

DEPARTMENTAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 10:00 A.M., HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL,  
85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Departmental Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM 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

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Village Clerk/Treasurer  
See attached attendance list

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve the August 28, 2017 departmental minutes.

*2017-125*

*Minutes Approval*

The Abstract of Vouchers was reviewed. A questions was raised regarding the Protection 1 invoices for monthly monitoring. It was agreed to only pay the equipment portion of the invoices and hold the monthly monitoring invoices until questions were addressed. Invoices in the amount of \$323.10 will be deducted from the original Abstract of Vouchers as presented.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$46,613.28, (which excludes Protection 1 invoices in the amount of \$323.10, the original abstract as presented was in the amount of \$46,936.38).

*2017-126*

*Abstract of Vouchers*

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Hathaway was present. Mr. Hathaway was directed to inspect the installation and driveway at 171 Leonard Street. Mr. Hathaway will attend this afternoon's Planning Board Meeting.

WWTP Chief Operator Bernard Wormuth informed the Board that he has been trying to learn the status of the new truck that was ordered from Joe Basil Chevrolet on August 2, 2017.

DPW Superintendent Vaughn Karcher informed the Board that there have been numerous alarms on variable frequency drives at the pump house, each a different alert code. Mr. Karcher has been trying to get in touch with NYSEG to have the power to the pump house checked but has not had much success. He may have to get an electrician to investigate the problem. The fire hydrant on Wheeler Street was struck by a motor vehicle. The hydrant "snapped off" as it is designed to do so there was no water lost. Mr. Karcher has received an additional paving quote from Broome Bituminous in hopes of getting Peas Eddy Road repaired as Cobleskill Stone has been behind schedule and may not get to our project this year. At this time, both companies are behind schedule. The pot holes on Peas Eddy

Road will be addressed regardless. Mayor Morgan asked about plans for sending a DPW employee to water school. Mr. Karcher will not be able to attend the fall semester as he will be away and was unable to change his plans. He hopes to attend the spring session. It was agreed that Matt Loftus should attend the fall session.

Unpaid grass maintenance invoices were discussed. It was agreed that the unpaid balances will be applied as liens to the 18-19 village tax roll rather than take the culprits to small claims court.

Police Chief Brian diLorenzo was excused due to another commitment.

Fire Chief Rolland Bojo, Jr. was excused but submitted a monthly report. Mayor Morgan directed Clerk Falsetta to contact Mr. Bojo to get the status of the Fire Police training.

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

*2017-127*

*Departmental Reports*

Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering was present to answer questions and offer guidance on the water rehabilitation projects of which we plan to request grant funding .

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Shannon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, voted and carried to apply for funding in the amount of \$500,000 to rehabilitate our existing water tank.

*2017-128*

*Rehabilitation of Water Tank*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to appoint Marshall & Sterling as the village health insurance brokers.

*2017-129*

*Appt Health Ins Broker*

John Creech submitted a letter requesting that 114 Yendes Street be re-classified as a single family dwelling and that his water/sewer bill be adjusted to reflect the change. It was agreed that the Code Enforcement Officer should inspect the property prior to adjusting the water/sewer bill to a single unit.

A draft letter to Russell Bass & the railroad regarding the ditch on West Main Street was submitted by the Village Attorney, Robert McKertich as requested by the Board at the September 11, 2017 meeting. The letter was reviewed and it was agreed that the letter should be sent as presented.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Shannon, voted and carried at 11:28 a.m. to enter into executive session to discuss:

*2017-130*

*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 12:48 a.m. with no action taken.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Shannon, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to increase Earl Swartwout's hourly rate by \$1.00 per hour.

*2017-131*

*E. Swartwout Pay Increase*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer