

DEPARTMENTAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY November 28, 2022 9:00 A.M., HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL,  
85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Departmental Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Mayor McGrath. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shannon.

Present: Mayor Carolann McGrath  
Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon  
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt  
Trustee Jason Mead- Absent  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi

Also Present: Demi Shannon, Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
Kristen Barron, Hancock Herald

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to approve the October 24, 2022 departmental minutes.

*2022- 210  
Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers #0012 in the amount of \$83,566.72.

*2022- 211  
Abstract of Vouchers*

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Hathaway stated that there were 2 building permits issued for the month. Pete went to 266 Leonard Street for multiple complaints. He sent an Order of Remedy for 14 Old Bridge Street for a shed that was placed in the front yard on a sewer right of way.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Bernard Wormuth reported that everything is running good. They are emptying the drying beds and getting all of the things done for winter.

Police Kyle Karcher was not present and no report was provided.

Fire Chief Blaise Bojo reported they responded to 35 calls for the month of October. Members got together and repaired the outside lights on the fire house. He is trying to get a class for exploding gas with NYSEG.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Matt Loftus was excused and his report was read by the Mayor.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to accept the Departmental reports.

*2022- 212  
Departmental Reports*

Fire Chief Blaise Bojo stated that they applied for the DEC Forest Fire Grant that is a matching grant of about \$1500.00. He also went over the list of equipment on the trailer that they would like to purchase. He stated that all expiration dates on the equipment is good.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the purchase of the trailer and equipment on it for the Village share of \$5,000.00 for the Village Fire Department.

2022- 213

*Trailer & Equip. Purchase*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve the Enhanced Plan for \$3044.70/ year for the NYS Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program.

2022- 214

*NYS Cancer Benefit Program*

Russell Bass was present and presented more paperwork to the Board for the Hancock House Hotel Water Situation. The Board reviewed and discussed the bills submitted. They decided to send the purchases to the attorney and come up with an agreement. The Board will have a solution on the December 12, 2022 at 7 pm.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon voted and carried at 9:43 A.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

2022- 215

*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 10:51 A.M. with no action taken.

Kim Simmons was called back to provide some verification to some of the bills that was presented for the Hancock House Hotel. She stated she would bring documentation of proof later in the day.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried, Trustee Picozzi abstained, to increase Natasha Picozzi's hourly salary to \$24.00 per hour effective immediately.

2022- 216

*Na. Picozzi Pay Raise*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.  
Respectfully Submitted by:

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Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer