

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL, 85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Carolann McGrath.

Roll call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Falsetta.

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

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer
Robert Heary, Attorney for the Village
Cindy Ray, Hancock Herald
William Brown, Delaware Engineering
Tony Giordano and Michael Fruchtman

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. *2021-001
Minutes Approval*

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$123,008.65. *2021-002
Abstract Approval*

The adoption of the Public Health Emergency Operations Plan for the Village was tabled at the recommendation of Attorney Heary as there is new legislation that is coming out.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the purchase of a new computer for the PD at a cost of \$1,637.08 from Computer Emergency Room. *2021-003
PD Computer Purchase*

Chris Dacey, owner of 456 West Front Street (account 0114) submitted a letter requesting an adjustment on his 12/1/20 water/sewer bill due to verified leak.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to adjust the sewer portion on account 0114 to their average quarterly sewer amount. *2021-004
W/S Adj Acct #0114*

Tony Giordano was present to request that the Board consider waiving the late fees on his 12/1/20 water/sewer bill as he stated that he was unable to get into the Clerk's Office to pay in time.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to waive water/sewer penalties on Tony Giordano's 12/1/20 bill. *2021-005
T Giordano W/S Adj.*

Michael Fruchtman of 141 Leonard addressed the Board to discuss the tree in his front yard that he considers to be hazardous. It was explained to Mr. Fruchtman that the Village is currently awaiting a survey and that before the Village can take responsibility of the tree, they owe it to the taxpayers to confirm that said tree is on village property.

Blaise Bojo of the Hancock Fire Dept. was present to inform the Board that the doors at the fire station are not working properly as the computer is old. He submitted a quote for replacement of three computer systems that would control six doors in the amount of \$3,776.95.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve the replacement of the computer systems that would control six doors at the fire station in the amount of \$3,776.95 to be allocated to building repairs.

*2021-006
HFD Door Repair*

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for a public hearing on February 15, 2021 at 7 PM for the purpose of discussing the 2020 Consolidated Funding application process for public infrastructure, public facilities and/or community planning.

Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering informed the Board that the bidding process for Phase 1 of the WWTP grant is ready to begin. The bids will be due no later than 3 PM on February 18, 2021 at which time they will be opened and announced. Mr. Brown will then take the bids back to Delaware Engineering for review and will make their recommendation to the Board at the February 22, 2021 meeting.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to enter into executive session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss:

*2021-007
Executive Session*

- Proposed, pending or current litigation
- 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 meeting was reconvened at 8:19 P.M. with no action taken.

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

*2021-008
Water Licensing Requirement*

**A RESOLUTION ADDING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER
DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES TO THE VILLAGE OF HANCOCK POLICY
HANDBOOK**

WHEREAS, the Village has a need to ensure that all Water Department employees are properly trained and licensed as required by the laws of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new section, entitled “Water Department Employee Licensing”, which is set forth in Exhibit “A” hereto, will help ensure such employees are properly trained and licensed; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds it in the best interests of the Village to adopt the proposed section set forth in Exhibit “A” and add it to the Village’s Policy Handbook; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Hancock hereby adopts the new section, entitled “Water Department Employee Licensing”, as set forth in Exhibit “A” which shall become a part of the Village’s Policy Handbook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to hire Morgan Seaman as a Part Time Police Officer at the Certified Police Rate per hour.

2021-009
M Seaman as PT Police
Officer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer