

**REGULAR MEETING
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015**

PRESENT: Bonnie R. Christian, Mayor
Alain Leinbach, Trustee
Andrew Goodwillie, Trustee
Catherine McCue, Trustee
Charles Boone, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Jill Schwarz, Village Clerk
Keith J. Cornell, Village Attorney
Jim Johnson, Superintendent DPW
Dan Wilson, Sergeant
Village Residents

At 7:40pm, following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Christian called the regular meeting to order.

OPEN SESSION: Richie Steinmann, Dana Walker and Francine Raines introduced themselves. Tom O'Shea, Noreen Cordaro, Jean Black, Dana Steinmann expressed their concerns regarding the dog park. Lauren Leota, Commercial Dog Walker, Lisa, Commercial Dog Walker, Melissa McDonagh, Ben Wood expressed their support and suggestions for the dog park.

Anne Breeswine inquired about the parking rules on Elizabeth Place and Sergeant Wilson responded. Keith Cornell will research this matter.

Margaret Williams, of Salisbury Point, inquired about the roadwork on Piermont Avenue and the Pump Station building. Trustee Leinbach and Superintendent Johnson explained the work that the Town of Orangetown and TZ Constructors will be doing. The end results should be a new road, new sidewalks and better drainage.

Mayor Christian read aloud a letter submitted by Lauren Boyer supporting the dog park. Mayor Christian closed the open session at 8:30pm.

MINUTES: Upon motion made by Trustee Leinbach, seconded by Trustee McCue, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2015 were adopted as amended.

REPORTS:

POLICE - The June report was submitted showing \$35.00 received in fees. Sergeant Wilson discussed bicycle enforcement and the supplemental motorcycle patrol. He noted letters received thanking the Police Department for their work. Trustee McCue thanked and complimented the Police Department for their fine job of policing the area near Salisbury Point.

D.P.W. - Superintendent Johnson presented the June report showing activities that included tree trimming, maintaining parks, sink hole repairs, work on the Esposito Trail and highway patching. The diesel fuel tank was delivered and is up and running. Nyack Water Department will forward payment to the Village after they finalize everything with the contractor. Nyack Water Department accepted a letter given to them from Superintendent Johnson regarding the final disposition of Salisbury Place and Piermont Ave. road surface.

There was a discussion regarding the maintenance of foreclosure properties.

VILLAGE JUSTICE - June receipts totaled \$16,446.00.

BUILDING/CODE/FIRE INSPECTOR - June report was submitted and showed receipts totaling \$1,077.00.

VILLAGE CLERK - June report was submitted and showed fees totaling \$856.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

THE NEW NY BRIDGE GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE – Mayor Christian reported on her recent meeting with Thruway officials. She noted that expanding the Village Hall would not be eligible for this grant.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NYACKS – Trustee Goodwillie reported on the July 1 meeting regarding the trail signs. A South Nyack resident, Michael Locket has offered to draft the signs.

DOG PARK/ELIZABETH PLACE PARK – Mayor Christian would like to see the park stay open. The dog park hours and number of dogs allowed were discussed. The children’s area of Elizabeth Place Park was discussed. Trustee Boone will research other dog parks and report back to the Board of Trustees. There was discussion of liability issues. There was a discussion regarding the safety and standards of the Dog Park. Mayor Christian stated that Capital funding may be available to help improve Elizabeth Place Park. There was a discussion about whether or not the park is Thruway property. A park upgrade may be able to be incorporated into the trail and signage grant request.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUMMER COOLING STATION – Mayor Christian reported that the Village will continue to offer the Village Hall as a summer cooling station. The hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm.

FRONT GARDEN – South Nyack resident, Anne Welles, has offered to help with a design to improve the garden in front of the Village Hall. DPW would help with planting.

OFFICE SPACE – Architect Bob Silarksi will be submitting plans for reconfiguring the Village Hall office space and adding a couple of parking spaces.

SALISBURY DRAINAGE – Trustee Leinbach reported that Village Engineer Collazuol will have engineering plans in two weeks and will talk to Mayor Christian and Trustee McCue regarding the easement that is needed. An agreement in writing is also needed. A permanent easement is needed for the Village to maintain the infrastructure which will be under the Salisbury property.

STOP SIGNS – The possibility of adding stop signs at the intersections of Ross Avenue and Spring Street and Anna Street and Cedar Hill Avenue was discussed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – A discussion took place about the possibility of Nyack College students performing community service in the Village of South Nyack.

RESIGNATION – The Mayor and Board of Trustees accepted Denise Mishkel’s resignation as Village Clerk effective July 10, 2015.

PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS: As abstracts were not complete, a special meeting will be held for their approval.

At 9:40pm, upon motion made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Boone, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schwarz
Village Clerk