

VILLAGE OF HILLBURN
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 7:00PM

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING held on Tuesday, March 10, 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
Terry Rice, Village Attorney

ABSENT: Bonnie O’Blenis, Trustee
Eve Mancuso, Brooker Engineering
Thomas Conklin, DPW Superintendent

RECORDER OF MINUTES: Robin Miele, Clerk-Treasurer

Meeting called to order by the Hon. Mayor Joseph Tursi. ZBA Member Timothy Williams led in the Salute to the Flag.

Minutes of the 2/25/20 Meeting - Approved by Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
Noes: None

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

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
Noes: None

Police Commissioner’s Report – Police Commissioner Mayor Tursi

-RE: Reports of Speeding on Terrace Avenue – 3/5/20 Email from Town of Ramapo Police Captain Daniel Hyman - Mayor Tursi reported the email detailed information from data devices placed on Terrace Avenue. Over a 7-day period, the data revealed that, on average, most drivers stayed under the speed limit. The volume of vehicles travelling on Terrace Avenue over the 7-day period was 3,771.00.

DPW Report – Supt. Thomas Conklin (Not present)

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day – Sat., March 21st at the Terrace Ave DPW Garage - 8:00AM-12:00 Noon.
Hillburn Clean-Up Day – Sat., 4/18/20 (Rain Date: Sat. 4/25/20) 8:30AM – 12:00 Noon

Chairs in Hillburn Community Room – 3/10/20 Email from KFI Studies – Replacement Seats: \$22.00 each. Company recommends purchasing a sample seat to ensure proper size. Purchaser of one (1) Sample Seat - Approved by Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
Noes: None

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

-Documents have been provided for the Village of Hillburn be a “Safety Vest Sponsor” at the cost of \$295.00.

HFD Report – Chief Starr reported:

-Request for Purchase of (2) Gas Detectors - 11/30/19 Quote from MES (Submitted by HFD Chief Starr 3/10/20): \$904.20 each (Total: \$1,808.40). It was determined that the purchase of (1) gas detector is sufficient at this time.
Approved by Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
Noes: None

-Junior Fireman Membership – Chief Starr requested Village Board authorization for Joey Alexander to have the required physical at Mahwah Medical. **Approved by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
Noes: None

-Chief Starr reported the HFD had responded to an automatic alarm on Torne Valley Road and confirmed a fire that was quickly knocked down.

-O & R – 3/9/20 Email – RE: Gas Emergency Response Survey – Referred to HFD Starr for follow up.

-RBC – RE: Length of Service Award Program - Prospectus Report at 2/21/20; Account Statement (2/1-29/2020).

FireGrants Help – Grant Application: Brush/Quick Attack Truck Replacement Project – No

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 had spoken with a representative from an O & R representative regarding competitive alternatives regarding LED lighting being offered by O & R. Total number of lights that need to be upgraded: (97); number of lights eligible for upgrade per year at the cost of \$232 each: (37). Matter is being further discussed.

RealTerm Energy LED Street Light Proposal – On hold.

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

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.).

-DPW Supt. Conklin will be scheduling a meeting with Tilcon to map out areas for a quote.

Village Attorney’s Report – Attorney Rice reported:

Hillburn vs. Noved/Nicholas Ciancioruso, et. al. – Attorney Rice reported on several letters that he had sent to Judge Eisenpress regarding Noved’s repeated/ongoing disregard of the Court’s directive that no activity is to take place on the respective property.

-Attorney Rice reported he is compiling a total of expenses incurred by the Village of Hillburn, regarding the Contempt of Court proceedings only (legal expenses and costs for professional testimonies).

Cablevision Franchise Fee Audit – MUNI

Attorney Rice reported that he is awaiting a response from Gerard Fishberg regarding the draft Agreement he had prepared to be supplied to Cablevision.

Verizon Cable Franchise Audit – MUNI

A representative from Verizon has reached out requesting that the audit be closed. Matter has been referred to Joseph Messina (MUNI) and Village Attorney Rice.

Attorney Rice reported he has been unable to contact the Verizon representative.

Insurance

April 2020-April 2021 Insurance (Policy Expires April 15, 2020) - The Village's insurance agent, Seeley & Durland, has provided an application for a quote from Coriari Assoc. and same is being completed.

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 and 2/27/20 Correspondence regarding Increasing the Tip Fees for all Acceptable Waste.

-Village Attorney Rice is following up on matters.

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

-No changes in 2/25/20 Financial Report.

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

Mayor Tursi reported that a workshop meeting was held on 3/9/20 to discuss necessary update(s) to the recently adopted Comprehensive & Relating Zoning.

Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.

Planning Board – Next Meeting: 3/25/20

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

Escrow –

-A workshop meeting was on 3/5/20 to review escrow accounts.

RE: Four (4) Escrow Accounts Closed Out 1/29/19 - Balances Remaining Unclaimed at 3/10/20:

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Mayor Tursi that a second and final written notice be sent to each respective party advising that failure to file a certified claim on or before 15 days from the date of the letter will result in the forfeiture of the escrow balance.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino

Noes: None

RE: Close Out of Escrow Accounts

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Mayor Tursi that, as recommended by Building/Fire Inspector, the following (4) escrow accounts be closed out and the respective balances be refunded:

Salomone Bros., Inc. 9/17/15 Demolition Permit (Interior Demolition in Prep. Of Bldg. Renovation)

Jay Kim - 11/10/16 Building Permit Application

Buck, Seifert & Jost, Inc. - SUEZ Water New York, Inc. – 6/2/17 Partial Floodplain App.

Buck, Seifert & Jost, Inc. - SUEZ Water New York, Inc. – 8/16/18 Bldg Permit #082218

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino

Noes: None

-Nelson Pope & Voorhis - 2/3/20 Claim Against Escrow – Noved Building Management (4/4/19 Site Plan Application) - \$190.00 Tabled by Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino

Noes: None

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.

Notice of Upcoming Trip: 5/21/20 – River Lady Cruise Toms River, NJ

Recreation – Mayor Tursi read the written report:

-Things are going well at the Youth Center.

-2020 Camp & Swim Program - Request to post the Camp & Swim Program Registration on the Village sign - 3/27/2020 – 10am to 12noon.

-2019-2020 After School Program – 9/13/19 Petty Cash: \$250.00 - Receipts have been submitted totaling \$254.54.

Refund of \$4.54 to Angela Flanagan - **Approved by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino

Noes: None

-H.F.D. Starr confirmed that the H.F.D. will Perform Mandatory Fire Drill on the first day of Camp: 7/6/20.

2020 Concert in the Park

Proposal from Rich Ranno – 2.5 Hour Band Performance – 7/19/2020 (4:00PM-6:30PM): \$1,000.00 **Approved by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
 Noes: None

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

-Board of Assessors held a Workshop Meeting on 3/5/20 – RE: Six (6) Assessment Grievances were received.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Mayor Tursi that the following action be taken on each of the filed 2020 Grievances:

<u>Requests for Assess. Reduction</u>					
		2019 Adopted	2020 Tentative	Requested	3/10/2020
PROPERTY ID	PROPERTY OWNER	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment	BOARD ACTION
-	-	-	-	-	
47.14-2-1	TOKNY Realty Group, LLC	514,600	875,000	218,750	Denied
47.19-2-4	ACA Holding Corp.	225,000	225,000	100,000	Denied
47.18-1-2	Moshe Friedman	24,500	24,500	20,000	Denied
47.18-1-7	Elya Kogan	33,000	33,000	18,300	Denied
<u>Requests for Exempt Status</u>					
		2019 Adopted	2020 Tentative	Requested	3/10/2020
PROPERTY ID	PROPERTY OWNER	Exempt	Taxable	Exempt	BOARD ACTION
-	-	-	-	-	
47.18-1-10	Khal Torath Chaim of Rockland	530,000	530,000	530,000	Tabled
47.14-1-8	Khal Torath Chaim of Rockland	12,000	12,000	12,000	Tabled

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
 Noes: None

2020-2021 Tentative Budget

A Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget was scheduled for Tuesday, 4/14/2020 at 7:15PM.

2020 Village Election – Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Hillburn Sewer Committee – No new applications have been received.

-2/26/2020 written notification has been sent to the Hillburn Sewer Committee – RE: Funding for Terrace Avenue DPW Garage Sewer Connection.

2020 Hillburn Day – 6/20/20

A meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 3/11/2020 at 5:30PM.

Veterans Memorial Park Pond – No further report at this time.

NYCOM – 2020 Annual Meeting – May 3 – 5, 2020 – Bolton Landing, NY - Authorization for the Village Board Members to attend the meeting, and all related expenses. **Approved by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
 Noes: None

Public Comments – None

Application for Use of Hillburn Community Room -

-Applicant: Yvonne Van Dunk – Mon., 3/9/20 – 7:00PM - Ladies Auxiliary By-Laws Meeting

-Applicant: Yvonne Van Dunk – 9AM Fri., 5/8/20 to 4PM Sat., 5/9/20 – Ladies Auxiliary Plant Sale

**Ratified
 Approved**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
 Noes: None

Application for Use of Youth Center

-Shining Lights Helping Hands – 8/28/20 12N-9PM, 8/29/20 9AM-6PM – Back to School Give Away

Approved

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
 Noes: None

Split Rock Tour – 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

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

-RC Dept. of Planning – RE: 32nd Annual Dinner Award Recipients Announced.

-Town of Newburgh – Request for Village of Hillburn to adopt a Resolution Opposing Merger of NYS Bridge Authority with NYS Thruway Authority.

-County of Rockland – Notices – RE: Youthfest 2020: 3/8/2020 & 50th Anniversary Earth Day Poster Contest.

-Town of Ramapo – Legal Notice of Public Hearings scheduled for 3/17/2020.

-County of Rockland – Coronavirus Update

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

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Mayor Tursi to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino

Noes: None