

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on 8/8/16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

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

Absent: Mayor John Barton

The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting to Public Comment.

Joe Bordeau, Ferris Street he advised that he asked a question last month as to why the Village has two mechanics on the payroll instead of one. Deputy Mayor VanAernem advised Mr. Bordeau that such matters are discussed and handled through the budget process. The Board goes over each department's budget during this process. The Board doesn't micro-manage each department. We're aware of what departments spend and what they have in manpower. We base it on the budget and we are comfortable with that budget. When issues arise they are addressed. The Village has budget workshops and public hearings that the public is welcome to attend. Trustee Cook advised that the Village's overall staffing is down. We have fewer DPW workers; the Water Dept. staffing is half of what it was; dispatchers have been eliminated from the Police Dept. How Superintendent Fiorillo allocates the resources and manpower in his department is a reflection on those decision. As far as the mechanics positions, we have asked them to do more than ever before. They may be used for general upkeep and maintenance of fire trucks and police cars, whereas a few years ago that may have gone out to the private sector. Consequently, the workload of our mechanics has increased over the years. In addition, we have police cars that are aging, some of which are in the 100,000 + mile range. Unless it is something we can't handle internally we try to do that work in-house with our mechanics. In addition, the DPW fleet is aging, the Village has tended to purchase used vehicles over the last several years. The mechanics are busy, they aren't standing around with nothing to do.

Mr. Bordeau had intended to come here and go back quite a few years. He has to question the integrity of some of the stuff that goes on in this Village. Between supervisors and even the Board here. When you define integrity in the dictionary its honesty, accountability, wholeness, fairness, and Mr. Bordeau doesn't see this happening in this Village. Another word is corruptibility – the way he sees it (and how some of the people he talks to under the hill see it) there is a lot of corruption in this Village. Not so much as stealing money wise but otherwise.

Deputy Mayor VanAernem advised Mr. Bordeau he was not going to allow him to come here and make implications and talk in generalities with no proof of his claims. He advised him to provide specific claims and proof through the proper process. This is not the place for accusations.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried the minutes of the regular meeting and public hearing of 7/11/16 were approved as read.

Trustee Timms requested that the Beautification Committee item be tabled for a couple of months while she compiles more information.

Trustee Timms reported that Mayor Barton was working with Supervisor Hogan on obtaining information on the Village's historic artifacts. The matter was tabled for the next meeting.

Trustee Timms advised that regarding the Welcome Package for New Homeowner she provided a draft letter for the Board's input. The Village has quite a few residential purchases taking place and he feels this should be up and running soon. Trustee Cook suggested that a couple Board Members get together and work up the actual Welcome Package for New Homeowners and provide it to the Board for their comments before the September meeting.

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

**Resolution Calling on the Village of Hudson Falls, Residents and Business Owners
To Adopt the "Think Differently" Initiative To Assist Individuals
With Special Needs and Their Families**

WHEREAS, the "Think Differently" initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs; and

WHEREAS, our state and communities are stronger because of our diversity and differences; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) over 55 million people, or approximately 19% of Americans, have a type of disability or special need; and

WHEREAS, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them unique can also keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand their differences or uniqueness; and

WHEREAS, it is important to promote and provide guidance to those with special needs on how to access publically supported services available to them in the community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage and educate the community and businesses on ways they can make facilities and services more accessible and on how to train staff to welcome and support special needs customers and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this initiative is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities by supporting community events that expand family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, adopting the "Think Differently" initiative is an important statement that our Village officials, business owners and residents can make to show their support for the differently-abled children and adults with special needs, and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Hudson Falls, residents and business owners to adopt the "Think Differently" initiative so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support those living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board accept the resignations of PT Patrolmen Donny Long.

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

RESOLVED, that the request of the Rotary Club of Hudson Falls to conduct the annual Tony Luciano 5k Road Race scheduled for 8/21/16 at 9:00 a.m. be approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the request of Phoenix Rising – Project Hudson Falls LLC to conduct a Community Block Party on the west half of Court Street, blocking off traffic on 8/27/16 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. with a rain date of 8/28/16 be approved. The organization has obtained permission from Peter Hoffman to use the adjoining parking lot. A chicken barbeque will be served by Boy Scout Troop 57; there will be live music; Adirondack Brewery

will be present to sell craft beers (restricted to the non-public areas of the venue) and vendors from the Sandy Hill Farmers Market will sell food items. A Permit will be provided and the Village has received the appropriate insurance requirements.

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

RESOLVED, that the request of the Feeder Canal Alliance to create and install a small pull off lane/parking area and side walk at the Cole Silos on Maple Street be approved contingent upon the proper permits being obtained and Superintendent Fiorillo's approval of the proposed plans.

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

General Fund	Check Nos.	30205 - 30285
Water Fund	Check Nos.	5567 - 5569
Trust Fund	Check Nos.	6716 - 6731
Payroll Fund	Check Nos.	29277 - 29287

Deputy Mayor VanAernem reported that as you can see Mayor Barton could not make it tonight. It is great seeing the Sandy Hill Farmers Market – there is a lot of activity and positive plus for the Village. He thanked those involved.

Board Members had no comment.

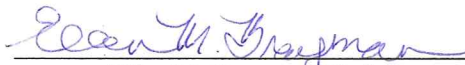
The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting to Public Comment.

John Santa Croce noted that the Summer Concerts in the Park have been a huge success. This past Thursday's concert was probably the biggest concert ever! People were dancing, band was great. Having the concerts back in Juckett Park has made a huge difference. He noted that the band that played Thursday night "Nobody Special Band" had a great turnout!

Trustee Cook noted that Juckett Park has become a hub for the community. The Gospel Lighthouse is also conducting a concert on Wednesday nights that draws a very nice crowd. The Sandy Hill Farmers Market has been a huge successes on Sundays and yesterday's antique car show was well received. It's great to see the number of people out in the community.

Attorney Nikas provided an update on Phoenix Rising's efforts. The rest of the Courthouse is expected to have the lead paint stripped from the building within a couple of weeks at a cost of \$22,000. NYSHPO has provided confirmation as to the type of paint that can be used to repaint. It was confirmed that it should be white and it should be painted due to the type of the soft brick. A Community Block Party is planned for August 27, 2016 at the west end of Court Street and the adjoining parking lot owned by Peter Hoffman. NBT Bank has purchased 50 tickets. We have learned that the date (8/27) is the date we lost Paul MacMurray on that site 22 years ago. The local firemen have gotten together and are planning a memorial plaque to be installed on the site with Mr. Hoffman's permission. A brief discussion ensued regarding the placement of the plaque and a possible park-area in front of the parking lot.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Timms and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.


Ellen M. Brayman, Clerk/Treasurer

