

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 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 - Excused
Trustee Charlene Caramore - Excused
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer
Robert McKertich – Attorney
William Brown – Delaware Engineering, Kristen Barron – Hancock Herald
Mark Blauer, JoAnn & Brian Drumm, Mike Argiros, Richard Lowe, Jim Serio

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the February 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. 2022-26
Minutes Approval

A MOTION was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$36,483.26. 2022-27
Abstract Approval

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to renew the CDPHP Dental Insurance Plan with 50% of the premiums to be paid by the employee and 50% to be paid by the Village. 2022-28
Dental Insurance

A letter was received from W. Schoonmaker of 428 Pennsylvania Ave. requesting that the Board consider adjusting his March 1, 2022 sewer bill as he had a pipe in the residence burst.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to adjust W. Schoonmaker's March 1, 2022 sewer bill to his quarterly average. The adjusted amount for sewer will be \$142.00 2022-29
W Schoonmaker Sew Adj.

Notice of the Tentative Equalization Rate was received. The new Equalization Rate will be 77.07.

The Delaware County Youth Bureau Board of Directors has approved funding for the 2021 Village Rec Center/Swim Program in the amount of \$1,400.00.

Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering was present to provide an update on the Water Grant project. Spring work is currently being scheduled. They are expecting a temporary generator and plan on beginning work on the water tank on or around

May 1, 2022.

Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates provided a run down on the status of the WWTP Phase I project and the Phase II application. The Village was not awarded the Phase II Grant. It was agreed that the Village should resubmit the Phase II Grant application in the next round. There are several things that must be done in order to resubmit the application including an environmental search.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to hire Mark Blauer of Blauer Associates to perform an environmental search at a cost of \$2,250 for the WWTP Phase II grant application.

2022-30

WWTP Phase II Resubmit

Richard Lowe was present on behalf of the Hancock Partners to request the Board's permission to present the Hancock Junction Pool –Delaware River Access Project to the Village Planning Board. The Hancock Partners are applying for a grant to improve directional signage, remediate invasive knotweed growth and to develop a trail to access. The Hancock Partners are also requesting that the Village Board approve the plan.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the Junction Pool-Delaware River Access Project plan pending the final approval by the NYS DEC.

2022-31

Junction Pool Project Approval

Brian and JoAnn Drumm were in attendance to complain that trucks are idling at the Old Bat Factory and that "NO IDLING" signs were never placed as instructed by the Planning Board as part of the site plan approval. Mayor McGrath said that she would inform the Village Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer Peter Hathaway of the violation.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried at 7:40 PM to enter into executive session to discuss 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.

2022-32

Executive Session

The meeting was reconvened at 8:08 P.M. with no action taken.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to appoint Melanie Stewart as Sole Assessor of the Village at an annual salary of \$6,500.

2022-33

Appt M Steward at Assessor

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer