

VILLAGE OF HILLBURN
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – 12:00Noon

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, in the Hillburn Municipal Building, 31 Mountain Avenue, Hillburn, New York 10931, commencing at 12:00Noon.

PRESENT: Joseph P. Tursi, Mayor
Bernadette A. Tarantino, Trustee
Bonnie O'Blenis, Trustee

RECORDER OF MINUTES: Robin Miele, Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Tursi reported that, at present, there are two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Village of Hillburn. For the health of residents, and in accordance with the Executive Order issued by Governor Cuomo, the meeting is not open for public attendance, however, it is being streamed live on the Village's Facebook page. Alternate means of video conferencing are being looked into.

Meeting was called to order by the Hon. Mayor Joseph Tursi. Clerk-Treasurer Robin Miele led in the Salute to the Flag.

Minutes of the 3/10/20 Meeting - Approved by Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee Tarantino
Noes: None
Abstention: Trustee O'Blenis (Absent from meeting)

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

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

Water – Bill received from SUEZ Water NY for period from 2/4/20 – 3/9/20: \$22,000.00 - Mayor Tursi reported he is awaiting a response to an email he had sent to Bill Madden of SUEZ Water NY regarding the bill, as it is very high (average bill for purchase of water: \$14,000.00).

RC Health Department – 2020 Mosquito Control – 2020 Fee for Service: \$625.00. Ratified by Village Board

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

Penflex– Service Award Program (LOSAP)

2019 Data Request Package has been completed by the H.F.D. Chief. Package was Approved and Signed by Village Board.

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

Village Engineer

Preparation of MS-4 Annual Report - 3/13/2020 Proposal from Brooker Engineering, PLLC: \$1,200.00 Approved by Village Board.

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

Claims filed by Brooker Engineering:

-3/09/20 – Invoice #156999 – General Engineering: \$330.00 **Approved by Village Board**

RE: Village of Hillburn v. Noved Building Mgmt.

The following claims were received regarding the pending court matter:

-Claim dated 3/09/20 – Invoice #157000: \$342.00 (Soil Testing)
-Claim dated 3/16/20 – Inv. #285716: \$900.00

12:15PM –

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O'Blenis to suspend the regular meeting in order to hold the duly scheduled Public Hearing.

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

Public Hearing – 2020 Community Development Block Grant

The Village Clerk-Treasurer reported that the Notice of Public Hearing was prepared and publicized by the RC Office of Community Development.

-Mayor Tursi stated that based on the Village's ineligibility to receive funding, no Citizens Advisory Committee had been established and no projects had been considered.

No written comments had been received from the Public.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O'Blenis to close the Public Hearing.

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

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O'Blenis to reopen the regular meeting of the Village Board.

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

IT WAS RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees that due to the Village of Hillburn does not meet the criteria to qualify for 2020 Community Development Block Grant Funds, no application will be filed with the RC Office of Community Development

Ayes: Joseph P Tursi, Mayor
Bernadette Tarantino, Trustee
Bonnie O'Brien, Trustee
Noes: None

RESOLUTION was unanimously adopted.

12:20PM

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O'Brien to suspend the regular meeting in order to hold the duly scheduled Public Hearing.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O'Brien
Noes: None

Public Hearing -- Proposed Introductory Local Law 2 of 2020 -- A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Local §3-c

The duly posted and published Notice of Public Hearing was read aloud by the Village Clerk. Mayor Tursi summarized the purpose of the local law. The local law would allow the Village, if necessary, to exceed the established tax cap.

No written comments had been received from the Public.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O'Brien to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O'Brien
Noes: None

A MOTION was made by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O'Brien to reopen the regular meeting of the Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O'Brien
Noes: None

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Tarantino and seconded by Trustee O'Brien who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held on March 31, 2020 regarding Introductory Local Law 2 of 2020, A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C;

WHEREAS, the Village Board declared itself to be lead agency in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act on March 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Village Board determined that the adoption of Local Law 2 of 2020 is a Type II action and no further environmental review is required;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Introductory Local Law #2 of 2020 as Local Law #2 of 2020. Said Local Law will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Ayes: Joseph P. Tursi, Mayor
Bernadette A. Tarantino, Trustee
Bonnie R. O'Brien, Trustee
Noes: None

Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Insurance

2020-2021 Insurance (Policy Expires April 15, 2020) --

-Corieri & Assoc. -- The quote application is not complete at this time, as the information requested is extensive.

-Selective Insurance - A renewal quote was received from Selective Insurance on 3/13/20 -- Total Premium: \$40,499 (reflects an overall increase of 1.9%).

As recommended by the Village's insurance agent, Seeley & Durland, on 3/25/20 the Village Board accepted the renewal with Selective Insurance. **Ratified by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi, Trustees Tarantino & O'Brien
Noes: None

NYS Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance

3/25/20 Notification - RE: Results of Worker's Compensation Underwriting Survey of the Village of Hillburn: "No recommendations to report".

2020 Tentative Assessment Roll

RE: Applications for Exempt Status: Property Owner: Khal Torath Chaim of Rockland (Property I.D. 47.18-1-10 and 47.14-1-80 - The originally filed applications reflected the use of the parcels as a school, which is not reflected on the current Certificate of Occupancy. The Village Attorney discussed matter with the Attorney for the property owner. Subsequently, on 3/19/20, the Village received revised pages of the applications stating the use in accordance with the Certificate of Occupancy. The revised pages were reviewed by the Village Attorney.

A MOTION was made by Trustee O'Blenis and seconded by Trustee Tarantino to accept the revised applications, as reviewed and approved by the Village Attorney, and to grant exempt status to Property I.D. 47.18-1-10 and 47.14-1-8 on the 2020 Village Assessment Roll.

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

The Village Board of Assessors/Village Board of Trustees signed the Verification of Assessors for the 2020 Final Assessment Roll. (Copy of Final assessment Roll Summary attached)

2020-2021 Tentative Budget – The Tentative Budget has been filed by Mayor Tursi.

The Public Hearing previously scheduled for 4/14/20 has been cancelled. No new date has been scheduled at this time.

2020 Village Election – Due to COVID-19, Governor Cuomo the 2020 Village Elections scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 were postponed. When a new date is scheduled, notices will be posted.

-RC Board of Elections – Polling Site Permit Form – Use of Hillburn Community Room for Presidential Primary and Federal/State/Local Primary. **Approved by Village Board.**

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

Escrow –

7/17/19 Petition for Rehearing filed with ZBA by Thomas Scott – The ZBA recommends additional escrow, in the amount of \$1,019.00, be posted by the applicant to cover outstanding claims for professional reviews. **Approved by Village Board.**

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

Video Conferencing Program –

A MOTION was made by Trustee O'Blenis and seconded by Trustee Tarantino authorizing an expenditure of up to \$1,200.00 for an annual subscription to a video conferencing program to allow online viewing of Village meetings by the public.

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

Mayor Tursi reported on his Executive Order effective 3/19/2020 which implemented several measures to protect the public from COVID-19, including limited hours of Village personnel, and postponement of scheduled meetings and events until further notice. Also, the Village has a hotline for residents to contact for assistance in delivery of food or medicine: Phone – (845) 276-4011 or email hillburncommunity@gmail.com. Residents can visit the Village's website or Facebook Page to stay up to date on Village matters.

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 12:40PM.

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

SUMMARY
2020 FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
at March 31, 2020

REAL PROPERTY - FULL VALUE		15,674,196	
Cat II New Construction	516,300		
Cat. III Other Changes	8,300	Town Changes	
	24,600	From Roll 8 to Roll 1	
	-10,500	SCAR Reduction	
	<u>538,700</u>		
	16,212,896		
LESS Exemptions:	2020	2019	Difference
Veterans	16,400	18,800	(2,400)
Old Age	150,385	143,050	7,335
Business (New Construction)	0	0	0
	<u>166,785</u>	<u>161,850</u>	<u>4,935</u>
	16,046,111		16,046,111
PALISADES INTERSTATE (Final)			737,333
	Eq Rate: 15.81	Eq Rate: 16.10	
SPECIAL FRANCHISE (Tentative)	2019	2020	Difference
	(Final)	(Tentative)	
500.-363 O & R	1,246,316	434,373	-811,943
500.-395 Suez Water	843,282	876,528	33,246
500.-313 AT & T	1,510	1,431	-79
500.-333 Verizon NY, Inc.	64,169	60,272	-3,897
500.-70-D MCI	5,166	4,369	-797
500.-775 Tech Valley Communications	1,397	1,393	-4
500.-338 Shaw Business Solutions	1,486	1,368	-118
500.-301 Algonquin Gas	54,160	56,288	2,128
500.-345 Cablevision	12,960	12,556	-404
500.-432 Genuity Solutions, Inc.	1,705	1,465	-240
500.-439 Century Link	8,353	8,237	-116
500.-446 Broadwing Comm.	1,459	1,393	-66
500.-471 Wiltel Communications Group	2,637	2,267	-370
500.-71-E Global Crossing No. America	608	522	-86
500.-478 BCE Nexia	1,050	930	-120
500.-7771 Lighttower Fiber Long Island	402	396	-6
			0
	<u>2,246,660</u>	<u>1,463,788</u>	<u>-782,872</u>
			1,463,788
REAL CORPORATION	6,166,564		
Changes in Acordance with T/Ramapo Roll	311,959		
	6,478,523		6,478,523
CEILINGS	2019	2020	Difference
RAILROAD (Final)	23,344	24,423	1,079
TELECOMMUNICATIONS-VERIZON (Tentative)	4,509	3,511	-998
FIRST LIGHT FIBER (Tentative)	223	225	2
	<u>28,076</u>	<u>28,159</u>	<u>83</u>
			28,159
Total 2020 FINAL Assessment at 3/31/20)			24,753,914
Total 2019 Taxable Assessment			24,696,769
		Difference	57,145
Wholly Exempt	6,055,160		
Partial Exemptions	166,785		
	6,221,945		
Assessment Roll Total:	30,975,859		