

**REGULAR MEETING
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

PRESENT: Mayor Bonnie Christian
Deputy Mayor Alain Leinbach
Trustee Andrew Goodwillie
Trustee Catherine McCue

ALSO PRESENT: Village Clerk Jill Schwarz
Village Attorney Jim Birnbaum
DPW Superintendent James Johnson
Treasurer Maryann Baietti
Task Force Member Jerry Ilowite
Village Residents

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Boone

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Christian called the open session to order at 7:34pm. Mayor Christian stated that the Board is not prepared to speak about the Shared Use Path at this meeting. The Village's Special Counsel is still working with the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) and with the title company. The Board still plans to hold the special Board of Trustees workshop on Wednesday, March 22.

Residents expressed their thoughts regarding the Shared Use Path including:

- Encouraging the Board of Trustees and the Village's attorneys' to determine if the NYSTA followed correct procedures related to the Shared Use Path plan and to closely examine the property titles of the Esposito Trail.
- Board decisions should be debated publicly.
- Some details of Concept F were not initially apparent.
- A contingency plan to minimize the impact of the path if Concept F is constructed as is.

Mayor Christian stated that Concept F for the Shared Use path has already been chosen by the Board.

Noreen Cordaro expressed unhappiness with the parking changes on Depot Place and her concerns with how the new Pavion development will affect traffic on Depot Place.

Jerry Ilowite commented that the audio is not very clear on the video. He inquired if the video can be made downloadable. He also stated that there are documents regarding the TZ Task Force's work with the NYSTA posted on the Village website.

Trustee Goodwillie commented that in the Task Force's initial report it stated that no land would be acquired by the NYSTA. Then in the February, 2016 Environmental Assessment stated that the NYSTA will acquire land for the side path.

Village Attorney Jim Birnbaum commented that the Village Board is always concerned with complying with state laws and seeks advice of counsel when it is needed.

Mayor Christian closed the open session at 8:00pm.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Trustee McCue, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leinbach, the corrected minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2017 were unanimously adopted.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Village Treasurer Baietti submitted her report. The first 2017-2018 budget workshop was held on February 27. The next workshop is March 13. The budget modifications for the 2015-2016 year must be approved at the next BOT meeting.

VILLAGE JUSTICE: Of the \$10,196.00 in fines collected in December, 2016, \$6,117.00 were retained by the Village, \$4,079.00 went to the State.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEILER – COBRA DENTAL: After a discussion about Sally Seiler’s request to extend her dental COBRA coverage, Deputy Mayor Leinbach moved as follows:

#14 RESOLVED, the Village of South Nyack permits Sara Seiler to extend her family dental COBRA insurance at full cost for 12 months through the Village’s Group Dental Insurance policy. Should Sara Seiler fail to pay her monthly payment to the Village for this expense, the village may suspend this privilege upon written notice.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee McCue and adopted on a 3-1 vote; Deputy Mayor Leinbach voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion about residents complying to current state and county laws about recycling and trash collection and municipalities or carting companies using stickers to promote the state and county laws about recycling and trash collection.

There was a discussion that the carting trucks should be well maintained and not be leaking fluids.

GARBAGE CONTRACT: Mayor Christian moved as follows:

#15 RESOLVED, that the Village of South Nyack shall have bid documents prepared, including a Notice to Bidders, General Instructions to Bidders, and any and all documents required by law, for a bid to be submitted as soon as is practicable for the **collection of garbage and trash** for the Village of South Nyack for a one year, two year, or three year term to begin June 1, 2017.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee McCue and unanimously adopted.

RECYCLE CONTRACT: Trustee Goodwillie moved as follows:

#15 RESOLVED, that the Village of South Nyack shall have bid documents prepared, including a Notice to Bidders, General Instructions to Bidders, and any and all documents required by law, for a bid to be submitted as soon as is practicable for the **collection and disposal of recyclables** for the Village of South Nyack for a one year, two year, or three year term to begin June 1, 2017.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee McCue and unanimously adopted.

VILLAGE HALL RENOVATIONS:

Mayor Christian stated that now that the Court Clerk’s office is located downstairs, the workspace is very tight and the Court Clerk’s location prohibits her from seeing who is coming into the village hall for court purposes. A discussion followed about how these problems can be alleviated if the village hall was renovated. An estimate for this project would be needed for budget purposes only.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE NYACKS: Mayor Christian moved as follows:

#16 RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees granted the request of the Historical Society of the Nyacks to hang a banner on South Broadway promoting their house tour being held on May 13, 2017. The fee of \$25.00 will be waived.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee McCue and unanimously adopted.

SELECTIVE – VILLAGE LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Deputy Mayor Leinbach moved as follows:

#17 RESOLVED, the Board approved the recommendation of the Village's insurance consultants, Jerry Trupin and David Skolsky, to renew the Village's annual liability insurance coverage with Selective Insurance Company effective March 1, 2017.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee McCue and unanimously adopted.

Sarah Markewich, a former South Nyack resident, emailed inquiring about a way to commemorate her late father, Daniel Markewich; possibly having a memorial bench installed at Gesner Park. Following a discussion, the Board took no action.

Mayor Christian noted that the Rockland Youth Bureau announced that applications are now available for their Summer 2017 Conservation Corps Program.

The Village Clerk noted that the egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 2:00pm at Franklin Street Park.

There will be an electronic waste collection on Saturday, April 22, 2017 held at the DPW garage from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

The Village will hold a community meeting at the Living Christ Church for VHB Consultants to present their findings to the Board of Trustees. The date will be determined.

PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS: Upon a motion made by Trustee Goodwillie, seconded by Trustee McCue and carried, the following abstracts of audited vouchers were approved for payment:

Abstract #A17-18 – General Fund - \$19,854.34

Abstract #B17-18 – Police - \$22,042.47

At 9:37pm, upon motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leinbach and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schwarz
Village Clerk