

REGULAR /DEPARTMENTAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2019 9:00 AM
HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL, 85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Mayor Carolann McGrath.

Roll call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Falsetta.

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

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer
Nathan VanWhy, Attorney for the Village
Sally Zegers, Hancock Herald

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the November 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and the November 1, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.

*2019-203
Minutes Approval*

The Fire Department submitted purchase order # 3016 to purchase a rescue suit and other supplies from Fire End Croker in the amount of \$1,754.95.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve purchase order #3016 in the amount of \$1,745.95 for the fire department.

*2019-204
HFD PO #3016*

A MOTION was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$92,428.75.

*2019-205
Abstract Approval*

Departmental reports were reviewed.

Code Enforcement Officer Pete Hathaway reported that he has completed a code class and is waiting for his certificate. Mr. Hathaway will be scheduling a final inspection of the new gas station on West Main Street.

Chief WWTP Operator Bernard Wormuth reported that the alkalinity has been high at the plant. They are currently adding 100 pounds of sodium bicarbonate to control the alkalinity.

Sergeant Dan Petersen was excused. His report was submitted and reviewed.

Fire Chief Rolland Bojo, Jr. was excused. His report was submitted and reviewed.

DPW Superintendent Matt Loftus reported that there are high levels of water

coming out of the pump station indicating a water leak. The crew is presently repairing a water main break on the lower end of Pennsylvania Avenue. A recent service line repair has considerably reduced the levels of water being pumped. NYS Rural Water has been down and is scheduled to come again to search for additional leaks.

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

2019-206

Dept. Reports

Crowe Street was discussed. Mayor McGrath confirmed with DPW Superintendent that he has spoken to all Crowe Street residents regarding their opinion of changing Crowe Street to a one way. Mr. Loftus confirmed that all are in favor. Attorney VanWhy will discuss with Attorney McKertich and have an amendment to the Village Local Law drawn up and submitted to the Board at the January 13, 2020 Meeting for review before scheduling the mandatory public hearing.

An email was received from Fire Chief Bojo stating that vehicle 1772 is in bad shape and that it is being removed from service. He is requesting permission to sell the vehicle and give the money to the Rural Fire District who purchased it for the Village.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to declare fire vehicle 1772 as surplus.

2019-207

1772 Declared Surplus

In reference to the Fire Chief's request to give the money from the sale of 1772 back to the Rural Fire District; Attorney VanWhy informed the Board that there are strict guidelines for "gifting" tax payer monies. Attorney VanWhy recommended decreasing the amount of the monies due to the Village from the Rural Fire District's annual contract by the amount received from the sale of the vehicle. Once the vehicle is sold and the actual amount is known, the contract could be amended.

A letter was received from Robin Fink of 118 Capeillo Drive requesting an adjustment to her December 1, 2019 water bill as she had a leak at her meter.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shannon, voted and carried to reduce the sewer portion of her bill to the minimum charge of \$142. The total amount due will be \$341.31.

2019-208

Fink W/S Adj

An email from NYCOM was received informing that the 2020/2021 tax cap will be 1.78%.

Mayor McGrath informed the Board that Sergeant Petersen is seeking funding for the purchase of license plate readers to be placed throughout the Village.

Jim Serio requested water billing information. He was asked to submit a FOIL request.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried at 9:54 A.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

2019-2020

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 Regular Meeting was reconvened at 10:28 A.M. with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer