

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 7:00 PM  
HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL, 85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Eugene D. 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 - Excused

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer  
Robert McKertich, Attorney for the Village

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. *2018-062  
Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$39,325.77. *2018-063  
Abstract Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to accept, with regret, Police Chief diLorenzo's resignation. *2018-064  
B diLorenzo Resignation*

The Mueller Systems Master Agreement for the water/sewer meter software was tabled so that Attorney McKertich could review and advise.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, voted and carried to resolve the following: *2018-065  
RESOLUTION 2018-10*

**RESOLUTION 2018-10**

*UDRTC Nomination*

**RESOLUTION: SUPPORT FOR THE NOMINATION BY THE UPPER DELAWARE RIVER TAILWATERS COALITION TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECOLOGICAL FLOWS (SEF) OF THE REGULATED FLOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RFAC) OF THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION (DRBC) WATERSHED AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, The Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition (UDRTC) is comprised of elected officials from Delaware County, NY municipalities, business groups, and non-profit organizations who work together to improve public safety, economic, and environmental conditions in the Upper Delaware River region of New York State and northeast Pennsylvania below the NYC Delaware River basin reservoirs; and

**WHEREAS**, The mission of the UDRTC is develop and implement science-based initiatives and policies that enhance the local economy, the cold water fishery and recreational opportunities, and mitigate flooding in the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters; and

**WHEREAS**, The UDRTC includes elected officials from Deposit Town and Village, Hancock Town and Village, and Town of Colchester to enhance collaborative efforts to manage and protect waterways and generate resources for those purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 14, 2018 under Resolution 2018-2, the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) reestablished the Subcommittee on Ecological Flows (SEF) of the Regulated Flow Advisory Committee (RFAC) and is seeking qualified candidates to fill six “non-reserved” seats from watershed organizations, fisheries organizations, environmental groups, academia, and the business/industry sector; and

**WHEREAS**, The work of the SEF will have a direct impact on the social, economical, cultural, and ecological conditions of the Upper Delaware River region; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the SEF is to provide scientifically-based information and recommendations to the DRBC-RFAC, as requested, regarding:

- Flows for the maintenance of healthy aquatic ecosystems, including consideration of water quality impacts over a range of regulated flows
- Sensitive species that could be impacted by regulated flows
- Flow regimes, thermal mitigation, and flow change mitigation
- The effects of existing and proposed regulated flow on habitat and ecological health
- Such other, related matters as the RFAC may deem necessary or appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeff Skelding, Executive Director of Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) and Chair of the UDRTC has helped to successfully build and lead broad based coalitions comprised of diverse interests to ensure the sound management of waterways in the Upper Delaware River Basin for the benefit of people, communities, and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Skelding has 25 years of experience in water quality policy and watershed protection and management work, coalition building, working in partnership with government, lobbying, public education, and environmental communications; and

**WHEREAS**, Flow management, flood mitigation, habitat protection, and the Flexible Flow Management Program are all priorities for the UDRTC in the Upper Delaware River Basin and will be an important focus of the SEF, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Skelding and the UDRTC have energetically engaged in each of these issues at every level of government with responsible, collaborative, solution based approaches for the Upper Delaware River Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of FUDR and the UDRTC, a broad-based community driven Stream Corridor Management Plan will soon be finalized for the Upper Delaware River Basin that will serve as a blueprint for future waterway management activities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Village of Hancock Board of Trustees strongly supports the UDRTC nomination of Jeff Skelding, Executive Director of Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) and Chair of the UDRTC, as a qualified candidate to fill one of the non-reserved seats on the SEF and represent the interests of the UDRTC.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be forwarded to:

Steve Tambini, Executive Director  
Delaware River Basin Commission  
P.O. Box 7360  
West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360

Brenan Tarrier, Chair  
Regulated Flow Advisory Committee  
Division of Water  
625 Broadway

Albany, NY 12233-3508

THE DRBC Commissioners:

Mark Klotz, Director  
Division of Water  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-3508

Jennifer Orr, Director  
Compacts and Commissions  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental  
Protection  
P.O. Box 8465  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8465

Catherine R. McCabe, Acting Commissioner  
New Jersey Department of Environmental  
of Environmental Protection  
P.O. Box 402  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0402

Shawn M. Garvin, Secretary  
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and  
Environmental Control  
Richardson & Robbins Building  
89 Kings Highway SW  
Dover, DE 19901

Lieutenant Colonel Kristen N. Dahle  
Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Philadelphia District  
100 Penn Square East  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi,  
voted and carried to resolve the following:

*2018-066*

*RESOLUTION 2018-11*

*UDRTC Member Appointment*

**RESOLUTION 2018-11**

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER FOR THE UPPER DELAWARE  
RIVER TAILWATERS COALITION (UDRTC) AND THE UPPER DELAWARE RIVER  
TAILWATERS AND TRIBUTARIES COMMUNITIES' TASK FORCE (TASK FORCE)**

**WHEREAS**, the Members of the Task Force are cities, towns, villages, counties, and other municipalities located in the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters and Tributaries Region; and **WHEREAS**, the UDRTC shall operate as a coalition and discussion forum for municipalities, non-governmental organizations, sporting groups, and other entities interested in its mission and objectives.

**WHEREAS**, the members of both groups are affected by the myriad state, federal and local rules and regulations governing water levels, fisheries, water releases; the maintenance of reservoirs and water resources throughout the region; and the impacts of flooding, erosion, accelerated sediment transport, and thermal disturbances which are particularly acute throughout the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters and Tributaries Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of both groups are affected by decisions made by such agencies as the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), the Upper Delaware Council, the National Parks Service, Delaware River Rivermaster, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and other agencies responsible for the maintenance and regulation of water resources and habitats in and around the Members' communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Members of both groups wish to ensure their interests are adequately represented before these agencies, and therefore wish to join together to work in furtherance of common goals related to the watershed resources, fisheries, recreation, and flood mitigation, and other matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Members, desiring to reduce their transactional costs and desiring to speak with one voice on matters related to watershed resources, fisheries, recreation, and flood mitigation, do hereby enter into this Agreement to maintain an organization to effectuate these goals.

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hancock passed a resolution to become a member of the Task Force on March 23, 2015 and has agreed in principle to become a member of the UDTRC.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Village Mayor Eugene D. Morgan appoints Charlene Caramore as the member and Eugene D. Morgan as the alternate member of the UDRTC and Task Force.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village Mayor will appoint new members and alternate members to the UDRTC and Task Force as vacancies occur and provide name changes to the Chair/President of the UDRTC and/or Task Force.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, voted and carried to appoint Trustee Caramore and Deputy Mayor Gotthardt to perform the 2018 fiscal year court audit.

*2018-067*

*2018 Court Audit*

An energy efficiency proposal was received from Lime Energy Services, who is the contractor for NYSEG's Energy –Efficient Lighting Incentive for Schools and Municipal Buildings. As there were several questions, it was agreed that the contractor be invited to the June Departmental Meeting to provide more information. The proposals were tabled until the June Departmental Meeting.

A letter was received from the Town of Hancock Volunteer Ambulance Corp., Inc. President, James Rotzler requesting that the Board consider allowing himself and his wife to mow and landscape at the firehouse at a cost of \$2,000 per year to be credited to the Ambulance Corp.'s annual rent cost. It was agreed to not accept Mr. Rotzler's offer and continue to have the Village DPW perform the work.

A letter was received from the owner of 186 Yendes Street requesting that the Board adjust her June 1, 2018 sewer bill as her hot water heater leaked while she was in the hospital.

An invitation to a meeting to discuss and come to an understanding of what each organization is doing to improve the quality of life in Hancock was sent to Mayor Morgan and Town Supervisor Vernold from Gerald DaBrescia, President of the Hancock Partners. Mayor Morgan will be unable to attend but Deputy Mayor Gotthardt will attend on the Mayor's behalf.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to reduce the sewer bill to the average usage for 186 Yendes Street. *2018-068*

*Sewer Adj Y. Dolph*

Trustee Caramore brought to the table a concern from a resident for safety of the bicycle and pedestrian traffic on Village streets. Police Chief diLorenzo will provide a list of laws pertaining to bicycle traffic to the Hancock Herald as a way of informing the public.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, voted and carried at 8:54 P.M. to enter into executive session to discuss: *2018-069*

*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 Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:37 P.M. with no action taken.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to appoint Police Sergeant Daniel Petersen, effective June 16, 2018, as Officer in Charge for a six (6) month probationary period with the option to extend the probation period upon review.

*2018-070*

*D Petersen Appointment to  
Office in Charge*

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer