

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.  
HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL, 85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Shaun Shannon.

Present: Mayor Shaun Shannon  
Deputy Mayor Jason Mead  
Trustee Ricky Kuehn  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi  
Trustee Shane Mielke

Also Present: Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
Kristen Barron, Hancock Herald  
Kathleen Ingalls, Lori Lamica-Nelson, Kevin McCarthy,  
Donna Torch, and David Rubera

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to approve the January 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. *2024-015  
Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mead, voted and carried to approve the January 17, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. *2024-016  
Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Mielke, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mead, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers #14 in the amount of \$83,747.04. *2024-017  
Abstract Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mead, voted and carried to authorize the Clerk to publish the bid advertisement in the official newspaper for the WWTP Critical Improvements Phase 2 Project, contingent on NYSCOR concurrence. *2024-018  
Bid Advertisement*

Stray Cat Issue:

Kathleen Ingalls stated that 140 cats have been trapped and fixed and returned between the Village and Town of Hancock. They are currently working on the cat issue on Leonard Street. They try not to trap in the winter because it's too cold to have the cats sit in a trap overnight but they have done a couple evening traps there. Lori Lamica-Nelson stated that the program is working but it takes time to dwindle the cat population. Her concern was the funding to help the program to continue. Kathleen and Lori have both put in their own money to fund most of the program. The Board said they review the current budget and see what they can do to help. The Board thanked them for their work and dedication to the program. The Board is willing to work with the program and help to make sure the stray cat issue gets resolved.

Donna Torch stated that the 501C3 is set up and ready to go. She said the shelter is in the works but they are currently looking for land and/or a building to put the shelter. The shelter is for dogs not for the feral cats and is a different program from the cat program.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to appoint the election inspectors for March 19, 2024.

2024-019

*Election Inspectors*

Democrat: Leslie Caskey Republican: Kim Scoville

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Mielke, voted and carried to hire Edward Mitchell to clean the Police Station at \$10.00 per hour for a total of 3 hours per week.

2024-020

*Police Station Cleaner*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mead, voted and carried to hire Jay Vandermark as a Part Time Police Officer at \$24.00 per hour.

2024-021

*PT Police Officer*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to appoint David Rubera as the Village Assessor.

2024-022

*Appt. Assessor*

Mayor Shannon updated the Board on the Bear Mountain Apartments. They owe the Village \$16,000 in water sewer rents from June 2023. The owner paid \$2,000 in January but no more has been received since.

The Board scheduled a budget workshop for Saturday February 24, 2024 at 9 am.

A parking issue was brought up about cars parking on both sides by 215 Vestal Avenue. There's no parking signs up and they park anyway. The police will be made aware of the issue and it will be looked at.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Mielke, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried at 7:33 P.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

2024- 023

*Executive Session*

- **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 meeting was reconvened at 7:59 P.M. with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer