

VILLAGE OF HILLBURN
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – 11:00AM

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, via GoToMeeting.com, commencing at 10:00AM.

PRESENT: Joseph P. Tursi, Mayor
Bonnie O’Blenis, Trustee
Terry Rice, Village Attorney
Eve Mancuso, Village Engineer

ABSENT: Bernadette Tarantino, Trustee
(Work)
Thomas Conklin, DPW Superintendent
(Heavy Trash Collection)

RECORDER OF MINUTES: Robin Miele, Clerk-Treasurer

Meeting was called to order by the Hon. Mayor Joseph Tursi, who led in the Salute to the Flag.

With sincere sadness, Mayor Tursi reporting on the passing of former Mayor Brian L. Miele this morning, 5/26/2020. Mayor Miele did so much for our Village and, when COVID-19 restrictions are removed, a proper tribute will be held.

Minutes of the 5/12/20 Meeting - Approved by Village Board.

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

Street & Water Commissioner’s Report – 5/26/20 Report - Approved by Village Board.

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

Water

5/11/20 Bill from SUEZ Water New York – Mayor Tursi reported that the bill is once again very high. Matter is being reviewed.

Police Commissioner’s Report – No report.

H.F.D. Report

Mayor Tursi reported that the HFD responded to a structure fire in Sloatsburg, NY.
-The CFR truck needs repair – RE: Ladder. A quote will be obtained from Firematic.

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. No further information has been received.

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 –

-Mayor Tursi reported that O & R is offering competitive alternatives regarding LED lighting and he is looking into same.

RealTerm Energy LED Street Light Proposal – No further report.

Village Engineer’s Report – Engineer Mancuso reported:

2020 MS-4 Annual Report – Engineer Mancuso advised the report has been submitted.

2020 Road Repavement Program –

-DPW Supt. Conklin had advised that he had spoken with Tilcon who is preparing a quote.

-Engineer Mancuso stated that she will work with DPW Supt. Conklin regarding this project.

Village Attorney’s Report – Attorney Rice reported:

Hillburn vs. Noved/Nicholas Ciancioruso, et. al

Attorney Rice summarized the status of the ongoing violations. The defendants continue to conduct business on the property, in defiance of the Judge’s orders. Attorney Rice reported he had prepared and submitted a draft Order. Judge Eisenpress advised she will sign the Order, with some changes, and has indicated that she would award the Village for their expenses, although he does not know the amount.

Notice of Potential Claim – RE: Cianciaruso vs. Village of Hillburn – As directed by Attorney Rice, the 4/29/20 correspondence received from Attorney Preston A. Leschins has been supplied to the Village’s insurance carrier, Selective Insurance.

Cablevision Franchise Fee Audit –

Attorney Rice reported that, after discussions regarding the language in the Agreement, he had sent a revised draft of the Settlement Agreement to Attorney Hoch.

DPW Report - DPW Supt. Conklin reported:

Purchase of Flags – Invoice #200957 – Gates Flag & Banner Co., Inc. - \$566.40 (11 Flags). **Ratified by Village Board.**

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

Tree on Fox Hollow Road – A property owner, Delores Hunter (16 Fox Hollow Road) has reported branches falling from the a onto her property. Perfect Cut Tree Service has been contacted and will make an inspection on 6/10/2020 and possibly trim the tree.

Purchase of Parts for Weed Whackers, Blowers – Pomona Power Equipment - Inv. #51576: \$184.88. **Ratified by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee O'Blenis
Noes: None

Veterans Memorial Park Pond Treatment – A Purchase Order has been prepared and supplied to Princeton Hydro – Scheduled Treatment: Week of 6/25/2020.

2004 F350 Truck – As authorized at the 5/12/2020, the truck has been taken to Suffern Sales and Service, Inc. – for gearbox repair.

Use of Community Room by RC Board of Elections – Primary Day – 6/23/20 – DPW Supt. will be providing access and closure.

-DPW – Summer Hours: (6:00AM – 2:30PM) from May 18th to October 12th. **Approved by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee O'Blenis
Noes: None

-The Village Clerk reported that thank you letters have been sent to two Hillburn residents who volunteered to pick up trash throughout the village.

Insurance

NYSIF

-HFD Workers' Comp. Policy - Notice regarding an increase in premium (7/1/2019–7/1/2020) – The Village Clerk confirmed that an audit was made and the increase reflects an additional premium for Fire District No. 5.

Estimated Premium for the Policy Period:	\$12,937.42
Adjusted Premium after Premium Verification:	\$17,295.75
Net Premium Due for this Period:	\$ 4,358.33

Approved by Village Board.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee O'Blenis
Noes: None

-Notice of Compliance – Posted in Village Office and Terrace Avenue DPW Garage.

-Disability Benefits and Paid Family Leave (7/1/2020 – 7/01/2021) – Total Premium: \$1,679.96 – Total Deposit Required: \$419.99. **Approved by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee O'Blenis
Noes: None

Workers' Compensation Alliance - The Village is in receipt of Check #0241378 in the amount of \$396.00, representing the 10% Workforce Reduction Credit (6-Week Period being 3/16/2020).

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

-No change to 4/30/2020 Financial Report.

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

Attorney Rice reported the proposed amendments to the Zoning Local Law had had been emailed to Elizabeth Cassidy. Attorney Cassidy emailed Bonnie Fransen of Nelson Pope & Vorhees who stated authorization is needed prior to her doing additional work.

2020 Tax Warrant

On 5/15/2020, the Village Board of Trustees signed the 2020 Tax Warrant, as follows:

Tax Levy:	\$1,099,073.78
Water Rents:	40,555.86
Special Assessments:	<u>1,356.34</u>
Total:	<u>\$1,140,985.98</u>

Zoning Board of Appeals – No Report

Planning Board – No Report

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

Escrow – The Village Board acknowledged receipt of the Escrow Accounts Report @ 5/26/20.

Senior Citizens – No report.

Recreation – No report.

2020 Village Election – Tuesday, September 15, 2020 - 12noon to 9:00PM (in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.26)

Hillburn Sewer Committee –

RE: Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement – Mayor Tursi reported he is in discussions with representatives from the RC Sewer District regarding re-appropriating a portion of the annual funding received by the Village of Hillburn for other purposes.

Memorial Day – May 25, 2020 – Mayor Tursi reported that a Wreath Laying Ceremony was held at the two monuments at Veterans Memorial Park and was broadcast live via Facebook.

Public Comments

Trustee O’Blenis extended her sincere condolences to the Miele family. Not only did Brian Miele do so much for the Village of Hillburn, he also championed her daughter in her endeavor to become a teacher.

-Mayor Tursi stated that the Village sign will express the Village’s condolences, and additional commemorations will be discussed.

Tim Williams (31 Sixth St.) offered his prayers and the Peace of Christ to Mayor Brian Miele, his family and friends.

H. Becker – Paymaster Maintenance Service (5/23/2020 – 5/23/2022): \$589.50 **Approved by Village Board.**

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee O’Blenis

Noes: None

GASB 75 – A 5/18/2020 email was received from Danziger & Markhoff, LLP – RE: Mid-cycle Request for GASB #75 Valuation – FYE 5/31/2020.

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

-St. James Mar Thoma Church – Church members interest in donating money to Hillburn residents in need during the pandemic.

-New York Life – Employee supplement benefits at no direct cost to municipality.

-Notices regarding Various webinars – RE: COVID-19

Personnel

Appointment of DPW Employee: Andrew Stryko – Full Time - Start Date: 6/1/2020.

A MOTION was made by Trustee O’Blenis and seconded by Mayor Tursi to amend that the rate of pay approved at the 5/12/2020 Board meeting be corrected from \$17.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee O’Blenis

Noes: None

Appointment of Assistant Building Inspector

A MOTION was made by Trustee O’Blenis and seconded by Mayor Tursi to re-establish the position of Assistant Building Inspector, if the position does not exist, and

FURTHER, to appoint Larry McMannis to the part-time position of Assistant Building Inspector, at the rate of \$22.00 per hour, effective June 1, 2020.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee O’Blenis

Noes: None

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

Scheduling of Upcoming Board Meetings – Meetings were scheduled as follows:

June: Tuesday, 6/16/20 at 11:00AM (video conference)

July: Tuesday, 7/14/20 at 11:00PM (video conference)

Mary M. Boone, Clerk-Treasurer to Brian L. Miele

Mary Boone stated she had served as Clerk-Treasurer during Mayor Miele’s Trustee Term 1975 and Mayoral Terms from 1977 to 2006. His many accomplishments include, but are not limited to, the construction of the Village Office, Youth Center, the Hillburn Community Room and Firehouse Bays (as requested by the HFD members, the downstairs of the original building was preserved). He truly loved the Village of Hillburn and served it very well.

A MOTION was made by Trustee O’Blenis and seconded by Mayor Tursi to adjourn the meeting at 10:50AM.

Ayes: Mayor Tursi & Trustee O’Blenis

Noes: None