

Minutes

Village Board of Trustees

February 28th, 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 Mark Cronin Village Manager Nate Nagle Absent Trustee Mike Skroskznik	Village Atty. John Groff Clerk-Treasurer Donna Dawson Manager's Assistant Rachel Baer Planning Bd. Chair Mike Stenpeck
<u>Others Present</u>	
Joni Pirozzolo, Elmira Jessica Pirozzolo, Breesport Louise McIntosh, Renwick lane Mary Jo Glanton, Thorne St.	Dawn Bush, Thorne St. Louise Gava, MEGA Sandy Dandrea, Duncan Dr. Marilyn Mullaney, Gardner Rd.

At this time, Mayor Maloney conducted the Swearing-In for new Village Police Officer Shawn Pirozzolo.

Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law - Village Manager Responsibilities - Chapter 40

Atty. Groff declared open the public hearing regarding the proposed law.

Dawn Bush, Thorne St. - asked what the changes are to the law.

Atty. Groff - Residency was one change, no longer required to be residents of the Village - only Chemung County and contiguous counties. And amendments on his duties, and info being provided to the Board.

Mary Jo Glanton, Thorne St. - so they don't have to move here at all. You should incorporate a point system to give leverage to applicants from the Village.

Deb Lynch, Fletcher St. - So the Trustees still have to be Village residents.
John - yes.

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

D&A: Proposed Local Law - Village Manager Responsibilities - Chapter 40

Resolution by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Goodwin

WHEREAS, this Board has requested, been presented with, and reviewed a proposed local law modifying the powers and duties of the Village Manager as established by local law, and noted in Chapter 40 of the Village Code, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing regarding said local law was held on February 28, 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 "To Amend Local Law #4 of 1975 and Local Law #9 of 1975 Establishing the Position of Village Manager in the Village of Horseheads, the Powers and Duties of Said Office, the Responsibilities of Other Departments and Department Heads, and Residency Requirements of Officers of the Village", 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 Cronin	Aye

Resolution by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Cronin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of February 21st, 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 Cronin	Aye

Presentation: MEGA (Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance)

Louise Gava from MEGA made a presentation:

- Lower prices on electricity for residents
- We aren't doing natural gas yet.
- Village signed an agmt with MEGA two years ago to explore
- Now we have put out RFP to solicit bids and prices of the energy suppliers on behalf of 27 municipalities in this region
- NYSEG would still be the delivery and infrastructure. This is just for competitive price for supply.
- RFP responses due March 11

- Our team will take a look at them. Then we will make recommendations based on our analysis.
- On March 12 I will be providing a summary sheet with our recomm.
- On March 12 and 13 we offer five different webinar times where I will be reviewing the summary and answering questions.
- By March 14th at 9am I need to know participation.

Trustee Goodwin - so all 27 municipalities would pay same rate.

Louise Gava- yes except for a small or medium differential for renewable offering. Some municipalities may choose less savings and go with renewable and some will take max savings.

Trustee Goodwin - will all municipalities know who is in and who chose renewable

Louise - yes.

Ms. Gava - Assuming you participate, after bid is signed is we go to education of the public. This is to tell them about the opportunity. If you don't like it this is how you opt out. I would be back here answering questions, publicized, etc. There is an opt out period. This plan would be the default for everyone in the municipality. Opt-out period would be June. Supply would start in July. Calls from your residents regarding opting out would go to MEGA.

It will be heavily publicized. Put in newsletter too. Then I will be here to get residents to come in and ask questions. Then the letter goes out to all residents. And there is no fee to opt out.

Financial Reports

Clerk-Treasurer Donna Dawson came forward.

Period Ending January 31, 2019

General expenses are higher by 584K. Remove firetruck the diff is 169K greater than last year.

Unexpected expenses

General revenue - 6% more over last year. Interest rec'd in NY Class.

Water expenses up 105K. Training and travel for new staff

Water revenues down 32K. Rec'd state aid last year that we didn't receive this year.

Overall last year to this year up 319K

Sales tax is at 78%. Right on target with budget

Cemetery Rates - Tabled from 2/21/19

Motion by Trustee Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Cronin, that this matter be tabled until March 28, 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

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

D&A: Hanover Square Circulation Study - Authorize Payment

Manager Nagle: We discussed this last week. We originally thought this study would be at no cost to the Village. But now the County said there is supposed to be one.

Resolution by Trustee Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Gross

WHEREAS, this Board passed a resolution on September 27, 2018 regarding a vehicular and pedestrian traffic study in the vicinity of Hanover Square ("Circulation Study"), and

WHEREAS, said resolution endorsed the merit of the circulation study and encouraged Chemung County to proceed with RFPs and the commissioning of the study, and

WHEREAS, it was understood by this Board at that time that the study would be performed at no financial expense to the Village, and

WHEREAS, it has been recently learned, after Chemung County contracted with LaBella Associates for the study in the amount of \$24,800, that the County anticipated and requires that the Village contribute \$4,800 toward the cost of such study, and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that the benefits associated with the study warrant the Village's contribution toward the cost of same despite the initial misunderstanding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-noted resolution of September 27, 2018 is revised to further provide that the Village of Horseheads will contribute to the cost and expense of the study in the amount of \$4,800. Said sum to be due and payable contingent upon the following:

- completion of the study by LaBella Associates
- delivery of an Action Plan, Final Report and Executive Summary of the Final Report
- invoicing by LaBella Associates
- receipt of an Inter-Municipal Agreement between the County and the Village in a form approved by the Village Attorney.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Manager's Report

- Police has interviewed 3 applicants for vacancy in police dept.
- Rec'd check from Verizon for GRT
- Attended NYCOM meeting on legalization of marijuana - lots of work ahead of us.
 - This will be similar to ABC law.
 - NYS will distribute licenses.
 - Attached to state budget.
 - NYCOM anticipates 18-24 months before you see the first dispensaries being licensed.
 - Opting in/out. It is at the county level for opting out.
 - Municipal concerns were impacts on police, fire and code.
 - Quite a few towns and villages trying to figure out how to opt in if their county opts out.
 - We need to discuss what our polices and regs would be. It will be legal throughout the

state.
- Revenue - 2% goes to county. Then they share with towns villages.

Audience Participation

Deb Lynch, Fletcher St. - St. Patrick's Parade committee invites the whole Board to walk the parade.

Mary Jo Glanton, Thorne St. - liked MEGA presentation. Opt out issue can be addressed with education.

Marilyn Mulaney, Gardner Rd. - rec'd my water bill, said you use Five Star Bank for a lockbox. Is there a charge for this service.

Manager Nagle - they charge a fee, but we earn more interest on our money than the cost.

Louise McIntosh, Renwick lake - congratulated Mark Cronin. I hope the gross receipts issue is really resolved for that. Also, where is Empire Access? And have we purchased the farmland?

Manager Nagle - Empire is still wiring up the Village. Should be done in the spring.
Mayor Maloney - no we have not purchased the farmland yet.

BOT, Department Head Updates

Trustee Goodwin - attended Sign Committee Mtg. with Mike Stenpeck - looking at sign law, etc.

Trustee Gross - attended raffle dinner for the Fire Department.

Trustee Cronin - attended raffle dinner for the Fire Department.

Mayor Maloney - attended raffle dinner. We brought FD equipment over to show people.

Atty. Groff:

- SEQR updates. Good opportunity to have a refresher course on SEQR. At an upcoming meeting we will review. Also doing similar process with ZBA and PB.

- Sex harassment polices updates. Board will be required to attend sexual harassment training as well as employees and volunteers.

Motion by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Goodwin, that and item regarding Probationary Appointment to Fire Department be added to the agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Cronin

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby approves the one-year probationary appointment of Melissa Manley of Tift Avenue, Horseheads, to the Village of Horseheads Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

As there was nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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