

PUBLIC HEARING AND DEPARTMENTAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2020 9:00 A.M., HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL,  
85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Public Hearing to consider the expenditure of \$22,643.40 from the Village's Sewer Repair Reserve Fund was called to order at 9:00 AM by Mayor Carolann McGrath.

There were no comments from the floor and the hearing was closed at 9:02 AM.

The Departmental Meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Mayor McGrath. Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shannon.

Present: Mayor Carolann McGrath  
Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon  
Trustee Charlene Caramore  
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi

Also Present: Demi Shannon, Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve the October 26, 2020 departmental minutes with corrections.

*2020-60  
Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$24,552.89.

*2020-61  
Abstract of Vouchers*

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Hathaway reported that he sent a letter to the owner of 160 Pennsylvania Ave. If he does not receive a response he will have to proceed with an unsafe building. He stated he visited Riverview and there is nothing in the Village Code about supplying kitchens for tenants. He will be attending code class next week for his credits.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Chief Operator Bernard Wormuth reported that everything was running well. They are conducting daily testing and samples. They are doing daily checks on the PA pump station. He stated that the turbo on the generator at the Treatment Plant went down. He stated that it is time to start looking in to getting new generators.

Police Sergeant Dan Petersen reported that the ticket numbers are back up. They have been handling complaints and conducting normal patrols. They attended drills at the Hancock Central School. He visited the preschool.

Fire Chief Thomas Rosengrant was not present and the Mayor read his report.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Matt Loftus reported that they are doing normal maintenance. They spread salt for the first snow fall. They cleaned the Water Tank Road for

the upcoming work. They painted and fixed the dump box on T-3. Matt asked the board for a new 10 ton floor jack. He received multiple quotes and the lowest was Auto Plus for \$1,014.00. The Board was in favor of Matt purchasing a floor jack from Auto Plus.

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

2020-62

*Departmental Reports*

The Board discussed the tree issue at 141 Leonard Street. They are looking in to whom owns the tree. The Board wants to have a professional determine if the tree is unsafe and if it needs to come down.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Caramore voted and carried to have a professional tree service company/ person to come and determine the status of the tree at 141 Leonard Street.

2020-63

*Tree 141 Leonard Street*

**A MOTION** was made by Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi voted and carried to set the building permit renewal fee to 10% of the original amount of the building permit.

2020-64

*Building Permit Renewal Fee*

Jeff Skelding resigned from being the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Representative. He suggested Valerie Senese for the position.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt voted and carried to appoint Valerie Senese to be the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Representative for the Village of Hancock.

2020-65

*UDSB Representative*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried at 9:31 A.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

2020-66

*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 09:40 A.M. with no action taken.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore voted and carried to hire Charles Whitmore as a part time Police Officer.

*2020-67*

*C. Whitmore P/T Police Officer*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon voted and carried to renew the Fire Contract with Buckingham Township from 2020-2025 in the amount of \$3,604.00.

*2020-68*

*Buckingham Fire Contract*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Caramore voted and carried to renew the Fire Contract with Scott Township from 2020-2025 in the amount of \$3,604.00.

*2020-69*

*Scott Fire Contract*

The meeting was adjourned at 09:43 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer