

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020, 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  
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer  
Robert McKertich, Attorney for the Village  
Sally Zegers, Hancock Herald  
William Brown – Delaware Engineering

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. *2020-43  
Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$61,524.17. *2020-44  
Abstract Approval*

A Short Environment Assessment Form Part 2 was completed for the Wormuth Right of Way/Easement.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Caramore voted and carried to resolve the following: *2020-45  
Wormuth Right of Way*

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING RIGHT OF WAY/EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hancock is the owner of property located at Tax Map No. 428.00-1-25 on the westerly side of Sands Creek Road; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernard L. Wormuth and Kara M. Wormuth are the owners of properties located at Tax Map No. 428.00-1-26, 428-00-1-30 and 428-16-1-2. Said parcels are immediately southwest of the Village's property referenced herein and have no access to a public road; and

**WHEREAS**, an old logging road runs from the Village's property on Sands Creek Road to the Wormuths' property and the Wormuths have requested permission to use the old logging road to access their property referenced herein for hunting and/or recreational purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board, after due deliberation and inquiry, has determined that the Right of Way/Easement, as defined, is not needed for Village purposes and the consideration offered is fair and adequate; and

**WHEREAS**, that pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Village Board that this is an Unlisted Action, as defined under said regulations, and will not have a

significant adverse impact on the environment. The Village Board hereby adopts a negative declaration with respect to the adoption of the Right of Way/Easement Agreement referenced herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Hancock shall enter into the Right of Way/Easement Agreement with Bernard L. Wormuth and Kara M. Wormuth as set forth herein, and

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the Village of Hancock is hereby authorized to take all actions and execute all documents customary and necessary to finalize the above-referenced Agreement herein; and

**RESOLVED** this resolution shall take effect immediately

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Carolann McGrath – yes

Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon – absent

Trustee Dawn Gotthardt – yes

Trustee Charlene Caramore – yes

Trustee Dorothy Picozzi – yes

A proposal for a village wide revaluation at a cost of \$15,000 was received from Fitts Appraisal Company. The matter was tabled until the March 27, 2020 Departmental Meeting.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and and carried resolve the following:

2020-46

County Foreclosure Agreement

**JOINT SALE OF TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTIES BY VILLAGE OF HANCOCK  
AND COUNTY OF DELAWARE**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Delaware has proceeded to foreclose on the following properties in the Village of Hancock; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Village of Hancock and the County of Delaware to work together to protect the Village tax lien;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Delaware sell the interest of both municipalities. The proceeds from said sale shall be divided in proportion to the taxes owed each entity for the years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. Each parcel shall be treated individually.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Carolann McGrath – yes

Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon – absent

Trustee Dawn Gotthardt – yes

Trustee Charlene Caramore – yes

Trustee Dorothy Picozzi – yes

James Serio was present to express his opinion that the Village abolish their Sole Assessing Unit and use the Town of Hancock's assessment.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried at 7:38 P.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

*2020-47*

*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
- Legal Advice

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

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to implement a .50 per hour rate increase for DPW Superintendent Matt Loftus for acquiring his water license.

*2020-48*

*M Loftus Raise*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to hire M. Martens as a Part Time Police Officer at an hourly rate of \$20.75. for a six month probationary period.

*2020-49*

*Hire M Martens as P/T  
Police Officer*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer