

VILLAGE OF HILLBURN
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – 7:00PM

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, in the Hillburn Municipal Building, 31 Mountain Avenue, Hillburn, New York 10931, commencing at 7:00PM.

PRESENT: Joseph P. Tursi, Mayor
Bernadette A. Tarantino, Trustee
Bonnie O’Blenis, Trustee
Terry Rice, Village Attorney
Thomas Conklin, DPW Superintendent

ABSENT: Eve Mancuso, Brooker Engineering

RECORDER OF MINUTES: Robin Miele, Clerk-Treasurer

Meeting called to order by the Hon. Mayor Joseph Tursi. DPW Supt. Thomas Conklin led in the Salute to the Flag.

Minutes of the 2/11/20 Meeting - Approved by Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis
Noes: None

Street & Water Commissioner’s Report - Approved by Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis
Noes: None

Police Commissioner’s Report – Police Commissioner Mayor Tursi

Mayor Tursi acknowledged the presence of Town of Ramapo Police Officer Daniels and advised him of concerns:

- Complaint received from a resident of Terrace Avenue – RE: Vehicles not stopping for school bus(es) picking up children when the Stop sign is out on the bus.
- Vehicles speeding on Terrace Avenue and Route 17.
- Enforcement of weight limit on 4th Street Railroad Bridge.

-Officer Daniels stated he would relay these concerns to the Ramapo Police Captain.

DPW Report – Supt. Thomas Conklin

Terrace Ave. DPW Garage– Connection to Sewer Line – In accordance with the approval at the 2/11/20 meeting, Supt Conklin obtained a current quote, dated 2/23/20, from D & A Construction and Landscaping, in the amount of amount of \$5,475.00 (no change in price). A Purchase Order will be prepared. Funding: Hillburn Sewer Fund.

DPW Truck #2 - 2004 F350 – 2/25/20 Quote submitted by Eastern State Tires: 4 Tires: Total Cost: \$705.48 Approved by Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis
Noes: None

-2003 Ford Expedition (As Is) – Supt. Conklin reported that two bids were received via Facebook Online Marketplace

Amaurys Towing: \$500.00
97 Madison Avenue
Clifton, NJ 07011

Eric: \$300.00

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O’Blenis to accept the bid received from Amaurys Towing, in the amount of \$500.00.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis
Noes: None

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day – Sat., March 21st at the Terrace Ave DPW Garage - 8:00AM-12:00 Noon.

Notice will be posted and placed on the Village’s website.

An E-Waste Drop-Off Day will be scheduled for a day in June.

-Chairs in Hillburn Community Room – Mayor Tursi requested DPW Supt. Conklin to obtain quotes for replacement/reupholstering of the soiled chairs.

Hillburn Clean-Up Day – Sat., 4/18/20 (Rain Date: Sat. 4/25/20) 8:30AM – 12:00Noon

-Supt. Conklin will obtain quotes for refreshments.

-Supt. Conklin recommended the Village of Hillburn be a “Safety Vest Sponsor” at the cost of \$295.00. **Approved by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis
Noes: None

RE: RC Solid Waste Management Authority – 2/18/20 Notice of the Authority’s Intention to terminate the Acceptable Waste Delivery Agreement dated 2/25/2004 and Subsequent Amendments.

-Matter is being reviewed by the Village Attorney.

NYS Urban Forestry Council – Urban Forestry Quick Start Grant – February 2020 Notification was received advising that the Village of Hillburn is ineligible – Reason: Previously awarded a grant.

4th Street Railroad Bridge – Town of Ramapo Project

Mayor Tursi reported the striping of the roadway was done on 2/12/20. Project is complete.

HFD Report – Chief Starr not present – no report.

-RBC – Summary Prospectus at 2/12/20.

FireGrants Help – Grant Application: Brush/Quick Attack Truck Replacement Project

-Invoice #010135-2773 (dated 9/30/2019 – received 2/21/2020) – Full Application Assembly Grant Writing Fee: \$3,000.00 (as per contract). **Approved by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis

Noes: None

SAM Capital Funding Grant Application – Sponsored through Assemblywoman Jaffee’s Office – Funding Application: Purchase of Scott Air Packs and Back Hoe - A preliminary application has been filed - no additional report.

LED Street Lighting Upgrade

O & R – RE: NY Public Service Commission Case 16-E-0226; O & R’s Add’l LED Street Lighting Options Available to Municipalities – Mayor Tursi reported he is awaiting a response from an O & R representative regarding competitive alternatives regarding LED lighting being offered by O & R.

RealTerm Energy LED Street Light Proposal – No further report.

Village Engineer’s Report – Engineer Mancuso (not present)

-MS-4 Stormwater Mapping Grant – Check #1038 in the amount of \$283.00, was received on 2/12/20 from the RC Soil and Water Conservation District, representing payment of the Village’s 12/4/19 Claim for Quarter 4 Billing.

2019 Road Repavement Program –

NYS DOT – RE: SFY 2019-20 CHIPS, Pave NY and EWR – Request for Reimbursement was filed 2/11/20 – Amount Claimed: \$907.50 (Brooker Engineering – Paid 12/11/19).

2020 Road Repavement Program - Areas to be designated include Rockland Avenue (area of Post Office), portions of 5th Street and Mountain Avenue, and Rockland Avenue (between 3rd St. & 4th St.).

Village Attorney’s Report – Attorney Rice reported:

Hillburn vs. Noved/Nicholas Ciancioruso, et. al. – Attorney Rice reported the Court Hearings finished on 2/14/20. The Judge denied Noved’s application of Contempt against the Village of Hillburn; and ruled in favor of the Village. The Judge stated an order regarding fines and remedies will be issued; and agreed to consider awarding costs for legal fees.

-RE: Trailer – The Judge had ordered the trailer removed by 2/20/20. The trailer was moved onto road today; 2/25/20.

-Attorney Rice sent a letter to the Judge regarding the report from Building/Fire Inspector Gordon that he had witnessed/video-taped ongoing work on site (landscaping trucks picking up top soil).

-The NYS DEC will also be taking enforcement action.

Hillburn vs. Losner – A Court Hearing is scheduled for Friday, 2/28/20.

Cablevision Franchise Fee Audit –

Attorney Rice reported that he had prepared a draft Agreement to be supplied to Cablevision, as authorized at the 2/11/20 meeting,

Insurance

April 2020-April 2021 Insurance (Policy Expires April 15, 2020) - The Village’s insurance agent, Seeley & Durland, is obtaining quotes from other carriers.

Various Capital Improvements (In accordance with 9/1/16 BAN)

-2/25/20 Financial Report supplied.

2016 Master Plan Committee – Comprehensive Plan & Related Zoning – Adopted 1/14/2020

Mayor Tursi reported that Attorney Rice is reviewing update(s) to the recently adopted Comprehensive & Relating Zoning. Matter is being followed up with the Village Attorney.

Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.

Planning Board – Next Meeting: 2/26/20

Building/Fire Inspector’s Report - Misc. correspondence was acknowledged.

Escrow – Status of Escrow Accounts Report @ 2/25/20 was supplied.

-A workshop meeting was scheduled for 3:00PM on Thursday, 3/5/20, to review escrow accounts.

Escrow Account Pending Establishment:

-Noved Bldg. Mgmt – RE: Prof. Ser. rendered prior to filing of 4/4/19 P/Bd App. – Escrow Required: \$5,429.57 (Payment of Claims filed by Brooker Engineering & Jacobowitz & Gubits on hold pending receipt of escrow)

Senior Citizens – Next meeting is scheduled for 3/2/20.

Recreation – Recreation Aide Marcella Perrano reported:

-Things are going well at the Youth Center.

2020 Camp & Swim Program

-Pre-Payment Plan Registration was held on 2/21/20 - (11) registrants.

-Health Director Services – Rosita Benjamin has been contacted and has agreed to serve as Health Director again this year.

A MOTION was made by Trustee O’Blenis and seconded by Trustee Tarantino to appoint Rosita Benjamin to serve as Health Director for the 2020 Camp Program, at the fee of \$1,200.00. (Formal Agreement to be prepared and executed)

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis

Noes: None

-Request for H.F.D. to Perform Mandatory Fire Drill – First day of Camp: 7/6/20. **Approved by Village Board**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis

Noes: None

2020 Tentative Assessment Roll – Hearing of Complaints was held on 2/18/20

-A total of six (6) Assessment Grievances were received. The Board of Assessors will hold a Workshop Meeting at 3:15PM on Thursday, 3/5/20, to discuss filed Grievances.

2020 Village Election – Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Sample Ballot supplied to Village Board. The Sample Ballot was posted and provided to candidates on 2/24/20. Legal Notice was sent to Journal News.

Appointment of Election Inspector

A MOTION was made by Trustee O’Blenis and seconded by Trustee Tarantino ratifying the appointment of Roberta Doremus as an Election Inspector to serve on Election Day at the hourly rate of \$11.50.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis

Noes: None

Hillburn Sewer Committee – No new applications have been received.

“Two Schools In Hillburn” – Mayor Tursi announced that the Lafayette Movie Theatre in Suffern, NY, will be showing this documentary, regarding the desegregation of the Hillburn School that was led by Thurgood Marshall, on Thursday, 2/27/2020 at 6:30PM. Tickets are available. Trustee O’Blenis will serve on a panel to discuss memories/experiences of this milestone event.

Veterans Memorial Park Pond – Mayor Tursi stated the dire need for repairs to the pond. Along with allocating funding in the Village’s 2020-2021 Budget, volunteer assistance is being sought. Salomone Redi-Mix has also offered to assist, and the American Legion will be contacted.

-Trustee Tarantino suggested involving the Boy Scouts for a project to clean out the cattails.

Split Rock Tour – Mayor Tursi announced that the tour is scheduled for two dates: 3/7/20 (Rain Date: 3/8/20) and 3/14/20 (Rain Date 3/15/20) at 10:00AM. Invitation letters have been sent out to many Rockland County officials.

Public Comments – None

Application for Use of Hillburn Community Room - Ratified by Village Board

-Applicant: Yvonne Van Dunk – Hillburn Ladies Auxiliary – 2/25/20 – 7:00PM – Purpose: By-Laws Meeting

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis

Noes: None

Correspondence - The Village Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence, regular and email.

-RC Community Development – Affidavit of Public Hearings - 2020 CD Block Grant – The Village Clerk confirmed that, although the Affidavit lists the Hillburn as “to be determined”, the date scheduled is 3/24/20.

-NYCOM – RE: Sign-on Letter Opposing Proposed Small Cells Site Mandate. (Mayor Tursi emailed his approval response)

-NYS Deferred Compensation Plan – Availability to meet to discuss enrollment (no employees interested at this time).

Voucher Claims were reviewed by the Board who approved payment of same.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O’Blenis to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino

Noes: None