

DEPARTMENTAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,
MONDAY MARCH 25, 2019 10:00 A.M., HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL,
85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Departmental Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Mayor Morgan. Roll call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Falsetta.

Present: Mayor Eugene D. Morgan
Deputy Mayor Dawn Gotthardt
Trustee Charlene Caramore
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi
Trustee Shaun Shannon

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Village Clerk/Treasurer
See attached attendance list

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve the February 25, 2019 departmental minutes.

2019-044

Minutes Approval

A MOTION was made by Trustee Shannon, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$69,889.60.

2019-045

Abstract of Vouchers

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Hathaway was instructed to send a letter to remedy on all properties that have received complaints. The "Old Creamery" on Pennsylvania Avenue is a large liability concern. Mr. Hathaway assured the Board that the property has been secured and that he has been in contact with the owner who still plans on working on the structure within the next month or so.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Bernard Wormuth reported that the hot water heater at the plant has been replaced. The plant is running smoothly and they are preparing to begin hauling in preparation of spring.

DPW Superintendent Vaughn Karcher informed the Board that the numerous potholes throughout the Village will be addressed as soon as the weather permits.

Police Sergeant Dan Petersen reported that the officers have attended several training sessions. Officer Martina VanNoy is scheduled to begin Police Academy next month. Sergeant Petersen plans on scheduling her as the second officer on a couple of Saturdays per month.

Fire Chief Rolland Bojo, Jr. was excused.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to accept the Departmental Reports.

2019-046

Departmental Reports

Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering was present to discuss the water meter installation

bids that were due by last Friday at 2:00 P.M. Only one bid was received in the amount of \$83,000 to install 500 meters throughout the Village. Mr. Brown pointed out that the bid was within the budgeted amount and was within the specs provided. Included in the cost is the flow testing of each meter. Mr. Brown also informed the Board that surveying portion of the water project will begin this week.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve the water meter installation bid at a cost of \$81,500 which includes a credit of \$3.00 per meter (-\$1,500).

2019-047

Water Meter Installation

Tia from McDonald's was present to request that the drain on West Main Street across from McDonald's be cleaned as it is causing water to back up into the parking lot. Tia has already met with NYS DOT and that the pipe was "jetted" for several hours after the last frost. DPW Superintendent stated that he too has met with NYS DOT regarding the problem and they plan to work together to clean the drain. Mr. Rotzler pointed out that the last time the drain was properly cleaned was when Andrew Falsetta did it several years ago. Mr. Rotzler complained that the drain problem was causing water to enter his basement. Mayor Morgan asked Mr. Karcher to follow up with NYS DOT.

Dennis Mencer of Perkins Road brought up the subject of the "Old Creamery" and insisted that the building was not secured as the Code Enforcement Officer had stated. He is concerned that kids can get in and get hurt. Mayor Morgan sent the DPW to check on the security of the premises.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Shannon, voted and carried at 10:36 A.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

2019-048

Executive Session

- Matters which, if disclosed, will imperil the public safety
- Matters which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer
- Information regarding current or future investigations or prosecutions of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed
- Discussion proposed, pending or current litigation
- Collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law
- The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation
- The preparation, grading, or administration of examinations
- The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by the public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof

The meeting was reconvened at 11:21 A.M with no action taken.

A letter of resignation was received from DPW Superintendent Vaughn Karcher, effective March 29, 2019.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Shannon, voted and carried to accept with regret DPW Superintendent Vaughn Karcher's resignation effective 3/29/19.

2019-049

V Karcher Resignation

A MOTION was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Trustee Shannon, voted and carried to appoint Matthew Loftus as DPW Superintendent for a probationary period of 6 months at an annual salary of \$40,000.

2019-050

Appt M Loftus DPW Super

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to advertise in the Hancock Herald for a full time DPW Laborer.

2019-051

Advertise DPW Help Wanted

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried with the exception of Trustee Shannon who was opposed due to budget constraints to promote Justin Baxter to the position of full time police officer.

2019-052

Promote J Baxter to F/T

Police Officer

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer