/21/24.
- Energy Study -pending bids for office updates. (windows and crawl space) DPW Joe Smith/Kevin Thurston researching bids and will advise board next month
- Spectrum Internet @ Depot office(Clerks) \$149.88 p/m and \$99.99 one-time installation fee, Trustee Bill Boyd motioned to sign agreement with Spectrum, 30-45 days installation time seconded by Deputy Mayor Donna O'Hara. All ayes. Pending installation
- phone system-questionable service from Verizon, 18 days no phone service. VOIP internet phones discussion, pending bundle bid from Spectrum.
- Uniform update – 5 year contract. Trustee Bill Boyd motioned to verify rate locked in for five years, if yes, move to sign contract, Deputy Mayor Donna O'Hara seconded. All ayes.
- manhole repair bids update-estimate can repair 10 man holes @ \$25,000. Pending bids and additional information
- Next DRI & LPC meeting scheduled 9/16/24 – 30 projects on board
- Pro-Housing community discussion and possible resolution – moved to next months Board meeting for further review and discussion.
- Playground expansion grant, working with Lions Club.
- Mayor Robert Thurston researching possible grants for Baseball scoreboard funding.

Trustee's Report(s)

Trustee Bill Boyd, Jr.

- Met with Town Supervisor, David Schenck regarding EDUs for camp grounds and sewer rates. Can expect water rate increases. Aurora Inn Commercial Laundry-still pending (10,000 gals per day used).
- Sewer ordinance- grease traps- need to adopt grease trap ordinance. Trustee Bill Boyd and Attorney Chad Hayden will work on resolution for Board along with wording for inspection methods

- Discussion regarding noise ordinance? Trustee Bill Boyd received complaint from resident regarding loud muffler vehicle noise. Believe it is 80 decibels. Resident can report incident to Sheriff.

Trustee Donna O'Hara:

--Fall festival, Business Scarecrow competition and Chili Cook off updates sent out on Facebook. Mayor Robert Thurston will also have posted on Village Website and FB page. Looking at possible two-three more food trucks. I will be doing walk thru with all Village businesses as a reminder of the Scarecrow competition and deadline. Port A Pots discussed 3 to 4 North side of Antique Shop

Trustee Brian Cornell:

-discussion regarding speed control options near Oak Drive area-currently 20 mph, perhaps another speed sign, flashing speed trailer installation. Brian will contact Brian Schenck and inquire about speed trailer.

Trustee Jeremy Smith:

-Movie night August 23rd. (Matilda)
-Town Hall Heist August 30th
-new boat launch ticket machine- research in progress, will update Board at Sept Board meeting
-American Legion Trunk/Treat- 10/26/24 12-2pm

Village Attorney's Report: Chad Hayden

- Chase Ave update – Terry Rech willing to pay for right-of-way. 2 inch main from Rt 90 to both properties in question. NSF pipe standards. Chad will provide Halverson's contact info to Terry Rech and coordinate with property owners on "south".
-Sewer line- still researching

Executive session

None

New Business: no New Business to report

Next Board Meeting: September 17, 2024 @ 6:00pm (Clerk will be at training-have Clerk Christine Van Horn request Deputy Clerk to attend, report out and take minutes.

Adjournment: 8:12 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Trustee Bill Boyd, seconded by Deputy Mayor, Donna O'Hara, all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna O'Hara
Deputy Mayor/Trustee
Village of Union Springs