

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

April 11th, 2019

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

<u>Village Board and Staff</u>	
Mayor Rob Maloney Trustee Pat Gross Trustee Bill Goodwin Trustee Mike Skroskznik Trustee Mark Cronin Village Manager Nate Nagle	Village Atty. John Groff Clerk-Treasurer Donna Dawson Manager's Assistant Rachel Baer Fire Chief Arthur Sullivan
<u>Others Present</u>	
Tom Rupp, Tift Ave. Josh Baker, Steuben St. Mary Glanton, Thorne St. Thomas Hill, Miller St. Ext. John Young, Monroe Dr. Marilyn Young, Monroe Dr.	Jonathan Lerche, Winding Way Paul Rossi, Corning Dawn Bush, Thorne St. Don Zeigler, Watkins Rd. Marge Butler, Grand Central Ave.

7:00 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING: Tentative 2019-2020 Village Budget

Atty. Groff opened the public hearing. He noted that this budget is compliant with the Tax Cap limit imposed by NYS.

Mary Glanton, Thorne St. - sent a list of questions earlier. If there was a surplus last year, why are you doing a tax increase. Response didn't comment about not needing a tax increase. Also shared revenue. Amount is 46k which is not in this budget. Response I got was that the state might deduct this from sales tax. Also why do you need 64k for contingency. Response I got was increase due to a grant the fire dept. is getting for SCBA equipment. Also overtime for the Police which is currently budgeted at 45k up from last year. Why do we need this if we have more officers. Response I rec'd is that it is due to inexperience of new officers. Training means overtime. Also 100K for capital plan. Should be lower to avoid a tax increase. Response I rec'd we have not developed a capital plan yet. Also should separate out pension costs by department.

Dawn Bush, Thorne St. - I noticed several salary increases. Board members are getting 25%. For only 24 meetings a year. Pretty healthy salary. Several salary lines have large increases. No explanation in general on why we have a 2% increase.

As nobody else came forward to speak, Atty. Groff declared the public hearing closed.

Resolution by Trustee Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Gross

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustee Meeting of March 28th, 2019 be dispensed with and the same stand approved as entered by the Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Maloney	Aye
Trustee Gross	Aye
Trustee Goodwin	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee Cronin	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Cronin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following equipment of the Horseheads Fire Department is hereby declared as SURPLUS, and the Village Manager is authorized to dispose of same by sale, or as scrap if same have no value:

- 1990 Pierce Arrow Pumper (VIN#.....00168)
- 1997 Chevy Suburban (VIN#.....52811)

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Maloney	Aye
Trustee Gross	Aye
Trustee Goodwin	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee Cronin	Aye

Discussion: Cemetery Rates - Tabled from 3/28/19

Nate - in your packet is a worksheet we developed. 2014 to 2019 history of cemetery revenues and expenses. Since 2015 expenses are exceeding revenues for cemetery. We can only use interest on perpetual care fund. Hard trying to determine how much was interest in past years. Establish a number going forward.

Reviewed worksheet.....20 years of lots sales left in existing cemetery. Raising rates for lots and increasing amount that goes into general is recommended. Discussion..... also raise rates for grave openings.

Perhaps having a columbarium, which we could use perpetual money for. But first task we need is to look at rates.

Trustee Goodwin - don't see number for how many graves are sold but not used.

Nate - yes but didn't look at that part.

Atty. Groff - you don't really own plot. You lease. If people pass way plots are inherited. System in place if someone wants to use a lot that is owned by one of their ancestors, they have to establish interest, etc. disc.

Trustee Goodwin - I think we should raise the price of a lot to 850.

Trustee Cronin - I agree. Other cemeteries are even more.

Trustee Skroskznik - Good we are making interest on perpetual monies. Should increase split to general fund.

Trustee Gross - I want to be able to use extra funds to hire people if we need to, pay for tree removal, etc.

Discussion..... perpetual care money can be used to tear down the Reese property house.

Trustee Skroskznik - would like more info on what we can use perpetual funds for. Maintenance, etc.? Everyone agreed. Nate to investigate.

The Board agreed to consider this information presented- on the 85/15 split for the general fund.

Manager's Report

- Attended Toyota green grand prix event. Technology on electric vehicles.
- Attended conference for parks and rec. Rec'd contact info for candidates for parks and rec director.
- Monday will be at NYCOM one-day conference in Syracuse.

Audience Participation

Dawn Bush, Thorne St. - on the cemetery. Maybe do resident discount instead of non-resident fee. I encourage the Village to do more about electric vehicles, etc.

Mary Glanton, Thorne St. - if we are going to change split for cemetery fees, and increase amount to general fund, that should be considered in this new budget.

Tom Rupp, Tiff Ave. - perpetual fund interest, hope it's not very low. Also, Woodstock 50 guy said they would pay for cost of security and police. Also, has board decided on the farmland on E. Franklin St.

Mayor Maloney - we will be discussing that soon.

Motion by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik, that the following item be added to the agenda:

- Fire Department Election Results

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Maloney	Aye
Trustee Gross	Aye
Trustee Goodwin	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee Cronin	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Goodwin

WHEREAS, at a General Convention of the Village of Horseheads Fire Department on April 2, 2019, the members of same held an election at which time the following individuals received the most votes for nomination for appointment to the respective offices:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee for Appointment</u>
CHIEF	Arthur F. Sullivan
FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF	Robert Young
SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF	Ryan Wheeler
THIRD DEPUTY CHIEF	Josh Baker

and WHEREAS, the by-laws of the Department empower the Board of Fire Commissioners to consider the nominations and appoint such persons to the offices to which they are nominated, and

WHEREAS, this Board has considered the nominees and the offices they are nominated to fill.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees, acting as Fire Commissioners of the Horseheads Fire Department does hereby appoint the above-mentioned individuals as officers of the Department to hold the office noted effective May 1, 2019 and to run for a term of one year or until a successor is appointed or a vacancy otherwise occurs in such office.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Maloney	Aye
Trustee Gross	Aye
Trustee Goodwin	Aye
Trustee Skroskznik	Aye
Trustee Cronin	Aye

BOT, Department Head Updates

Trustee Goodwin:

- Recognized the eagle scout in the audience.

Trustee Gross:

- Thanked Nate for help with garden club
- Commended Artie Sullivan on re-election as fire chief.

Trustee Skroskznik:

- Thanked everyone for coming out on the budget.
- Congrats to Chief and Deputy Chief

Trustee Cronin:

- Attended green grand prix with Nate. We discussed charging stations. Should discuss as a board.

Atty. Groff:

- Nate and I attended marijuana legalization seminar.

- Working on cell tower draft law
- Working on solar energy system proposed law

Chief Sullivan:

- April 27th is recruitment day - 10-2.
- To be an efficient firefighter takes 5-8 years. In the next 10 yrs. many of our firefighters who can't do it anymore will be stepping back. Will leave a big gap.

Village Manager Nagle:

- April 23rd - 7pm - Neighborhood Watch Mtg. Chief stickler will be here to talk about Woodstock 50. Fire dept. will be there too.

Mayor Maloney:

- Green vehicles - possibly in the future Village vehicles could be electric.
- Alternative cable company coming - Empire Cable - getting closer.
- Congrats to Chief Sullivan and Deputy Chief Baker.

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 25th, 7:00pm

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