

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

February 21st, 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 Village Manager Nate Nagle	Village Atty. John Groff Clerk-Treasurer Donna Dawson Manager's Assistant Rachel Baer Cemetery Sexton Gary VanNordstrand DPW Dir. Matt Mustico Code Enf. Officer Bob Young
<u>Others Present</u>	
Betsy Hale, Three Rivers Development Fred Arcuri, Three Rivers Development Josh Baker, Steuben St. Ed Fairbrother, Town of Big Flats Lloyd McWilliams, Westlake St.	Charles Short, Grand Central Ave. Mark Cronin, Daffodil Dr. Michelle Jones, Latta Brook Rd. Dawn Bush, Thorne St. Marge Butler, Grand Central Ave.

Proposed Local Law - Tax Cap Override

7:00pm - Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law - Tax Cap Override - Atty. Groff declared open the public hearing regarding the proposed law. As nobody came forward to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Resolution by Trustee Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Gross

WHEREAS, the New York Legislature adopted a law establishing a limit upon real property tax levies by local governments commonly known as the Tax Cap Law (GML Section 3-c), and

WHEREAS, Village Manager Nate Nagle has explained to this Board that it may be necessary to override the tax levy limit to meet contractual obligations, fund health insurance expenses, fund pension contribution payments, and fund the increasing cost of commodities, among other things, and

WHEREAS, GML Section 3-c, Subdivision 5 expressly authorizes the Village Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of 60% of the Village Board, and

WHEREAS, this Board has been presented with and reviewed a proposed local law to override the tax levy limit established in GML Section 3-c for the fiscal year 2019-2020, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing regarding said local law was held on February 21, 2019, and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village as required by law, and

WHEREAS, this Board finds, after due deliberation, that it is in the best interest of the Village to adopt said local law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees hereby adopts said Local Law entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in GML Section 3-c", for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, a copy of which is to be placed on file with the Village Clerk, and filed with the Secretary of State.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of February 14th, 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

Presentation: I86 Workforce Development Program

A PowerPoint presentation was made regarding the I86 Workforce Development Program. Speakers were Ed Fairbrother, Supervisor of Town of Big Flats; Betsy Hale, Three Rivers Development; and Fred Arcuri, Three Rivers Development.

On June 5th there will be a meeting at the Arnot Mall Event Center to update on the accomplishments of this program.

D&A: Cemetery Commissioners - Cemetery Rates

Discussion on lot sales. Right now \$300 from each sale goes to general fund, and \$300 to perpetual care. First proposal is to change that so that \$500 goes to general and \$100 goes to perpetual.

Manager Nagle - no need to increase principal amount of perpetual care fund as much anymore. And right now we are only allowed to use the interest earned on that account. The perpetual care fund is designed to only be used in case the Village ceases to exist, then its used to care for the cemetery.

Clerk-Treasurer Dawson - we have line items in our budget for Cemetery Dept - labor, supplies, etc. Perpetual Care we are not touching because we operate cemetery out of funds in the general budget. So currently our gen fund budget covers maintenance of the cemetery.

Manager Nagle - that would increase the cemetery portion of the budget by \$10k.

Further discussion regarding different rates for residents and non-residents.

Then the Board decided to table this matter to a future meeting/workshop. And we should invite funeral directors to the workshop.

Motion by Trustee Gross to table the matter, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Manager's Report

- * Hotel near Friendlys. Company coming in to oversee the construction- will need another bldg permit for 34K
- * Rec'd \$11250 from Empire State Dev - grant for the Fairweather economic development study - this check represents 50% of that cost.
- * Hanover Sq. Circulation Study with the County. Been researching this. Comes down to miscommunication between both parties. We have an RFP that indicates shared funding between ECTC and Village - no specific amts. Village resolution says no cost to the Village. Resolution from County Legislature says Village will pay \$4800. Agreement that County refers to was never drafted. I don't know why. County treasurer asked where our contribution was. That is how all this started. Comes down to this - we can continue with the study, not sure what the results of the study will be. Not sure if we went with the study because it was no cost to us or what. We can refuse to pay this, resulting in some animosity between us and the County. I wasn't involved in any of these communications.

Discussion ensued regarding this. What is purpose of study? Why do we need it? Could be useful in the future for grants, etc.

The Board directed the Manager to have a resolution on next week's agenda to authorize payment.

- * MEGA - Louise Gava will give a presentation at next week's board meeting. Will go over timeline. By March 13th we'll have to decide. There is a webinar for interested parties.

Audience Participation

None

BOT, Department Head Updates

Trustee Gross:

- Attended Neighborhood Watch meeting, and Horsehead Housing Development meeting.
- Would like a workshop with Julie Chevalier from Community Progress regarding the Mainstreet Grant.

Mayor Maloney:

- Attended Neighborhood Watch Meeting

DPW Dir. Matt Mustico:

- Fixing street lights
- 3 water main breaks recently and a hydrant
- Salting, cold patch, etc.
- Sweeper when the weather allows

Appointment of New Trustee*Communication from Mayor Rob Maloney:*

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the office of Village Trustee, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy in such office is filled by the Mayor pursuant to VL3-312.

NOW I, Robert Maloney, Mayor of the Village of Horseheads, hereby appoint Mark Cronin, of Daffodil Drive, Horseheads, NY, as Village Trustee. Said term to expire the first Monday of December, 2019.

(Mayor's Appointment - No Vote)

At this time Mayor Maloney conducted the swearing-in of Trustee Mark Cronin

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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