

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on 7/11/16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present: Mayor John Barton
Trustee Thomas VanAernem
Trustee Robert Cook
Trustee James Gallagher, Jr.
Trustee Joelle Timms
Attorney William Nikas

At 4:00 p.m. time was set aside for a Public Hearing for the purpose of providing citizens with information concerning: (1) the amount of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2016 funds available; and (2) the range of activities that may be undertaken for proposed community development and housing activities. The hearing is also intended to afford citizens an opportunity to comment.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Bob Murray of Shelter Planning and Development advised that the Community Development Block Grant Program is administered through the Office of Community Renewal and they have available \$25 million dollars this year for communities to compete for projects including infrastructure, public facilities, planning or micro-enterprise. The application is through CFA and are due July 29th. The Village has successfully sought Block Grant funds many times in the past for infrastructure projects and Shelter anticipates working with the Village to submit a grant request for \$750,000 to undertake additional neighborhood water line replacement activity. The program requests that there be a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing gives the public an opportunity to know how much money is available, what the program can do and to comment on the prospective application.

The Mayor asked the public for comment – none given. A sign-in sheet was available for the public.

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried the public hearing was closed.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
GRANT FUNDS TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FY2016
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) is accepting applications from eligible communities to compete for funds available through the NYS administered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls has reviewed its housing and community development problems and needs, and has developed a proposed program and application for funds; and,

WHEREAS, the OCR application process requires that the governing body of the applicant authorize the submission of the application and related actions; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to submit the application to OCR and to act in connection with the submission of the application, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Mayor Barton asked Bob Murray of Shelter Planning and Development to provided information on the New York Main Street Anchor Grant. Mr. Murray reported that New York State has a Main Street Program with at least two (2) main components. One is where grants would come to the Village and made available on a 75/25 match to help existing business create commercial and residential improvements to their buildings. The Village has had two (2) successful programs and a number of buildings in the downtown area have been renovated under this program.

The Main Street Program also has a program called Anchor Grant this program allows the Village to get up to \$500,000 on a 75/25 matching basis for one (1) site which would generally be the redevelopment of a key building in the Village's downtown that would contribute to the Village's overall redevelopment and revitalization efforts. Shelter Planning has worked with the Village Board and the State to confirm that the Courthouse would be an eligible project, would be eligible for the funding and recommended that under the current arrangement the Village could be the applicant. Shelter Planning is in the process of working on the application and working with Phoenix Rising to obtain the necessary information for the application. The grant is available to renovate the courthouse as long as there is a commitment to operate the Courthouse Building as a community facility, operated by a not-for-profit organization. We will have documents that demonstrate this. While this is a competitive program, Shelter Planning feels the Village and Phoenix Rising has a compelling case. The grant application is due July 29th through the CFA. A public hearing is not required for this particular program because it is a State program but there is a requirement that the Village Board pass a resolution supporting the project and authorizing the Mayor to act on behalf of the community to submit the application.

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Timms and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the approval is granted of the draft Long Term Lease/Management Agreement between the Village and Phoenix Rising to occupy and manage the property.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUBMITTAL OF A NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL "NEW YORK MAIN STREET" PROGRAM APPLICATION, FY 2016"

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gallagher

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Community Renewal (OCR) is accepting applications from eligible applicants to compete for funds available through the OCR administered New York Main Street program; and

WHEREAS, the OCR application process requires that the governing body of the local municipality support the submission of the application and related actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Hudson Falls Board of Trustees hereby expresses support for submittal of a New York Main Street application to the OCR, and hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit the application and to act in connection with the submission of the application.

The Mayor noted that these are two (2) really good projects for the Village and it's revitalization (CDBG Waterline Replacement and Main Street Anchor Program). All agreed. In addition, Mr. Murray advised that the Village will submit a Letter of Intent on the Restore NY Program tomorrow in order to meet the July 13th deadline. The Restore NY project will focus on the Masonic Temple Building. The Architect, Sandy Hill Vision and Mr. Nikas have provided Shelter Planning with a great deal of valuable and necessary information toward the submission. Mr. Murray is looking forward to moving ahead with the Restore NY project as well.

The Mayor opened the meeting to Public Comment.

Joe Bordeau, Ferris Street is concerned with a large pot hole on Alma Avenue especially with the DOT Bridge Project. A "one way" street sign is missing from the end of Forrest Street at Wall Street causing confusion and drivers taking a left toward the park. Mr. Bordeau would like clarification as to whether it is a traffic circle or a round-about in the downtown area. Many out-of-town people travel the area. The Mayor advised that he would have to contact Ian Miller at NYS DOT for clarification.

Mr. Bordeaux inquired as to what is going on at Wall Street, he feels it is a construction debris collection site and an eye sore. His assessment went up \$3,900 because he placed a non-permanent structure on his property. When he sees what is going on in the Village he is disgusted. He was told by representatives of the Army Corp of Engineers that there is litigation under review, no paperwork filed. Now the Village is fixing something the tax payers already paid for and he doesn't think it should come back on the taxpayers. Attorney Nikas advised that there is an encroachment in the wetlands that is being corrected. This is an area where the hope was to have a trail running from behind Wall Street Pond and to extend the trail back to the reservoir and connect to the Feeder Canal Trail. We had touched base with DEC and there were no concerns. Come to find out Army Corps has a different set of standards because the pond happens to exit into the River. Consequently, the situation has been corrected and the Village will resume plans for a trail and a park – the hope is it would be similar to the Rush Pond Trail in Queensbury. The end goal is to cleanup the area and have a nice park and trail.

Mr. Bordeaux advised that he reviewed the budget and noted the Village now has two (2) mechanics. He sees police cars are at area garages instead of at the Village Barn. He has said it before – “this Village has created very lucrative jobs for a select group of people ... that is the way it looks on paper”. Mr. Bordeaux noted he “said his peace” and exited the meeting.

Attorney Nikas reported that he has forwarded the counter proposal of the Cable Franchise Agreement to the new company Charter Communications Inc. for their review and comments.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Timms and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with CSEA covering the period from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2019.

Trustee Timms feels it would be ideal to send a letter out to new residents welcoming them to the community and providing them information about the Village and directing them to the Village website and hopefully social media in the future. This could also grow into a much bigger program. A discussion ensued. All agreed to having Trustee Timms create a “Welcome Letter/Package for New Homeowners” to present to the Board for consideration.

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried the minutes of the special meeting of 5/31/16 and the regular meeting of 6/13/16 were approved as read.

Upon motion made by Trustee Timms, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and to list Michael Fiorillo, Superintendent of Public Works as the primary point of contact representing the Village of Hudson Falls with Randy Diamond, Chief of Police as the alternate point of contact.

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the following applications be approved for membership in the Hudson Falls Fire Council as submitted: Zachary Sweenor, Firefighter, 38 Center Street, Ft Edward; Jason Jarvis, Firefighter, 32 Russell Street, HF; Amanda Reed, Fire Police, 21 Wright Street, HF and Kenneth Grant, Fire Police, Lower Main Street, HF.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the Board accept the resignations of PT Patrolmen Zachary Tanner and Blake MacWhinnie.

RESOLUTION

**Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Hudson Falls to Execute
A Contract for Professional Services
By and Between
The Village of Hudson Falls
and
Shelter Planning & Development, Inc.**

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls has been awarded two grants through the New York State Office of Community Renewal's (OCR) 2014 and 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) to undertake a neighborhood infrastructure improvement program; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls has solicited proposals from qualified community development consulting firms to provide grant management and application services; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls has reviewed and evaluated consultant qualifications and services in accordance with the RFP selection process and criteria, and determined that the proposed services and costs are reasonable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls desires to engage Shelter Planning & Development Inc. to provide program administration and implementation services, consistent with their proposal dated June 7, 2016; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Board authorizes the Mayor to enter into consultant services agreements with Shelter Planning & Development Inc.

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the request of Chief Diamond be approved to hire PT Patrolman John A. Cioccke of Fort Ann and Edward P. Ackley of Porters Corners effective 7/11/16 at the rate of \$18.00/hr.

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Timms and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the attached list of fire equipment be deemed surplus due to damage, availability of parts, or being beyond economical and reasonable repair.

Trustee Timms would like to propose forming a Beautification Committee to work on areas of the Village that need attention – both commercial and residential. The committee would decide what the tasks would be – i.e. going to businesses to assist with window displays to give a more upscale feel to downtown. In residential areas there are several areas where residents may need to be notified to take better care of their homes. Currently, we are only addressing these areas when they become in violation of the code, this could prevent the need for code enforcement. Maybe the committee would put together a group of volunteers to assist with yard cleanup, exterior painting, etc. Trustee Timms feels that residents may take better care of their properties if they were aware of a beautification committee. A discussion ensued. It was agreed that there should be a format presented to the Village Board with a recommendation for consideration. The Mayor suggests providing the Board – committee members, how the committee envisions this working, how it will be communicated, etc...

Trustee Cook in thinking about the needs of the community he would like to see the job of historian change somewhat. He feels the Village lacks a social media face and we have been criticized for not having a social media

presence. We have a website, which is sort of 20th century, a social media (Facebook, twitter, Instagram) would be 21st century. Social Media allows for the community to see what is going on and have some input in what is going on. Trustee Cook suggested changing the focus of the position of Historian and look into making a social media footprint.

Mayor Barton advised that the Town has hired an Historian. The Mayor will reach out to this individual who Paul Loding recommended to discuss the position and what he envisions. Trustee Timms feels to get more response from her generation the Village has to make a presence on social media. The Mayor advised that there are a few requirements the historian must perform. A discussion ensued.

Trustee VanAernem questioned where the Village historical artifacts are kept. Clerk Brayman reported that the Village artifacts are likely in the possession of the Town because Paul Loding's Office was located in the Town Offices. Those artifacts are still Village possessions. This is something that should be clarified. The Mayor will contact Supervisor Hogan. The Mayor reported that in his discussions with Supervisor Hogan he inquired as to whether the Village had room for an office for the Historian. There is a small office available (the old Court Clerk's Office). Superintendent Fiorillo suggested that if and when a historian is appointed it is made clear in writing that the historical artifacts obtained on behalf of the Village be designated as Village possessions. He is aware of many village residents bringing pictures, etc... to the historian – where are they stored and are they the Town's or the Village's. No one knows where the historical pictures and artifacts prior to the 1980s are. It was thought when the historian left he may have taken them with him.

The Mayor indicated that if the Village were to go the route of a combined Community Outreach/Historian position we would need to discuss the costs, duties, etc...

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried, the following monthly reports were approved as read: Police Department, submitted by Chief Diamond; Code Enforcement submitted by Francis Cortese; and Fire Department, submitted by Chief Michael Fitzgerald.

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried the following abstracts were audited and ordered for payment:

General Fund	Check Nos.	30119 - 30204
Water Fund	Check Nos.	5562 - 5566
Trust Fund	Check Nos.	6700 – 6715
Payroll Fund	Check Nos.	29241 - 29266

The Mayor advised that once again Kathy Varney of the Glens Falls Hospital and through Creating Healthy Schools and Communities, has been able to secure funding for three water fountains. The water fountains will be placed in Juckett Park (1) and Derby Park (2). The Mayor thanked Kathy Varney for all her efforts and for thinking of the Village.

The Mayor advised that he had a request for a small banner to be placed on the gazebo in Juckett Park. They would like to hang the banner on July 27th and take down the morning of August 4th - County Blue Grass Jamboree to be held August 3rd. He has no concern with this – the Board agreed to allow.

The Mayor reported that the new playground at Derby Park has gotten a tremendous amount of use. The Recreation Department resurfaced one of the basketball courts – restriped it and installed new nets. The Village has one remaining project – placing a plaque on the building. The plaque will include a wooden structure of the artwork Mr. Fitzpatrick made for the original Ark in the Park and JoPapa's is engraving a photo of the old ark. A small roof will be erected over the sign to protect it.

Trustee Cook noted that he has taken his grandson to the playground at Derby Park several times and in talking to the other grandparents the consensus is everyone loves the new playground. They love the fact that it's wide open and everything is visible. He commended Mike Fiorillo and his crew. In working in education he has had experience in these types of things. If anyone has put together that toy for your kid where the directions aren't clear

– well multiply that times 100. You need special tools, there were issues with the supplier etc... The guys did a great job and it looks terrific and is a wonderful addition.

The Mayor opened the meeting to Public Comment.

Diane Santa Croce, Spruce Street – the website for the Village doesn't give much of anything. She would encourage the Village to consider social media. She feels the website needs to be more pertinent. She recalled a young woman at a meeting who offered to help out with this. The Mayor advised that he did meet with Michelle Wood, had a lengthy conversation and is waiting to hear back from her with her suggestions.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Cook and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.


Ellen M. Brayman, Clerk/Treasurer

ITEM #	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	REASON
NO #	1	TOWER 363 FAN	BROKEN-NOT REPAIRABLE
136WMC3429	1	MINITOR V PAGER	PARTS NO LONGER AVAILABLE
16548	1	TURNOUT COAT LIGHT	WILL NOT CHARGE
16650	1	TURNOUT COAT LIGHT	WILL NOT CHARGE
21068	1	SCBA CYLINDER	END OF SERVICE (15YRS)
21207	1	SCBA CYLINDER	END OF SERVICE (15YRS)
21197	1	SCBA CYLINDER	END OF SERVICE (15YRS)
21230	1	SCBA CYLINDER	END OF SERVICE (15YRS)