

The Village Board held the Regular Board meeting on Wednesday February 1, 2012 at the Municipal Building meeting room.

Mayor Stephen Robertson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Also in attendance were Trustee Alan Dupuis, Trustee Sara Kelly, Trustee Lederer-Barnes and Attorney J. Anthony Jordan.

Announcements:

Mayor Robertson announced that Gordon Ramsey had been in Cambridge filming his new show Hotel Hell. Mayor Robertson said he hopes this will help revitalize the Cambridge Hotel and the Village.

Good of the Village:

A Parade Permit for the Street Closure of Broad Street during filming of the Show Hotel Hell had been approved by the Board during the week.

A request for use of Durrin Park was submitted for the Hypothermic Hoedown

The Clerk stated that WIC started using the Municipal Center that day and it went very well.

Public Comments:

Jackson Town Supervisor Alan Brown spoke about the Landfill. He explained the Landfill Committee consisted of the three Town Supervisors and the Mayor. He indicated he had no success having dialog with the Former Mayor and indicated this is partially why the bill owed to Cambridge has yet to be paid. He had questions such as, who manages the Landfill. The Mayor explained it should be the Committee; the Village is only the administrator. Supervisor Brown stated if we don't test we don't have to pay. Mayor Robertson stated that by Law we have to have the testing. Supervisor Brown indicated that for years the Village did not do any testing. Mayor Robertson explained that this is State mandated and must be done and that to change anything we need to renegotiate the Contract. If the testing does not get done, the Village is responsible for it. However, the contract states the three towns are responsible for payment. The Village is waiting for the RFP to come back from the County, as the County is looking to reduce the testing as well. As soon as those come back we will schedule a meeting of the Landfill Committee. Deputy Clerk Schneider will attend and take minutes at these meetings.

Approving of Minutes:

Motion made by Kelly, Second by Lederer-Barnes, RESOLVED: That the Board approve the minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting with one correction. On page 2 referencing the bandstand at the School, change the word School to Village.

Robertson, aye; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 4-0

Police Department Report:

A Report is in the Board Packet. The Police Chief also requested a Meeting of the Police Committee. Mayor Robertson will contact Mayor Doonan to see if they could meet Friday February 10, 2012.

DPW Report:

A report was in the packet.

Fire Department Report:

A report was in the Board packet and Fire Chief Spiezio indicated the 1991 Fire Truck was still for sale. The Clerk will put in on the Auctions International Website.

He also enclosed a letter to the Board requesting the Board waive an RFP for turnout gear with clarification for reasoning.

Motion made by Lederer-Barnes, Second by Dupuis, RESOLVED: That the Fire Chief be allowed to order turnout gear without an RFP due to extenuating circumstances.

Robertson, abstain; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 3-0-1

False Report Billing: Several Municipalities are charging back for false alarms after repeat offenses. The Initial alarm is covered but if the problem is not fixed and the Fire Department is dispatched again they could bill. Chief Spiezio is getting a copy from Saratoga County as we will need to adopt a local law. Tabled until the next meeting.

Know Box: Chief Spiezio brought up the possibilities of installing a Knox Box on local businesses. The Knox Box is a secure box mounted on the side of a business holding a key for the building. The Chief explained that only CFD Officers would have access to these. This would allow for entry without damaging the Building. The thought was to make it voluntary for now, but would be nice to incorporate this to the zoning/ planning for all new buildings. Forced entry can cause several thousand dollars damage to a building. Are there potential liabilities to the Village? Attorney Jordan explained that only if there was wrongdoing and the Village being aware, did nothing to stop the situation. The possibility of a security tag on the box was also mentioned. This would be a business owner's responsibility. The Fire Chief will look into this more. Tabled until the next meeting.

Attorneys Report:

Attorney Jordan explained Under State law if you do not sell Dog Licenses we are not required to have a Dog Warden. Therefore when the Dog Warden is responding here will be pursuant to the Town Contracts.

Clerks Report:

Monthly Report in Packet

Financial Report in packet

Budget Call Letter has gone out; a Copy was placed in the Board Packet

Motion made by Dupuis, Second by Kelly, RESOLVED: That the Authorized signatures for all Village banking accounts that require one signature only, be either Clerk/Treasurer Bethany Witham or Mayor Stephen Robertson.

Authorized signatures for any account requiring two signatures requires- Clerk/Treasurer Bethany Witham, and/or Mayor Stephen Robertson, and/or Deputy Clerk Tracy Schneider.

Vote: Robertson, aye; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 4-0

Motion made by Dupuis, Second by Lederer-Barnes, RESOLVED: That the Village Elections be held on March 20, 2012 with polls open from Noon to Eight pm at the Village Municipal Center.

Vote: Robertson, aye; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 4-0

Motion made by Kelly, Second by Lederer-Barnes, RESOLVED: That the Village appoint Gail Vogel, Head Election Official, and Geraldine Burch and Carmen Gates as election officials. All Inspectors will be paid at a rate of \$10.00 an hour.

Vote: Robertson, aye; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 4-0

Registrar Report In packet

Youth Report In packet.

Historian Report: Report in packet

Assessors Report:

Grievance Night is February 21, 2012. The Mayor and all Trustees need to be in attendance. Mayor Robertson and Trustee Dupuis will both be out of town, not making a quorum. Attorney Jordan and Assessor McCarty will both look into this.

Zoning Enforcement Report: Report in Packet

ZEO Dansin spoke with Trustee Dupuis, she was concerned that since she had taken a full time job she was not putting in quite as many hours. ZEO Dansin is salaried and after discussion of the Board it was determined that she will receive the same pay for the remainder of the budget year. As of the next budget year the Board will visit the possibility of changing the position to an hourly rate.

Library Report: In Board Packet

Zoning:

The Zoning Board had an application for a new Member, Carolyn Kibbe. Carolyn is a Village Resident and expressed an interest in sitting on the Board. Motion made by Kelly, Second by Dupuis, RESOLVED: That the Village Board appoint Carolyn Kibbe to the Zoning Board.

Vote: Robertson, aye; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 4-0

Planning: Minutes in Packet

Property Complaints:

Ackley Building- Mayor Robertson indicated he is concerned with the Building shifting more. He has been carefully reviewing the law. There is an emergency law that would allow us to take over the building and take it down.

The Owner has yet to provide completed documents to the County. The only submitted plans were deemed incomplete. The Village would need a Court Order to take control of the building and tear it down. Historically it would be nice to see it remain but for safety reasons it seems to be the only way. If we get a Court Order the Village assumes responsibility, if the building comes down after that and before the building is secured the Village would not be held more at risk.

A neighboring Store owner asked about the barricade, is this something that can be scaled back as there are safety issues with not being able to clear the snow and ice? Mayor will talk to DPW Superintendent about this. Motion made by Dupuis, Second by Lederer-Barnes, RESOLVED: That the Village direct the Village Attorney VA to make an application to the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the judicial district in which the property is located for an order determining the building, structure or premises to be a public nuisance and directing that it shall be repaired and secured or taken down and removed, and further directing the reimbursement of the expenses of the proceeding and the repair or demolition of the building or structure.(Law Section 4-4)

Vote: Robertson, aye; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 4-0

Projects:

Fire House Committee- It was brought to the Board's attention that another Party is looking at the Vermont Timber Building. The Engineer indicated that the building is structurally feasible if it is financially feasible. Total amount should be about half of the cost of erecting a new building. The Village can enter a contract with contingencies for structure and mortgage. The Village can approach the realtor and see if this is even an option. The Chief would like to see what the engineer feels is the final cost. The two fire house committee members will schedule a meeting with the realtor.

Economic Development- None

Community Partnership- None

Main Street Pedestrian Improvements-

We received the Grant extension to July 31, 2012

Trustee Lederer-Barnes offered to help the Mayor on this project

Landfill Closure- Discussed earlier

Personnel Manual-

Mayor Robertson and Special Consultant Marsh are working on this

Old Business:

Dog Control Officer- Discussed earlier

Generator Proposal- Tabled until the next meeting

Myrtle Avenue Easement- the Property owner is trying to sell but is having issues due to the right a way behind the property that is owned by the Village. A brief discussion ensued by the Board about the logistics of this including ensuring that it is not a paper street. Will look into more and discuss again.

New Business:

Motion by Dupuis, Second by Kelly, RESOLVED: That the Clerk transfer of the funds to cover the abstract of bill payments not to exceed the lump sum of the abstract and not to exceed \$40,000.00, from the capital to the general with a report to the Board.

Vote: Robertson, aye; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 4-0

At 8:58 PM, by motion of Dupuis, Second by Kelly, that the Board adjourn into EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote: Robertson, aye; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 4/0

At 9:28 PM, by motion of Lederer-Barnes, Second by Kelly, the Board reconvened into REGULAR SESSION.

Vote: Robertson, aye; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 4/0

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:28 pm by Motion of Lederer-Barnes, Second by Dupuis.

Vote: Robertson, aye; Dupuis, aye; Lederer-Barnes, aye; Kelly, aye. Carried: 4/0

The Board audited and approved Abstract # 8 for vouchers number 1-69 for a total of \$33,817.06

  
Bethany L. Witham, Clerk