

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

November 10, 2016

A meeting of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

Present were:

Village Board and Staff

Mayor Louise McIntosh
Trustee Mike Skroskznik
Trustee Pat Gross
Trustee Bill Goodwin
Trustee Robert Maloney

Village Manager Brad Lytle
Village Atty. John Groff
Parks Dir. Nate Nagle
Manager's Asst. Rachel Baer

Others Present.

Christie, James Fedele, Sayre St.
Gavin, Scott Antes, Lincoln Rd.
Jacob, Mark Bennett, Ardon Dr.
Nathan, Mike German, State Rte. 13
Ryan, Eric Burns, Hardscrabble Dr.
Jill, Andrew Hollenbeck, Willow Dr.

Alex Littrell, Hardscrabble Rd.
Dave Padgett, W. Franklin St.
Wayne Brubaker, Gardner Rd.
Kelley, Mike Maloney, Westlake St.
Dan Gross, Hamburg, NY

Mayor McIntosh welcomed the several members of a local Boy Scouts troop in attendance tonight.

Resolution by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of October 27, 2016 be dispensed with and the same stand approved as entered by the Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor McIntosh:	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik:	Aye
Trustee Gross:	Aye
Trustee Goodwin:	Aye
Trustee Maloney:	Aye

Financial Reports

Village Manager Lytle reviewed the financial reports:

- 5 months out in the year
- Expenses this year 124K less than last year
- Street paving behind from last year
- Street lighting is saving a lot of money on the LEDs
- Gen revenue is slightly less than last year,
- Sales tax and mortgage tax - last year at this time we had already received mortgage tax from the county. Haven't recd this year's yet
- Water revenue up
- Supposed to have 116K in increased water revenue - We are tracking that. Will report more on this by the end of the year. Then we decide if Wendell should come back in
- So we have a surplus in general fund, and sales tax was budgeted 1.2 mil - on track to hit this budget
- Balances are all in good shape
- Total general ledger - we have still not been able to get this in the format we used to - Won't drop zero columns - Still working on this

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Goodwin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Justice Reports for October 2016 are hereby received and same to be placed in the Village Clerk's Office.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor McIntosh:	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik:	Aye
Trustee Gross:	Aye
Trustee Goodwin:	Aye
Trustee Maloney:	Aye

Mayor McIntosh - we talked about that other court report before.

Manager Lytle - will talk to Kendra about other report.

Crosswalks

WHEREAS, Chapter 235 - Traffic - of the Village code provides in pertinent part that the Village Board may amend this Chapter from time to time by local law, resolution or motion adopted in accordance with law, and

WHEREAS, Section 235-2A provides that the Village Board has the power and authority to regulate movement of pedestrians upon streets and sidewalks by erection and placement of proper signs or markers indicating the flow of pedestrian traffic, and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Tom Stickler has identified and researched a number of locations in the Village where pedestrian crosswalks are established at locations other than the intersection of streets, and

WHEREAS, Chief Stickler and the Village Traffic Commission have identified concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic inherent to the placement of such crosswalks, and

WHEREAS, Chief Stickler and Village Manager Brad Lytle have recommended to this Board that the inner block crosswalks listed below be eliminated and replaced as follows:

Grand Central Avenue - crosswalk between Broad St. and John St.

- remove and replace with crosswalks at intersections of Grand Central Ave. and Broad St., and Grand Central Ave. and John St.

S. Main Street - crosswalk between Fletcher St. and South Avenue

- remove and replace with crosswalk at intersection of S. Main St. and Fletcher St.

WHEREAS, this Board finds that removal and replacement of said crosswalks is in the best interests of and will promote the health safety and welfare of the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Manager Lytle is authorized to cause the removal and replacement of said crosswalks as soon as may be practical.

Trustee Skroskznik - I'd like to see this studied. Crosswalks are to protect pedestrians. I think that we don't have enough. So I think taking these out are a bad idea. We just have identified concerns. Don't know vehicle flow, and number of pedestrians using crosswalk. These specific crosswalks are more safe than the ones at the intersections.

Mayor McIntosh - have we ever had a study done on this?

Atty. Groff - not regarding crosswalks.

Trustee Goodwin - I agree with Trustee Skroskznik.

Atty. Groff - We are replacing them with the ones at the intersections. Not just removal of them. Its moving them.

Village Manager Lytle - already are ones at John and Broad. The one on S. Main St., there isn't one at the corner of Fletcher. Right across is the parking lot for the bldg. But the one in front of the Purple Iris, blind curve, cars go fast. I've witnessed this. They speed up there, then right there is the crosswalk. The one by Zim Center, when that lot is full people will be at one end and ignore corner walks and cross at the middle.

Trustee Skroskznik - there is another one across from high school - between Center and Sayre - used by students.

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Gross - If we put signs there at least we have people knowing they have to stop. But people will use them if we take them out or not.

Trustee Skroskznik - lack of a study, but also enforcement issue. There is a program a few years ago about doing crosswalk studies. Using cops posing as pedestrians. Most vehicles in violation. We can have all the signs we want, etc., the lack of enforcement is probably what we need to look at.

Trustee Maloney made the motion on the floor - nobody seconded it. Motion dies.

Trustee Gross - we should have Police Chief talk to us.

Trustee Skroskznik - we should talk to the Traffic Commission in the County - team up to ask them to assist us. Volume of traffic, etc.

Motion by Trustee Skroskznik to table this until we can further discuss and look into assistance and a traffic/crosswalk study, specifically on S. Main St. Seconded by Trustee Gross

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor McIntosh:	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik:	Aye
Trustee Gross:	Aye
Trustee Goodwin:	Aye
Trustee Maloney:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following changes be made to the Board of Trustees meeting schedule for December, 2016 :

- Monday, 12/5 - 7:00 p.m.: Organizational Meeting
- Thursday, 12/8: Regular Meeting *CANCELLED*
- Thursday, 12/15 - 7:00 p.m.: Regular Meeting
- Thursday, 12/22: Regular Meeting *CANCELLED*

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor McIntosh:	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik:	Aye
Trustee Gross:	Aye
Trustee Goodwin:	Aye
Trustee Maloney:	Aye

Manager's Report

Village Manager Brad Lytle reviewed highlights from his Manager's Report:

- Looked at payroll services with County - it will do everything that ADP does. ADP costs 18k/year. County will charge fee per year of 2500. Also we saw that their general ledger is same software, they recomment we use that too. That is also free software - could replace Springbrook. That costs us 9,600/yr. Sewer dist uses a module that we could use for our water billing. They are able to offer this to smaller municipalities. County would not be taking over anything. We just get the software. And paying them an annual service fee. I would like to go ahead. Will run parallel for a few months.

All agreed to pursue. Manager to continue researching and report back.

- Property on E. Franklin St. - ordered environmental study
- Ambrose - still working on language for open space requirement
- Health ins premiums - increase of 27k - CSEA increased exposure is 33k - doesn't mean we would spend all that. Historically they don't use it all. This was not budgeted. Those will take effect January 1. Mid year for our budget. I think there is money in budget.
- Reese property closes next Friday
- Met with Matt Ryan to go over CSEA contract - retro pay- half comes out in this pay period. Trying to get them to let us give them the rest in the next budget year. We never adjusted in contract how much they were contributing toward health ins. We have to nego how we get than money back. This was from 4 years ago.
- Mtg with water board in Elmira - going to look at someone else to do billing. Language on changing water rules.
- Leasing parking lot by FD.
- IDA agreed to come up with 20K for study on bldgs in Hanover Square. What will have to be done to those buildings to do nice apartments, etc.
- FEMA still owes us 588,000 on the bonds.

Audience Participation

Nobody came forward.

BOT, Department Head Updates

Trustee Goodwin - regarding the cemetery, a family member reported to me that next to his stone someone planted a tree. And now base of shrub is encroaching on my family members tombstone. Huge woodchuck hole. I think nobody should be able to plant anymore shrubs. Trees should stay, but shrubs that people plant should go. Infringing on other graves.

Mayor McIntosh - trustees need to meet as Cemetery Commissioners.

Trustee Gross - also fire and water commissioners.

Atty. Groff - planting of private vegetation is not authorized. Should look at current cemetery rules.

Manager Lytle to research this. Commissions can meet as part of another regular meeting. But if this issue exists I can direct cemetery staff to take care of this.

Atty. Groff - Organizational meeting on Dec. 5th - item on review of Rules of Procedures for BOT. Good time to review them. Look at them before the meeting.

Nate Nagle - Holly Days will be on Saturday, Nov. 26th.

Mayor McIntosh - read a letter that Chief of Police received from Board of Education.

Motion by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Goodwin, that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Probationary Appointment to Fire Department
- Surplus Vehicles

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor McIntosh:	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik:	Aye
Trustee Gross:	Aye
Trustee Goodwin:	Aye
Trustee Maloney:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Gross

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby approves the one-year probationary appointment of Cheyenne Jerzak, of 192 Joseph Street, Horseheads, to the Village of Horseheads Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor McIntosh:	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik:	Aye
Trustee Gross:	Aye
Trustee Goodwin:	Aye
Trustee Maloney:	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following vehicles and equipment are hereby declared as surplus and Village Manager Brad Lytle is hereby authorized and directed to dispose of same by sale - or as scrap if same have no value.

- 1999 Chevy Truck (VIN#.....7986), 53,066 miles
- 1990 UNIMOG - (Diesel Freightliner, wheeled tractor), 2,518 miles
- 1973 Trojan Loader (VIN#....1276), 3,331 hrs.
- 1970 Galion 5 ton Roller (Ser #.....53352)
- Henderson Salt Spreader
- Cushman Diesel Mower - 860 hrs.

Manager Lytle - Matt wants to do an online auction - except for the salt spreader.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor McIntosh:	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik:	Aye
Trustee Gross:	Aye
Trustee Goodwin:	Aye

Trustee Maloney: Aye

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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