

VILLAGE OF HILLBURN  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 - 7:00PM

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING held on Wednesday, January 6 2021, via GoToMeeting.com, commencing at 7:00PM.

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

**ABSENT:** Eve Mancuso, Village Engineer

**RECORDER OF MINUTES:** Robin G. Miele, Clerk-Treasurer

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The Hon. Mayor Joseph Tursi called meeting to order. DPW Superintendent Conklin led in the Salute to the Flag.

**Minutes of the 12/15/2020 Meeting - Approved by Village Board.**

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

**Village Water System**

**Emergency – Area of 199 Sixth Street** – Supt. Conklin reported that water had been accumulating in the area that tested positive for chlorine. With the assistance of the Village of Suffern DPW, a potential leak was detected. Environmental Construction, Inc. was called and the area was excavated; however, no leak was found. DPW Supt. Conklin has contacted New York State to clear a clogged drain.

-Environmental Construction, Inc. – 12/23/2020 Invoice #7201- \$2,276.58. **Approved by Village Board.**

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

**Repair of Leak – 12 Suffern Road** - Two proposals were received:

J. Fletcher Creamer & Sons, LLC: \$26,869.78  
Environmental Construction, Inc.: \$18,210.00

A MOTION was made by Trustee O’Blenis and seconded by Trustee Tarantino to ratify the Village Board’s 12/22/2020 acceptance of the 12/18/2020 proposal submitted by Environmental Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$18,210.00.

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

Upon receipt of a fully executed copy of the proposal, along with a Certificate of Insurance, a Purchase Order will be prepared. Project is to be coordinated with the DPW Supt.

**\$125,000 BAN – DPW Vehicle, DPW Pre-Fab Garage & Misc. Office Equipment – Interest Bids Received**

The BAN Resolution adopted on 12/7/2020 was duly published and posted for the required period. No comments/objections were received.

-In response to the Village Attorney’s 12/29/2020 letters sent to Chase Bank, Sterling National Bank and M&T Bank, one bid was received:

Sterling National Bank: 2.67%

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O’Blenis to award the \$125,000 BAN to Sterling National Bank at an interest rate of 2.67%, and  
FURTHER, the BAN will be dated January 14, 2021 and will come due on January 14, 2022, and  
FURTHER, the Village Attorney and the Village Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to proceed with the BAN closing with Sterling National Bank with the documents as prepared by the Village’s Bond Council, Hawkins Delafield & Wood.

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

**-Purchase of New Truck –**

A discussion was held on the following three (3) proposals received on the OGS Mini Bid Procurement Site:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid (Chassis &amp; Body)</u>
• Genesee Valley Ford	\$54,730.00 (Estimated Delivery Date: Within 126 days)
• Hempstead Lincoln Mercury Motors:	\$54,178.00 (Estimated Delivery Date: Within 150 days)
• Van Bortel Ford:	\$53,556.81 (Estimated Delivery Date: Within 180 days)

The following RESOLUTION was offered by Trustee O’Blenis and seconded by Trustee Tarantino who moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Village solicited bids, via NYS Office of General Services, for a F-550 XL 4WD Diesel Truck with 11-foot Dump Body of the DPW; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village timely received bids from three bidders: a) Genesee Valley Ford for \$54,730.00 with delivery within 126 days; b) Hempstead Lincoln Mercury Motors for \$54,178.00 with delivery within 150 days; and c) and Van Bortel Ford for \$53,556.81 for delivery within 180 days; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village DPW possesses one operable truck and is in dire need of an additional truck; and

**WHEREAS**, Genesee Valley Ford can furnish a truck in a shorter period of time than any of the other bidders; and

**WHEREAS**, although Genesee Valley Ford is not the lowest responsible bidder, the difference in the bid prices is *de minimus*; and

**WHEREAS**, the DPW cannot provide essential services to the residents of the Village or ensure that public streets and available for ingress and egress during a snow storm without sufficient vehicles and, as a result, time is of the essence.

Accordingly, to the extent necessary to comply with General Municipal Law section 103, the Board of Trustees deems obtaining a truck in the shortest period of time for an emergency effecting the life, health safety and property of the residents of the Village of Hillburn.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Hillburn Board of Trustees accepts the bid submitted by Genesee Valley Ford, in the total amount of \$54,730.00, in accordance to the specifications accompanying their bid, an

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that funding for the purchase of this vehicle will be from the proceeds of the 1/14/2021 \$125,000.00 BAN.

Ayes: Joseph P. Tursi, Mayor  
Bernadette Tarantino, Trustee  
Bonnie O’Blenis, Trustee  
Noes: None

Resolution was unanimously adopted.

**2021 Agreement with the Town of Ramapo for Town of Ramapo Fire Protection Districts No. 1 and No. 5**

A MOTION was made by Trustee O’Blenis and seconded by Trustee Tarantino ratifying the 2021 Agreement with the Town of Ramapo for Fire Protection Districts #1 and #5, as signed by Mayor Tursi on 1/6/2021, as follows:

Fire District #1: \$120,525  
Fire District #5: \$ 70,000

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

**2021 Agreement with the Town of Ramapo for Dog Control Services**

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O’Blenis ratifying the 2021 Agreement with the Town of Ramapo for Dog Control Services reflecting a rate of \$70.00 per hour, as signed by Mayor Tursi on 1/6/2021, with an attached Rider stating that the annual fee is not to exceed the amount reflected in the Village of Hillburn’s 2020-2021 Budget: \$2,500.00.

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

**Insurance –**

**New York State Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program – 1/1/2021 Renewal** – The Village’s Insurance agent confirmed that the policy will automatically renew at the existing option: Basic Plan Coverage: Estimated Annual Premium: \$1,990.02. **Approved by Village Board.**

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

**Personnel**

**RE: Appointment of Village Assessor –**

A MOTION was made by Trustee O’Blenis and seconded by Trustee Tarantino to appoint Scott Shedler to the part-time position of Village Assessor at the annual fee of \$12,000.00.

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

MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O’Blenis to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM.

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