

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2013 AT 7:00 PM IN THE TRUSTEES ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 156 NORTH MAIN STREET, ALLEGANY COUNTY, WELLSVILLE, NEW YORK.

PRESENT: Mayor: Judy Lynch  
Trustees: Jamie Herman, Tom Hayden, Dawn Ketchner, Pete Cook  
DPW Dir: Bill Whitfield  
Police Dept: Chief Tim Walsh  
Village Atty: Dan Synakowski

VISITORS: Ron Taylor, Jim Schieder, Gudrun Scott

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag led by Trustee Jamie Herman.

Mayor Lynch announced the first order of business would be the approval of the minutes from the previous board meeting held on February 11, 2013. On hearing no corrections to the minutes, Trustee Herman made a motion to accept the minutes and Trustee Ketchner second the motion. Carried.

Mayor Lynch opened the floor to Gudrun Scott. Ms. Scott announced to the board the possible dangers of fracking in New York State and the possibilities of radiation getting into our water. Ms. Scott mentioned the water needs to be tested every nine years for such matter. Mayor Lynch stated that the Village of Wellsville and Dana Harris is extremely current on any matters that the EPA or DEC advising. Mayor Lynch also mentioned that she not to panic the citizens about this, considering New York State has not approved fracking in our state.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Lynch read a letter from the New York State Dept of Environmental Conservation Division of Lands and Forests congratulating the Village of Wellsville being recognized as a Tree City USA. The Mayor has been invited to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Ceremony and workshop on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Holiday Inn Express in downtown Albany from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Trustee Herman suggested the Mayor and the Director of Public Works should attend. Trustee Ketchner suggested asking the Tree Board committee if perhaps a couple members would like to attend. The Mayor will see if the Tree Board would be interested.
2. Announced receiving notification from Larry Weinbauer, owner of Better Days Sports Bar, requesting to have a block party on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Chief Walsh and Bill Whitfield will oversee the request. Trustee Herman made a motion contingent upon surrounding merchants being notified and checking with the Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Hayden seconded the motion.
3. Announced two requests have been made regarding housing boa constrictors in the Village limits. The Board has decided to table the requests until the citizens put in writing the address where the snake(s) will be located, what type of containment they will be in, and if there will be children living in the household(s).
4. Stated receipt of an email received from William Licata, Esq for NYS Assemblymember Michael Kearns-142<sup>nd</sup> requesting a proposed Resolution of Support for bills A.88 and A.824. Trustee Herman made a motion and Trustee Hayden second the motion contingent upon the Village attorney's advice.

TRUSTEES' BUSINESS:

HERMAN:

1. Asked the board if anyone has heard from the Legion regarding a Memorial Day Parade.

HAYDEN:

1. None

KETCHNER:

1. Trustee Ketchner made a motion to award the bid for water meters to Blair Supply as the low bidder at \$151,139.00. Noted that with the ERT's provided by Gottogo Electric as the sole source, the total cost for replacement will be approximately \$248,900. Trustee Herman seconded the motion. Carried.
2. Noted receipt of letter from Assemblyman Joseph Giglio advising the Highway Improvement (CHIPS) Aid for 2013/2014 is funded at \$104,986.00. Trustee Herman asked if this was a guarantee dollar amount. Bill Whitfield answered yes.
3. Trustee Ketchner made a motion for authorizing Ryan Stisser and Jeff Gordon to attend Itron Training Course for repair and programming of the AMR meters. Training will be offered on April 16-19, 2013 in West Union, SC. Cost for transportation/lodging/schooling and food is estimated at \$2600.00 total. Trustee Herman seconded the motion. Carried.

COOK:

1. Trustee Cook made a motion to accept and approve the vouchers as listed in the Abstract of Vouchers dated February 25th, 2013. Trustee Herman second the motion. Carried.
2. Trustee Cook made a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2013. Trustee Herman second the motion. Carried.
3. Trustee Cook made a motion to accept and approve the Financial Statements for January 2013. Trustee Hayden second the motion. Carried.
4. Updated and discussed the water meter bonding.
5. Resolution to approve new Community Development RBEG Checking Account with Steuben Trust. Trustee Ketchner made a motion to accept the resolution and Trustee Cook seconded the motion. Carried.
6. Trustee Cook inquired about a law regarding scooters. Chief Walsh stated pamphlets are being put together and will be passed out by the officers to anyone operating a scooter. There is no village law; scooters would be under vehicle and traffic laws. Two wheel scooters are not allowed on the village streets or sidewalks.
7. Requested executive session for contractual and personnel matter.

POLICE DEPT:

1. Chief Walsh received a request from CarQuest to allow a NASCAR car be parked on the sidewalk in front of their business, 24 Jefferson Street, on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Chief Walsh approved the request. Trustee Herman made a motion to accept the request and Trustee Ketchner seconded the motion. Carried.

DPW:

1. Updated the board on the Archives Grant. Bill Whitfield stated this project is between the Village and Town of Wellsville. It will enable the Village and the Town to reproduce records to digital images. It will also include a wide format scanner/printer. Bill Whitfield also stated receipt of a bid from Biel's Information Technology Systems will not be approved until after the grant is approved.

VILLAGE ATTY:

1. None

On a motion made by Trustee Cook and second by Trustee Ketchner the Board moved out of regular session and into executive session at 7:35 pm.

On a motion made by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee Hayden the Board moved out of executive session and back into regular session at 8:10 pm.

Trustee Cook made a motion to accept the hiring James Schieder as part-time Code Enforcement Officer starting Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Trustee Ketchner seconded the motion. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm on a motion made by Trustee Herman and second by Trustee Hayden.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kinder  
Village Clerk

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