

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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
Sally Zegers, Editor, Hancock Herald

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. *2018-154*
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 \$122,147.35. *2018-155*
Abstract Approval

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve the "BASIC" NYS Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program.

Maureen Hunt of 91 Crowe Street brought to the Board additional complaints regarding numerous property maintenance violations at 77 Crowe Street. Mrs. Hunt stated that garbage was cleaned up after the November 12, 2018 meeting and thanked the Board for addressing the issue. Unfortunately, since the clean up, additional garbage has been dumped on the property, the tires remain and the garage is dangerously leaning toward her property. Due to the fact that the structure is not secured it is dangerous and an invitation for vandalism. Mrs. Hunt requested that the police check the property periodically. Clerk Falsetta was instructed to bring these issues to the attention of the Village Code Enforcement Officer and the Police Officer in Charge.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to resolve the following: *2018-156*
RESOLUTION
Polling Place & Hours

**RESOLUTION 9 OF 2108 – STATING POLLING PLACE AND HOURS
FOR THE NEXT VILLAGE ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the next General Village Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, according to New York State Election Law, Sec. 15-104, Sub 3, the Board of Trustees of the Village shall adopt a resolution which states the polling place in each election district and the hours during which the polls shall be open;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the polling place for the next General Village Election shall be held at the Village Municipal Hall, 85 East Front Street, Hancock, NY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the hours which the polls shall be open will be between the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

Upon Roll Call Vote: Mayor Eugene D. Morgan – YES
Deputy Mayor Dawn Gotthardt – YES
Trustee Caramore – YES
Trustee Picozzi – YES
Trustee Shannon – Absent

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to appoint Mary Mack (R) and Sherry Pleuss (D) as Election Officers for the next General Village Election *2018-157*
2019 Election Officers Appt.

Presented to the Board of Trustees for review were four HFD membership applications.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve HFD membership application from Mariah Eldred. *2018-158*
HFD Application M. Eldred

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve HFD membership application from Jeffrey Sabines. *2018-159*
HFD Application J Sabines

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve HFD Explorer membership application from Cole Newman. *2018-160*
HFD Application C Newman

A MOTION was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve HFD Explorer membership application from Kaitlyn O'Boyle. *2018-161*
HFD Application K O'Boyle

A MOTION was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, voted and carried to adjust the 6/1/18 water/sewer bill for L. Acosta/136 West Main Street due to a verified faulty meter remote.

2018-162

Adj W/S Bill Acosta #0153

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to freeze all spending with the exception of EMERGENCY and recurring bills (NYSEG, telephone, etc.) only until the January 2019 Village Board Meeting.

2018-163

Spending Freeze

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to transfer the balance of \$15.78 from the CDBG savings account to the General checking account.

2018-164

Trans CDBG Balance to

General Checking

Fire Chief Bojo emailed an invoice from the Circle E Diner for food provided by HFD for post training refreshments. It was agreed that it is not the responsibility of the tax payer to provide food at trainings and/or meetings.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried *not* to pay the Circle E Diner invoice.

William Brown of Delaware Engineering was present to discuss the water infrastructure grant that the Village has been awarded. Mr. Brown stated that the cost of installing the new meters was included in the grant. It was agreed that the Village should hire outside contractors for the installation and that Delaware Engineering will provide the specs. Mr. Brown also recommended that the Village take out a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) from our local bank to fund the work until the grant monies become available.

Deputy DPW Superintendent Matt Loftus submitted a letter re: the fire hydrant issues at the 12/8/18 trailer fire.

Dennis Mencer of Perkins Road addressed the Board regarding several “visual” conditions within the Village. Mr. Mencer’s concerns pertained to old tires on numerous properties, the “junk” cars that have been parked for years at the Kaplan’s Elm Street property, and the trash behind Little Italy. Mr. Mencer stated that there were many “eye sores” within the Village and requested that they be addressed.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried at 8:26 P.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

2018-165

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 9:09 P.M. with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer