

VILLAGE OF HILLBURN
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – 7:00PM

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, via GoToMeeting.com, commencing at 7:00PM.

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

RECORDER OF MINUTES: Robin Miele, Clerk-Treasurer

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The Hon. Mayor Joseph Tursi called meeting to order. Village Attorney Terry Rice led in the Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Tursi stated that this Village Board Meeting is being held in memory of former Mayor Brian L. Miele, who passed away on 5/26/2020. A Moment of Silence was held.

Minutes of the 5/26/20 Meeting - Approved by Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee O’Blenis
Noes: None
Abstention: Trustee Tarantino

Street & Water Commissioner’s Report – 6/16/20 Report - Approved by Village Board.

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

Water

-6/10/20 Bill from SUEZ Water New York – Mayor Tursi reported that the 6/10/20 bill is for \$27,446.59, even higher than the 5/11/2020 bill that was \$22,952.55. Although the current bill reflects a water main break, it is still too high. Mayor Tursi and the Board agreed to move forward with negotiations with SUEZ Water New York to take over the Village’s water system.

-Payment of the 6/10/20 bill from SUEZ Water New York was authorized by the Village Board.

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

-6/11/2020 notification received from SUEZ Water NY – RE: Planned Maintenance – 4th Street Interconnection – Replacement of Pressure Regulation Valve – DPW Supt. Conklin reported he has been in touch with SUEZ. The work, to be performed by Fletcher & Creamer, is scheduled to commence on 6/22/20 and to be completed by 7/1/20. During this time, the Village will be supplied water via the Route 17 regulator and SUEZ recommends hydrant flushing to minimize discolored or cloudy water.

-Mayor Tursi requested DPW Supt. Conklin to call the SUEZ representative and advise that cost for water usage during the flushing of hydrants should be the responsibility of SUEZ.

Police Commissioner’s Report – No report.

DPW Report - DPW Supt. Conklin reported:

-RE: Terrace Ave DPW Garage – Sewer Connection – Contractor: D & A Construction and Landscaping – DPW Supt. reported that the work has been completed satisfactorily and he will sign off on payment to the contractor, in the amount of \$5,475.00 (Project funding: Hillburn Sewer Fund). However, additional costs were incurred to locate the spur, due to the location provided by the RC Sewer District was incorrect. These additional costs are the responsibility of the RC Sewer District.

-Mayor Tursi reported on the recent incident whereby there was a surge at the sewer plant, caused by a sewage back-up in Sloatsburg, that resulted in an overflow at Add-Ventures located on Suffern Road. The RC Sewer District has confirmed that it is responsible for all costs related to the required clean-up.

Quotes for Paving – Sixth St. (20’ x 45’) – Area of the 6/1/2020 Water Main Break

-6/18/2020 Quote – Chuck Bugbee Blacktopping:	\$1,800
-6/22/3030 Text Quote -	\$3,500

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O’Blenis to accept the 6/18/2020 quote from Chuck Bugbee Blacktopping, in the amount of \$1,800.

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

-Quote for Removal of Tree in area of 16 Fox Hollow Road – Perfect Cut Tree Service: \$750.00 - **Approved by Village Board.**

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

Veterans Memorial Park Pond Treatment– Supt. Conklin reported that Princeton Hydro treated the pond on 6/02/20.

A discussion was held on the proposed open burning of the vegetation in the pond by the H.F.D.

-Attorney Rice recommended: check with the Health Department and the NYS DEC to determine regulations.

-Building/Fire Inspector Gordon stated that the RC Health Department is no longer involved in the open burning permitting process; and the NYS DEC’s restrictions on open burning were removed as of 5/18/20. It is his opinion that it could be done safely, by staging on fire truck on Third Street and one in the Veterans Memorial Park.

-Attorney Rice stated that the Village would be exempt from its own permitting process.

Seasonal Hours – The works hours for the DPW will be 6:00AM – 2:30PM from 5/18/20 to 10/12/20.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day – Sat., July 11th, at the Terrace Ave DPW Garage - 8:00AM-12:00 Noon. Notice will be posted and placed on the Village's website.

-Mayor Tursi stated that, in addition to hazardous waste, American Flags can be brought to the DPW garage for proper disposal by the American Legion.

Rockland County 2020 Primary Election – Tuesday, 6/23/20 – Voting Machines and Ballot Marking device will be delivered on Monday, 6/22/20 and picked up on Wednesday, 6/24/20.

-DPW Supt. Conklin confirmed he will be providing access to the poll site (Hillburn Community Room) at 5:30AM and closure at 9:30PM on 6/23/20.

H.F.D. Report

RE: Repair to 5-Quad - Mayor Tursi reported that HFD Chief Shane Starr had verbally notified him of a problem with the 5-Quad. The respective truck was taken to Firematic and it was determined that it was a module in the computer. Truck has been repaired and is back in service.

RBC Wealth Management - Length of Service Award Program

-RE: Invoice #0620 (2020 Contribution for LOSAP): \$44,757 (Paid 6/10/2020) **Ratified by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O'Brien

Noes: None

-Correspondence: Prospectus Info. at 5/30/2020; Portfolio Focus Account Statement for May 2020; 5/21/20 letter regarding the Governor's Executive Order extending grace periods.

FireGrants Help – Grant Application: Brush/Quick Attack Truck Replacement Project – The \$3,000.00 Full Application Assembly Grant Writing Fee has been paid by the Village.

-A 6/11/2020 email was received from Lexipol advising that FEMA has not released any information on turndown and award release dates.

SAM Capital Funding Grant Application – Sponsored through Assemblywoman Jaffee's Office – Funding Application: Purchase of Scott Air Packs and Back Hoe – Awaiting response.

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 –

-Competitive alternatives being offered by O & R regarding LED lighting – no further report.

RealTerm Energy LED Street Light Proposal – Mayor Tursi requested this item be removed from the Village Board agenda.

Village Engineer's Report – Engineer Mancuso reported:

-MS-4 Stormwater Mapping Grant – Round 15 Grant Money - Amount of grant has not been determined.

-2020 MS-4 Annual Report (March 2019 – March 2020) – The Village Board was in receipt of an electronic copy of the respective report, as supplied by Village Engineer Mancuso. (hard copy to be provided)

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O'Brien to accept the MS4 Annual Report for period ending 3/9/20, as prepared and filed by Eve Mancuso, P.E. of Brooker Engineering. Report is available for public review on the Village of Hillburn website.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O'Brien

Noes: None

Claims – Brooker Engineering, PLLC

-Inv. #157618 – General Engineering (May 2020): \$ 660.00 **Approved by Village Board**

-Inv. #157619 – 2020 MS4 Annual Report: \$1,200.00 **Approved by Village Board**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O'Brien

Noes: None

2020 Road Repavement Program –

-Tilcon New York, Inc. – 5/27/20 Proposal (Utilizing the Ramapo Contract RFB TOR 18-13): \$76,623.50

Engineer Mancuso stated she had confirmed that the proposal does contain an escalator clause for asphalt cement that addresses notification for both increases and decreases.

-Cavaliere Industries – A proposal for road milling will be supplied.

Village Attorney's Report – Attorney Rice reported:

Hillburn vs. Noved/Nicholas Cianciuruso, et. al - Attorney Rice summarized the status of the ongoing violations.

-On 5/28/2020, Judge Eisenpress signed the draft Order, prepared and submitted by Village Attorney Rice, with very few changes. The next Court conference is scheduled for 8/31/20. As of this date, the defendants have not complied with the Order that requires payments to the Village of Hillburn and the County of Rockland (reimbursement of expenses, fines), removal of all equipment, and discontinuance of all activity on the property (Nick Cianciuruso was observed on the property by RC personnel and was arrested by the RC Sheriff and charged with a Misdemeanor). If the defendants do not comply with the signed Order by 6/19/20, Attorney Rice will make a motion to the Court for a Summary Judgement.

RE: Claims filed 5/29/2020 – Terry Rice – Village of Hillburn v. Cianciuruso (**Tabled until 7/14/2020 Board Meeting**)

-Inv. #449 - Legal Services - Contempt Hearings: \$26,730.00

-Inv. #550 – Legal Services - Litigation (Other than Contempt Hearings) \$11,745.00

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O'Brien

Noes: None

Notice of Potential Claim – RE: Cianciaruso vs. Village of Hillburn – The matter has been referred to the Village’s insurance carrier, Selective Insurance.

Cablevision Franchise Fee Audit –

Attorney Rice reported that he has sent a revised draft of the Settlement Agreement to Attorney Hoch and is awaiting a reply.

TOKNY Realty Group, LLC v. Hillburn Board of Assessors – Index No. 031947/2020 – Petition: Tax Year 2020/2021

Attorney Rice acknowledged receipt of the Petition.

Insurance - Workers’ Comp Alliance – Risk Management Virtual Training Mondays (required annually for employees).

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

-A 5/31/2020 Financial Report was supplied.

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

Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Local Law –

-Building/Fire Inspector Gordon stated he is compiling a list of possible changes/corrections to the Zoning Local Law. Attorney Rice stated that Bonnie Fransen of Nelson Pope & Vorhees will be contacting Mayor Tursi regarding authorization needed prior to her doing additional work.

Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.

Planning Board – No report.

-A discussion was held on appointing “Ad Hoc” members to fill in on the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals, when members are unavailable.

Building/Fire Inspector’s Report – The Village Board acknowledged receipt of copies of various correspondence.

-2019-2020 Fire Permits – Inspections have resumed.

-His laptop is very slow and needs to be updated or replaced.

-Application Forms for Tree Removal Permit and Storage Container/Dumpster Permit are being compiled (in accordance with the new Zoning Local Law).

-Batteries are needed in the Village Hall emergency lights. (DPW Supt. to follow up on same)

Escrow – The Village Board acknowledged receipt of the Escrow Accounts Report @ 6/01/20.

Claims filed by Brooker Engineering –

-3/9/20 Claim – J. Kim - 4/13/18 Subdivision Appl. (Approved by P/Bd): \$317.25 **Approved by Village Board**

-6/2/20 Claim – T. Scott – Discussion – Site Plan Approval – (No Application/Escrow has been filed with the Planning Board at this date) – **Tabled by Village Board, pending escrow establishment.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis

Noes: None

Senior Citizens – No report.

Recreation

RE: 2020 Camp Season – The Village Board confirmed that there will not be a 2020 Summer Camp or Swim Program.

2020 Village Election – Tuesday, September 15, 2020 - 12noon to 9:00PM (Governor’s Executive Order 202.26)

Hillburn Sewer Committee – An Application was filed by a resident and a \$1,500 rebate was issued.

Public Comments - None

Request for Use of Community Room - Hillburn Community Scholarship Committee –

A 6/2/20 email was received from Chairperson Farrison advising that the 6/13/20 Scholarship Award Ceremony will be postponed and requesting a new date of 8/1/2020. **Approved by Village Board**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis

Noes: None

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

-Kelly O’Blenis – 6/11/2020 Email – RE: Peaceful Protest Regarding Police Brutality - Friday, 6/19/20 at 5:30PM - Mayor Tursi was invited to participate in the march and to speak at the ceremony that will follow.

-Trustee O’Blenis stated that she is an organizer of the Peaceful Protest – The March route will go from the Youth Center to the Veterans Memorial Park. Mondair Jones, a candidate for the Democratic nomination in New York’s 17th Congressional district, will be a guest speaker.

-RC Health Dept. – RE: Flyers – Mosquito Control (supplied to DPW Supt. and placed on Village website)

-O & R – RE: Request for Schedule of 2020 Municipal Projects & Paving.

-John Dinino – 6/15/20 Request for Veteran/Disability Discount on Taxes – A response will be sent to advise that commercial property is not eligible for Veteran or Disability exemptions.

-US Census Bureau – 6/3/20 Email – “Census Update – Is Rockland Flatlining?”

-NYCOM – Various emails – RE: COVID-19.

-RC Planning Dept. – 6/22/20 Zoom Presentation: Sustainable Suburbia – Introduction to Native Landscaping.

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

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis

Noes: None

A MOTION was made by Trustee O’Blenis and seconded by Mayor Tursi to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O’Blenis

Noes: None