

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 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 Carolann McGrath.

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

Also Present: Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
See attached sign in list

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Mead, voted and carried to approve the December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. **2023-001**
Minutes Approval

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$109,609.40. **2023-002**
Abstract Approval

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Mead, voted and carried to resolve the following: **2023-003**
Notice of Election Resolution

NOTICE OF ELECTION

1. That the polling place of the Village Election, Tuesday March 21, 2023 shall be at the Village of Hancock Municipal Building, 85 East Front Street.
2. That the hours during which the polls shall be open are from noon until 9:00 PM.
3. That the names and addresses of those who have been duly nominated for Village Office and whose Certificate of Petition of Nomination has been duly filed with the Village Clerk, and the office and terms of such office for which they have been so nominated are as follows:

Carolann C. McGrath, Hancock, NY	Hancock – Mayor – 2 years
Dawn Gotthardt, Hancock, NY	Hancock – Trustee – 2 years
Shaun Shannon, Hancock, NY	Hancock – Trustee – 2 years

4. That the Village Clerk is directed to publish a copy of this Resolution in the official paper and post a copy of the Notice in at least six conspicuous public places within the Village at least one day before the Village Elections and such notice shall be posted at each polling place.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Mead, voted and carried to appoint Cindy Romano and Sherry Pleus as Election Officers. **2023-004**
*Appt C Romano & S. Pleus
as Election Officers*

A letter of recognition was read for Officer Natasha Picozzi from Church of God in Jesus in the Heart Of the Catskills, Inc.

A quote from Power Generation & Industrial Engines Inc. was reviewed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the service to the cooling systems on all three generators for \$2075.80.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to accept the quote of \$2075.80 for the repairs to the generators at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. 2023-005
Generator Repairs for Sewer

A MOTION was made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to accept and sign the contract for the Delaware County Department of Planning and Watershed Affairs. 2023-006
Del. Co. Planning Contract

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to appoint Richard Lowe III as the 2023 Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Representative 2023-007
Appt R. Lowe III UDSB Rep

A discussion about the future plans for the Point Mountain properties were open to the public.

Steven Schwartz started with proposing that the property for sale on Point Mountain be obtained and used for public access. He stated that maybe not use it for walking trails but they would like to have it available for public use. The group would like to preserve the state and nature on this property. He stated that the income from the cell tower on the property about \$20,000/ year will go to the Village and Town to make up for the taxes that will be lost once it is removed from the tax rolls.

Dennis Menscer wanted to know if the taxes for the Town and Village will be covered for the property because that is a big concern being a tax payer. He stated in the last few years many properties have been removed from the tax rolls like the Town Square, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, and more. He is concerned that once they get it and take it over will there be a cost to taxpayers to maintain it.

Mark Statevant stated he is against it and does not want it to be taken off the tax rolls. He was concerned that it will draw people here and not all people behave well. He asked how they plan on managing the uptick of people on this property to make sure they are following all rules.

Richard Ross stated it's a non binding contract and that they are just looking for a backing from the Village to explore their options for the property.

Jim Serio stated that there is not enough information to say yes or no so far.

A new resident of the Village of Hancock stated that he would like to know way more information before any one makes a final decision on the property and that plans should be provided before any kind support can happen.

Bill Gross stated that Village should form a committee for the Point Mountain Project and they should do Further investigation in the matter.

Mayor McGrath stated that there is not enough information or any true plans for this property yet for the Village to support or not support the Point Mountain Property.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to table the resolution for the Point Mountain Project until further notice. 2023-008
Table Pt. Mtn. Project

William Brown spoke about the final numbers of the Water Project. He stated that there were a few change orders that had to be signed off on for additional cost that accrued during the project. He went over all of the orders and the reasons for the additional costs. The Board decided to table them until the January 23, 2023 meeting for time to review all the numbers.

One bid for the 2007 Impala Car was received and that bid was opened. The bid was for \$1359.00 from John Creech.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, Deputy Mayor Shannon abstained, voted and carried to accept and award the bid for the 2007 Chevy Impala for 1,359.00 from John Creech. *2023-009
Impala Bid*

Blaise Bojo Fire Chief spoke about him and Assemblyman, Joseph Angelino working on changing The law that currently does not allow out of state fire department members to hold certain ranks in the fire department. This will open the door to help fill those ranks especially since we are a state Border town. He is looking for support from the board to continue to try and have this law changed.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Mead, voted and carried to move forward working with Assemblyman Angelino on changing the law. *2023-010
Fire Dept. Law Change*

A MOTION was made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to accept the payments of \$10,000 for the purchase of the Rescue Trailer and write a check of \$15,000 to purchase the trailer. *2023-011
Fire Dept. Trailer Purchase*

Jim Serio stated he was pleased to hear the report from William Brown that the Water Project is almost fully completed. He would like to work with the Village again to possibly change the unfair water sewer rates. He believes that the bills should be based on usage. The Board agreed to let him use the water/sewer numbers to come up with a possible way to bill and they will review it.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried at 7:54 P.M. to enter into executive session to discuss: *2023-012
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 8:26 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer