

March 14, 2013

Mayor Curran opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Administrator Barbara Henry, reporters from the Chatham Courier and Columbia Paper and 11 members of the audience.

The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing that was advertised for Local Law #1 for 2013 to allow overnight parking in the Depot Parking Lot near Herrington's Lumber. Mayor Curran explained the location of the parking lot and the need for more overnight parking for residents. The Mayor opened the meeting to Public comments at 7:07 pm. There were no comments.

Resolution # 159 was made by Trustee Locke to close the Public Hearing at 7:07pm. Trustee Packet seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, Trustee DelRossi
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 160 was made by Trustee Locke to re-open the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm, seconded by Trustee Packet.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, Trustee DelRossi
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Mayor Curran read the Local Law and the SEQR.

Resolution # 161 was made by Trustee Locke to close the Public Hearing again at 7:17pm. Trustee Packet seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Del Rossi
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Mayor Curran opened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:30pm.

Attendance: Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Fire Chief Paul Pratt, 2 reporters and 5 people in the audience.

First Public Comment Period

Martin Witthoft asked Mayor Curran for an update regarding Community Policing. He commented that he felt there were only reductions in the police department.

Maria De Marco asked Mayor Curran if the February 28th meeting could be counted in its entirety. Mayor Curran stated that the village attorney opinioned that there was sufficient notification.

Resolution # 162 was made by Trustee Locke to approve the minutes of the February 14th and 28th meetings. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet
Abstained: Trustee DelRossi

Reports of Commissioners and Committees

Police Report- Read by Mayor Curran and on file in the Village Clerks office.

Fire Report- Read by Chief Paul Pratt and on file in the Clerk's office. Chief Pratt commented that the committee chose the ladder truck from Nichols from the two bids that were received.

There were a lot of differences between the two trucks. He also stated that 4 firefighters attended training at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He “Thanked” Fire Commissioner Lael Locke for her tenure as trustee.

Wastewater/Water Report- Trustee Morrell and the Mayor commented that new water meter systems have been looked at that may stream line meter readings. The current meters are becoming obsolete and need to be updated. Discussions will take place later in the year regarding replacement.

Streets and Snow Removal- Read by Trustee Packet and on file in the Clerk’s office. There will be a lot of vehicle repairs soon and the Board will need to start thinking about replacing the old equipment.

Village Administrator Report- Barbara Henry presented a current Operating Statement on file in the Clerk’s office.

Old Business- none

New Business

Resolution # 163 was made by Trustee Packet to accept the SEQR findings that were read during the Public Hearing. Trustee Locke seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Morrell
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 164 was made by Trustee Morrell to adopt the Local Law to make changes in the parking regulations for the Depot parking lot near Herrington’s Lumber. Trustee Packet seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 165 was made by Trustee Packet to support New York State regarding proposed laws concerning contact information for vacant structures. Trustee Locke seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell, Trustee DelRossi
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 166 was made by Trustee Packet to adopt the NYS Retirement Standard Work Day for the Building Inspector. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Morrell
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 167 was made by Trustee Locke to allow Planning Board member Leo Ponter to attend New York Planning Federation Training on April 22, 2013 for \$110.00. Trustee DelRossi seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 168 was made by Trustee Locke to have Elizabeth Chapman as a backup election inspector for the March 19th election. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Trustee DelRossi
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Correspondence

A letter was received from George Rochester who owns a house at 30 Austerlitz Street asking for sewer relief from a broken water pipe. The total amount of relief is \$518.80.

Resolution # 169 was made by Trustee DelRossi to allow sewer relief for a broken pipe in the amount of \$518.80 to George Rochester for his tenant house at 30 Austerlitz Street. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet

Nays: None Resolution adopted.

A letter was received from Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding a new website to inform communities to educational opportunities and existing programs throughout the Capital Region.

Second Public Comment Period

Martin Witthoft inquired whether there would be another display of art work along Hudson Avenue. William Thompson was the curator of this display and will be contacted to see if there is any interest in doing this again.

Resolution # 170 was made by Trustee DelRossi to approve the monthly abstracts for a total of \$370, 293.90 which includes EFC Funding. Trustee Packet seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke

Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 171 was made by Trustee DelRossi at 8:22 pm in order to go into executive session to discuss a Hampshire Company lawsuit, pending a memo from the village attorney. Trustee Packet seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell

Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 172 was made by Trustee Packet to come out of executive session at 8:28 pm. Trustee Locke seconded the motion. There were no decisions made.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell, Trustee DelRossi

Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 173 was made by Trustee DelRossi to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet

Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Village Clerk